

Offertory Anthem: “Give Me Jesus” Traditional Spiritual arr. by Howard Helvey
*I heard my mother say, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: – *RE Worship*
Wise and Generous God, all we have belongs to you. Inspire us to give with open hands and trusting hearts. Use these gifts to share the abundance of your love with others. In Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.

***Hymn:** “Rejoice in God’s Saints” UMH# 708

Benediction

Postlude: “Voluntary in Bb” Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

Music Notes: Howard Helvey (b.1968), the arranger of the spiritual “Give Me Jesus” is a composer, conductor and church musician in Cincinnati, Ohio. With hundreds of original choral works and arrangements, his compositions have been featured on recordings and in concerts throughout the US. Mr. Helvey is frequently commissioned by churches, universities, and professional ensembles.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

- Accompanist:** Steve Hays
Acolytes: Adeline Berke, Nii-Lante Bruce, Meriel Everett
Altar Ministry: Susan Cartier-Barrett
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
Liturgist: Lisa Everett
Fellowship Hour: Membership & Evangelism
Musical Offerings: Janet Dixon-Metcalf, flute, Choristers
Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Rita Auchy, Holly Blair, Ray Miller
Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, Ted G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Diane M, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Lynn T, Kathy M, Allie W, our service members & 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

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two hymnals: 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

“I’m not concerned with your liking or disliking me... All I ask is that you respect me as a human being.”

– Jackie Robinson

Peace does not depend on mutual affection. From a Christian perspective, we are not called to be everyone’s close companion. Instead, recognizing that we are all children of God, our mandate is to extend the same unconditional love to others that God has generously shown to us. Honoring the sacred worth of every person, across all differences, reflects God’s love and lights our collective path.

– Rev. Dr. James Armstrong

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Camille Twining

Prelude: “Reflection” Kerry J. Beaumont (b. 1957)

Introit: “Hallelu, Hallelujah!” Traditional
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!

***Call to Worship:** – *Center for Faith and Giving*

Leader: We live in a world of competing demands and loyalties. Who has your trust? Whose image do you bear?

People: We come to remember that our ultimate allegiance belongs to God.

Leader: Coins bear the stamp of earthly powers, but our lives bear the image of the Creator.

People: We bring ourselves - our hearts, our hands, and our hope - to the One who formed us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

People: We worship and praise the Living God together!

***Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH #577

***Morning Unison Prayer:** – *Written by Mary Scifres, on the Ministry Matters website*

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

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

Anthem: “Morceau de Concours” Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment: Dr. Desiree A. McKay-Rogers

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: “Walk in the Spirit of Love”
Walk in the spirit of love, walk in the spirit of love, love one another as Jesus loves you, Walk in the spirit of love.

***Hymn:** “How Firm a Foundation” UMH# 529
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please bring your children & pick them up.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22 (NRSV) p. 23

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

The Word in Reflection: “Give to Caesar What is Caesar’s” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: - *Discipleship Ministries*
Holy God, source of every good gift: The tithes and offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that “rendering unto you what is yours” would mean leaving everything at your altar – all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, but with your help, we are on the road to getting there. Bless what we give; may it speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. **Amen.**