
We thank those who participated in today's service:

We welcome Trinity member and SPRC Chair, Nathan Olin to the pulpit today. Nate is a life-long United Methodist, is an employment lawyer in the area, and has been a member at Trinity since 1997. He is married to Joanna Olin and has two adult children, Phoebe and Wesley, all of whom are also members.

Acolytes: Felix Everett, Charlie Gray, Julia Gray

Altar Flowers: In memory of Ray & Edie Grabowski's wedding anniversary, from Mark and Natalia Grabowski.

Altar Guild: Lisa Foster

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Camille Twining

Sanctuary Art: Nicole Baker

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

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

COVID Update

The City of Springfield has instituted a mask mandate for all indoor activities effective on September 13. Our subcommittee, TCAC, has met and will institute mask wearing for all services, events and activities beginning on September 13. In addition, beginning on September 19 and until further notice, coffee hour/fellowship will be held outdoors as weather permits, as food isn't allowed in doors. We continue to keep our congregants' safety as a priority. Stay safe!

Chapel Kids

Chapel Kids are back today! Kids ages 7-12 are invited to the Chapel during the service to participate in a special worship service created for and with them. Chapel Kids will exit through the side door of the sanctuary when it's time to gather in the Chapel. Ushers will help us as well. See you in the Chapel!

Sunday Afternoon Programming Begins with Pizza!

This Sunday will be the start of Trinity's afternoon programming for kids and youth. To kick it off, we'll be having a pizza party outside in front of the chapel steps after worship. Youth, kids, and parents are invited to come by, have a slice of pizza, and then participate in afternoon activities like choir, youth fellowship, and quiet activity space. You can check out the schedule below:

11:45-12:30 - Pizza!

1:15-2:15 - Choristers or Youth Fellowship

12:30-1:15 - Dance Choir or quiet activity space in the Hale Rm.

2:15-3:00 - Chamberettes or Children's Fellowship



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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 19, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” S. Temple
arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: “Jesu, Jesu” J. Marshall

***Call to Worship: ***

***Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH# 89

Unison Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer: *

Special Music: “The Servant Song” R. Gillard

Children’s Moment

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-4:3,7,8a

***Hymn:** “Change My Heart, O God” TFWS# 2152
(Children ages 7-12 are invited to go to the Chapel for Chapel Kids during this hymn.)

Message: “Drawing Near” Nathan Olin

Invitation to the Offering: *

Offertory: “Open Thou Mine Eyes” B. Harlan

***Doxology:** UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: ***

***Hymn:** “Blessed Assurance” UMH# 369

Benediction

Postlude: “God of Grace and God of Glory” T. Beck

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

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

Call to Worship: *(Nancy Townley)*

L: The heavens shout of God’s glory!

P: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

L: Day by day we are reminded of God’s creative love.

P: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God’s glory.

L: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

P: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Amen.

Unison Prayer: *(Jesus Scribbles)*

God of holy wisdom, we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision. Our lives are full of information and opinions, but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom – Your wisdom, God – cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live. We have come here this morning to learn from your Word, from your Holy Spirit, and from one another. We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness and into the light. We have come to have the deeper, richer, life that you have promised to each of us. Make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning. Call us to hear your wisdom and grant us the courage to respond. Together we pray as you taught your disciples to pray...

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, UCC Resources)*

Look around us today, at this gathering. We are a community of people who want to follow Jesus. We share so much with those early Christians who “struggled in the work of the gospel” but also found joy in the Lord, joy in the life they shared together. No matter what we are carrying this morning, or what we face, we are not alone. At this moment in our worship, we’re invited to share what we have so that others will find the same welcome, and the same joy that we have known. *Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *(Connect Us Fund)*

Dear Lord, we thank you for your goodness in our lives. As we give our tithes and offerings, we recognize your generosity in our lives. We can never outgive you. You are a God who blesses, and our lives are all blessed by you. Please bless and use these gifts to accomplish your will through this church. Amen.