

Offertory Anthem: “God of the Sparrow” text by Jonathan Cook, music by Craig Courtney
God of the Sparrow, sing through us the songs of deliv’rance, songs of peace. Helpless we seek You, God our joy, quiet our troubles, bid them cease. God of the Sparrow, God of hope, tenderly guide us, be our song. God of affliction, pain and hurt, comfort Your children, make us strong, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. God of the Sparrow, care for us, speak in our sorrow, Lord of grief. Sing us Your music, lift our hearts, pour out Your mercy, sore relief. God of the Sparrow, we abide in Your protection, love and grace. Just as a sparrow in Your care, may Your love keep us all our days. Amen.

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: - Kathline Hawkly
God of Grace, you continually forgive and renew us. Teach us to extend that same mercy to others. Transform these offerings into ministries of compassion that reflect your love to the world. We give with grateful hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Special Recognition

Hymn: “Stand By Me” UMH# 512

Benediction

Postlude: Sortie (“Exit”) Cesar Franck

Music Notes: The prelude and postlude heard this morning were composed by the French organist, composer, and professor at the Paris Conservatory, Cesar Franck. He was very influential in training a generation of both composers and organists. Besides organ works, he composed symphonic, chamber, vocal, and instrumental pieces.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays
Acolytes: Sam Crawford, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas
Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Flute: Kyle LaFleur
Liturgist: Lisa Bakowski

No Regular Coffee Hour. We are Having Our Trinity Sunday Celebration in Asbury Hall, following worship along with a cake celebrating Dr. Desiree A. McKay-Rogers, Director of Family Ministries
Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland, Ann Guyotte, JoAnne Evans
Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Vera B and family, Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Richard B, Mary C, Pat D, David F & family, Drew & Stephanie G & family, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Diane M, Holly Joy P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, the family of Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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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.



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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Our Trinity Sunday

September 13, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) & The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 yrs.

*Please stand in body or in spirit. **Items in bold are read in unison.** *Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

“True forgiveness is when you can say, thank you for that experience.” - Oprah Winfrey

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Piece d'Orgue” Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Introit: “God is My Rock”
God is my rock, He is my strong salvation, He is my hope and I will trust in Him.
God is my fortress; I will not be shaken, God is my rock, my strength; I will trust in Him.
God is my rock. my strength, and my song.

*Call to Worship: – Ministry Matters
Leader: How shall we live in the love of God?
People: We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.
Leader: How shall we witness God’s forgiving love?
People: We will reach out to others with compassion.
Leader: Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.
People: Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace. Amen.

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

*Morning Unison Prayer: – RE Ministries
Merciful Lord, You ask us to forgive not just once but continually. Reveal to us the areas of resentment we still hold, and grant us the grace to release them. In our families, workplaces, and ministry, help us choose reconciliation over division. May the forgiveness we receive from You become the forgiveness we extend to others. In Jesus name, Amen.

*Congregation Response: “Surely the Presence of the Lord” UMH# 328

Anthem: “You are Mine” text and music by David Hass (b. 1957)
The text may be found at TFWS# 2218 (The Congregation is invited to sing the refrain with the choir.)

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment: Lisa Bakowski

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

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.

Choral Prayer Response: “Hear our Prayer, O Lord”
Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

*Hymn: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” UMH# 390
(Note: Chapel Kids for Children ages 5-13 resumes next Sunday, September 20.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35 (NRSV)

Response to the Word:
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: “How Shall I Forgive?” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: – Discipleship Ministries
Generous God, you have given so much to us in love and joy – every good thing in our life reflects your caring. Even in the giving of our offerings, we have tried to give our best but know we could do more. In a world where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us to hear the teaching of Jesus in the generosity of forgiveness. May we learn to give that to others with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ’s name, who gave all. Amen.