

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.

We welcome The Rev. Dr. Henry "Bing" Scherer to the pulpit this morning. Bing is a retired member of the New England Conference. He has served churches in New York, Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts. He graduated from W.Va. Wesleyan College, Boston University School of Theology, and received a Doctor of Ministry from Hartford Seminary. Both Bing and his wife, Sue are part of the Trinity family.

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service.

We also thank:

Altar Guild: Vera Baker

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Cyndi LeDoux

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

Video Team: Nic Odell and Brian Crawford

Memorial Service for Ray Stone

Ray Stone's memorial service will be held at Trinity **next Sunday, July 18, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Ice Cream social will follow.

Camp for Everyone

August 1 – 5; 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Trinity's Front Lawn

Instead of our usual Vacation Bible Camp program, Trinity will be offering a camp program for everyone—kids, youth, families, friends, and anyone who is looking for some fun and fellowship at Trinity Church! We'll have music, an intergenerational art project, a mission night, a Forest Park adventure, an outdoor movie night, and more. Register on Sunday morning or visit: <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/connect/camp-for-everyone/>.



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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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 11, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able ✨ See words to the right ✨ See Words on Back

Prelude: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” Paul Baloche
Arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** ✨

***Opening Hymn:** “This Is A Day of New Beginnings”(vs. 1-4) UMH # 383

Opening Prayer ✨

The Lord’s Prayer: ✨

Special Music: “How Great Thou Art” Stuart K. Hine
Holly Joy Pearson, soloist Arr. C. Courtney

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 N.T. Page 190

Sermon: “Spiritual Hide and Seek” Rev. Dr. Henry “Bing” Scherer

Invitation to the Offering: ✨

Offertory: “Let Me Hide Myself in Thee” Thomas Hastings

***Doxology:** ✨ UMH # 94

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** “All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine” UMH # 166

Benediction:

Postlude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Lobe den Herren
Setting by J. G. Walther

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

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

***Call to Worship:** (by April Karli from Austin Mustard Seed Ministry)

L: It is the beginning of a new season, and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, new life, blessed it and called it good.

P: We give thanks for new beginnings. We give thanks that God calls us good.

L: In the beginning, the heavens shone forth a star when our Savior was born. In the beginning of his ministry, the heavens opened up and called him God’s beloved.

P: We give thanks that God knows our pathways and what it means to be human. We give thanks that God calls us beloved children.

All: O God of new beginnings, new life, and new journeys, you sent Abraham and Sarah into a new land; you led Moses, Aaron and Miriam out of Egypt and into liberation; you led your Son our Savior to earth, to the cross, and into resurrection. Walk with us, we pray, as we enter into a new season, a new path, with new and exciting opportunities. Amen.

Opening Prayer: (Ruth C. Duck, Touch of Holiness)

God of new beginnings, we rejoice in your presence in this new season. We praise you for the opportunity to serve you together. Through your Holy Spirit, empower us to press forward toward the high goal you have given us in Jesus Christ. Lift from our shoulders every weight that holds us back, and free us from all failings that tempt us from the way, that we may faithfully fulfill the calling you set before us. We pray through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

Invitation to Offering: (Ann B. Day, Touch of Holiness)

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation., in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit! God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give as we present our morning offering.

Prayer of Dedication: (Anton K. Jacobs, Touch of Holiness)

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive these gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.