

***Prayer of Dedication:** *(Maren C. Tirabassi)*

God we come to you in plenty and in want. Teach us to receive without embarrassment when we have needs, and help us to give without reservation when we have abundance. Bless and multiply these Sunday gifts and unwrap our hearts to you every day. Amen.

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

We also thank:

Altar Flowers: In honor of Ryan Robbins birthday, from his mom, Doreen Bessey.

Altar Guild: Lisa Foster

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Diane Mackie

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Nicole Baker, Jo Anne Evans, Sam Foresta, Wendy Regan

Video Team: Nic Odell and Brian Crawford

Memorial Service for Ray Stone

Ray Stone's memorial service is at Trinity **today, Sunday, July 18 at 3 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Ice Cream social will follow.

Camp for Everyone Registration Deadline is Today, Sunday, July 18.

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. We will have registration forms available this Sunday or you can also visit our website at:

<https://www.trinityspringfield.org/connect/camp-for-everyone/> to download a form.

Pictures of the Recent Celebrations at Trinity

Becky and Pastor Erin's celebration pictures can be found on the website trinityspringfield.org under the Connect tab. There are also links to additional photos on the Trinity Photo Blog. Check back soon for pictures of this week's softball games. As we get back to our new normal, we will post pictures of Trinity events whenever possible.

Staff Meetings Have Been Changed from Tues. at 9:30 a.m. to Wednesdays 10:30-12 noon.

Please take note of the change when contacting the church office.



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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 18, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude: “My Lord, What a Morning” Spiritual
Kyle LaFleur, flute Setting by M. Kim

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: **

*Opening Hymn: “The Voice of God is Calling” UMH#436
Tune AURELIA

Unison Prayer: **

The Lord’s Prayer: **

Special Music: “The Lord Is My Light” C. Courtney
Teri LaFleur, soloist

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:1-16 (NRSV) O.T. p.36

Sermon: “Hearing God”

Invitation to the Offering: **

Offertory: “In the Calm” S. Krippayne and T. Wood

*Doxology: ** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 94

*Prayer of Dedication: *

*Closing Hymn: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH#454

Benediction:

Postlude: “Prelude and Fugue in A Minor” J.S. Bach

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

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

Call to Worship: *(from Anna Shirey inspired by 1 Kings 19:8-18. Title modified)*

L: We stand on the mountain waiting for God to speak. First comes a wind, a mighty and invisible force that shakes us and knocks us to the ground. Surely this power to overcome, that is God!

P: But God does not speak in the whirlwind.

L: Then comes an earthquake, a terrible rumbling and crumbling beneath our feet that teaches us to kneel and cower. Surely this power to subdue, that is God!

P: But God does not speak in the earthquake.

L: Then comes the fire, a terrible breathing creature that licks our faces and burns our eyes and makes us turn away and run. Surely this power to terrify, that is God!

P: But God does not speak in the fire.

L: Then comes silence, stillness, peace. Finally we hear God’s voice. It asks us only one thing, “Why are you here?”

P: We answer - to hear your voice.

Unison Prayer: *(Margaret Gay MacKinnon Godfrey, modified)*

Spirit of Wisdom, in whose presence we find peace and understanding, inspire us in this moment, that we may turn our minds from cleverness to kindness, from doubt to faith, from self to worship. Settle our hearts so that we may hear you clearly, and inflame our spirits with your love, so that wise in mind and heart and spirit, we may turn to you this day. 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: *(Worship Ways resources for the United Church of Christ)*

Even the smallest inclination toward generosity saved Joseph’s life, when his brother Reuben talked the others into sparing him for the moment. Out of that small generosity, God brought great and mighty results. Out of our gifts, no matter how small, God yields an abundant harvest of joy and hope for each person touched by the ministry of this church. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.