

**Offertory Music:** “Gift of Love” American folk tune arr. by Hal Hopson (1933-2025)  
Text may be in The United Methodist Hymnal #408

**\*Doxology:** UMH# 94

**Prayer of Dedication:** – *Faith Foundations*  
Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** “Stand By Me” UMH# 512

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Postlude in the 18th Century Style” Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

---

**We thank those who participated in today’s service:**

**Music** provided by the Trinity Summer Choir.

**Altar Ministry:** Susan Cartier-Barrett

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Fellowship Hour:** Membership & Evangelism and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Ses Nomishan

**Ushers:** Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Karen Andros, Wendy Regan, Jack Rust, Ian Smythe

**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, Caroline B’s family, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Sophia G, Donna G, the H-R family, Courtney H, Pete L, Tony I, Brenda L’s family, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Arlene M’s family, Diane M, Carlos M, Pat N, Michelle & John O and family – Michelle’s mother, Barbara S passed away, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Carl S, Ruth S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

# Trinity United Methodist Church

361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108

[www.trinityspringfield.org](http://www.trinityspringfield.org) ▪ 413-737-5311

**Bishop,** Thomas J. Bickerton

**District Superintendent,** Rev. Megan Stowe

**Minister,** Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

**Director of Music Ministries,** Dr. Bruce Glenny

**Spiritual Director,** Cathy MacGovern



*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

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 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

“Scripture never promises a life free from waves - it promises a Savior who stands above them.”  
- Henri Nouwen

Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** “A Simple Air” Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

**\*Call to Worship:** – *[Lyrics are from UMH #512 “Stand by Me”, Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906]*

Leader: “When the storms of life are raging, stand by me”

**People: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!**

Leader: “When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea”

**People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.**

Leader: God stands with you in bright sunshine and the deepest storm.

**People: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH# 57

**\*Morning Unison Prayer:** – *Christine Jerret Wordpress*

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. Amen.

**\*Response:** “Be Thou my Vision” (vv. 1 & 2) UMH# 451

**Verse 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Verse 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Special Music:** “You Are Mine” Text, Ps. 46:10; Isaiah 43:1; John 14:27, music by David Haas (b. 1957)  
Text may be found in The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2218

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.**

**\*Hymn:** “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” UMH# 129  
*(Note: Chapel Kids is over for the season. It resumes mid-September.)*

**New Testament Scripture Reading:** Matthew 14: 22-33 (NRSV) p. 15

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

**The Word in Reflection:** “When the Going Gets Tough” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

**Offertory Prayer:** – *Ministry Matters*  
Forgiving God, the first offering you ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving you and others boldly, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us for times when you have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we’ve ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. For all this, we give thanks in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.**