

The "favorite hymn" is **Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (the Postlude)**. It's Jim Sharrard's favorite hymn. He writes: "*Singing it every Sunday got me through Navy boot camp.*"

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (v.1)

Eternal father, strong to save who arm has bound the restless wave, who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Today is Pastor Appreciation Day. Please join the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in expressing gratitude to Pastor René and Pastor Erin for their spiritual guidance and fearless leadership throughout these uncertain times.

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service. We also thank:

Altar Guild: Ginger Elliott and Lisa Foster

Attendance Taker: Nicole Baker-Cooley

Bulletin Cover: Christine Thibodeau (frequent attendee of Trinity UMC)

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Tina Warren

Overflow Room: Brian Crawford

Ushers: Head Usher, Margo Sweetland, **Asst. Head Usher,** Sheila Womble **Usher:** Ann Guyotte

Videographer: Nic Odell



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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 11, 2020

* Stand if you are able ** See words to the right † See words on the back

(A Time of Gathering: 10:20 a.m.)

Organ Prelude: “Concerto in a minor” Bach/Vivaldi

Introduction & Prayer Updates

(Livestream Begins: 10:30 a.m.)

Prelude: Sonata in F major “Adagio” G.F. Handel
Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore, violin and Stephen Hays, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: “Simple Gifts” A. Beck
Tommy, Melissa and Ella Butcher

*Call to Worship: **

Special Music: Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet” J. Bartle
Ella Butcher and Christina Weeks

Prayer of Confession & Silent Reflection **

Words of Assurance **

Lord’s Prayer **

Special Music: “We Are Called” Haas/Hays

Scripture Reading: ** 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Sermon: “Souls on Fire”

Closing Response: “Jesus Loves Me” A. Warner

Benediction

Postlude: † “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Adapted from Ministry Matters call to worship Nov. 24, 2019 & 2 Timothy 1.*

L: In the midst of the darkness and fear that threatens to overcome us, we remember that God gave us a spirit of power and of love.

P: We have received a bold and loving gift that must remain ablaze. The God we worship reminds us to rekindle the gift of faith that has been given us.

L: In the midst of the dimness of life, we come to the presence of Christ who is the light of the world and who invites us to come.

P: We have come, with our hopes and doubts, ready to rekindle the fire, ready to stir up the gift that will set God’s love free. We are ready to worship!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT RELECTION:

Adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/prayer-of-confession> by Rev. Mindi.

Wondrous God, we confess that at times darkness and fear override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:(Non-Responsive)

There is no darkness God cannot overcome, for Jesus is the light of the world. God renews us and restores us. God forgives us and loves us. God rekindles the fire within us. Through Jesus we receive the gift and promise of hope and new life.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-7 (NRSV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God-whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.