

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Director of Music Ministries, Michael Carney

Pastor, Rev. René Perez

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

We also thank:

Altar Guild: The Thompson family

Altar Flowers: In celebration of our new Director of Music Ministries, Michael Carney, his wife, Maria, and daughter, Clara.

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee & Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Mark Wing

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Usher, Margo Sweetland, Bridget Bedard, Kathy Hathaway, and Brenda Lopez

Video Team: Nic Odell & Brian Crawford

Office Closed July 5

In remembrance of Independence Day, which this year falls on Sunday, July 4th, our offices will be closed on Monday, July 5. We pray that you have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July weekend.

Pastor René Away

Pastor René will be away from Monday, July 5 through Wednesday, July 7. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office. They will be able to reach Pastor René if there is a need.

Memorial Service for Ray Stone

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

Parkside Pantry Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to Trinity's emergency food pantry. We appreciate your ongoing support and generosity! We are currently in need of peanut butter, pasta sauce, and toilet paper. Items can be left in the **Parkside Pantry bin** at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

July Carillon

The July Carillon (Trinity's Monthly Newsletter) was mailed to those on the mailing list on Thursday, June 30. Copies are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



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.



Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 4, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude: “Finlandia” J. Sibelius
Arr. D. Bish

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *

***Opening Hymn:** “My Hope is Built” UMH #368

Unison Prayer: **

Music Ministry: Battle Hymn of the Republic”
Words by Julia Ward Howe
David Snyder, Bass Arr. M. Hayes

Scripture Readings: Genesis 37: 1-4 (NRSV); Matthew 7: 24-27 (NRSV)

Sermon: “Building on a Strong Foundation”

Invitation to Offering: **

Offertory: “Let Us Break Bread Together” Spiritual
Arr. M. Hogan

***Doxology:** UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: **

Holy Communion: Word and Table Service II UMH pp. 13-15

***Closing Hymn:** “In the Midst of New Dimensions” TFWS Black Hymnal #2238

Benediction

Postlude: “The Liberty Bell” J. P. Sousa
Arr. GJB

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

***Call to Worship:** (inspired by Psalm 95)

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

P: We come with joy and thanksgiving before our God, our firm foundation. We will proclaim God’s name with music, word and song.

L: Come, for the Lord is a great God! The depths of the earth and the mountain peaks belong to God. Though anxious and broken, let us come. In God we can find refuge and strength.

P: Gather us in, O Lord! The hopeful and the hopeless, the dreamers and the realist, the tired and the tireless, the captives and the free. You are our hiding place. You will set us up upon a Rock and we will know no fear for you are with us.

All: Amen

Unison Prayer: (inspired by Psalm 46)

Holy God, the architect and builder of our lives, you are our solid Rock. When everything around us seems to be shifting, and our hearts begin to faint in fear of the unknowns, you hold us together, in hope and love. You are our shield and our shelter. You rescue us from our anxious thoughts and our disproportionate fears. You deliver us when all else fails, and mount us up with wings like eagles. “We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom, courageous in sea storm and earthquakes,” for we are standing on Christ, our solid ground, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Invitation to Offering: (Offering invitations by the UCC)

God is gracious and good, and no one is insignificant in God’s eyes. So we respond to everything God is doing in the life of the world by offering a portion of what we have generously received from a loving God. We reach out to all of God’s children in tender love and care. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (David S. Bel based on Ephesians 1:3-14)

Blessed One, you offer a redemptive inheritance sometimes beyond our imagination. You graciously bestow each of us with your wisdom, grace, forgiveness, and love. Joyously, we share these tithes and offerings. As you call us to give, you remind us to place our hopes and dreams in your love and grace. Thank you, God, for giving us your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray in His name. 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

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