
We welcome to the pulpit today, Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, Episcopal Leader for the New England Conference. He began his assignment as the leader of the New England Episcopal Area on September 1, 2012. We are happy to have Bishop Devadhar and his wife Prema join us for worship. Let us offer him a warm Trinity welcome.

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of her parents, K. Gordon and Beverly Spongberg, from Kristin Goold.

Altar Guild: Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee & Jim Sharrard

Flute: Kyle LaFleur

Liturgist: Lisa Everett

Organist/Pianist: Vera Baker

Red Rose: In loving memory of Lucille O. Langrell on the 10th anniversary of her passing, sadly missed by, Tom, David, Lisa and Matthew.

Soloist: Teri LaFleur

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Lisa Foster, Deb Garth

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, and Nic Odell

Invite your family and friends for Trinity Sunday!

On Sunday, September 12, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., we will be gathering on the front lawn for our Annual Block Party. The membership and Evangelism committee has been planning the day which we hope will have lots of good food, fellowship, and fun games and activities. With the summer months flying by, September is just around the corner, and the day will be here in no time. There will be music, games for the children (and the young at heart), delicious food, and a drawing every half-hour for a free pie. All are invited!

We are looking for volunteers, but we are also hoping that you will join us in the celebration, and invite your family and friends. The day will start with our worship celebration at 10:30 a.m. and we will continue the celebration outdoors. If you have any questions or would like to help, you can either stop by the Connection Point table after worship or contact Wendy Regan at 413-739-5004 or blockparty@trinityspringfield.org.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 22, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able ** See words to the right

Prelude: “Come Thou Fount” Traditional
Arr. M. James

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** **

***Hymn:** “Standing on the Promises” UMH #374

Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer: **

Special Music: “Break Forth into Joy” P. and D. Williams

Special Recognition

Children’s Moment

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSV) N.T. p. 184

Sermon: “The Power of Prayer” Bishop Devadhar

Invitation to the Offering: **

Offertory: “Oceans” M. Crocker, J. Houston, S. Lighthelm

***Doxology:** UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** **

***Hymn:** “Guide My Feet” TFWS #2208

Benediction:

Postlude: “Toccata in e minor” J. Pachelbel

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregation’s Part.**

Call to Worship: *(Rev. Nancy Townley)*

L: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

P: The refreshing springs of God’s love cleans and restores us.

L: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

P: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God’s house.

L: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

P: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. Amen.

Opening Prayer: *(Rev. Nancy Townley)*

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering: *(UCC, Worship Ways Resources)*

God is always with us, not just when everything seems clear and times are good, but also when we struggle with questions and doubt. When we cry out to God, our prayers are heard. When the world cries out to God, we are part of God’s answer, offering water in the desert, offering nourishment to a world that is spiritually hungry. Our gifts this morning are our answer to God’s own goodness. *Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *(Archdiocese of Chicago)*

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand. You call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Amen.