

Offertory Anthem: “Song of Joy, Song of Praise” Traditional Spanish Carol arr. by James Brighton
Sing to the Lord, O sing a song of praise. People come rejoice, come let your voice be raised.
Sing to the Lord, O sing a song of joy. People now rejoice, sing praises evermore.

Refrain: Come, sing alleluia. Come, sing, let your voice be raised. Come, sing alleluia. Come, sing praises evermore.

Sing to the Lord the King above all kings. People now rejoice, let alleluias ring.
Sing to the Lord the mighty One who reigns. People now rejoice, come praise God's holy name.

Refrain

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: – Bell Worship Resources
Compassionate God, we often rely on our own strength rather than placing our full trust in you. Remind us of your steadfast love and help us surrender our fears. Bless these offerings and those who give them. May they bring comfort and hope in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

Hymn: “The Summons” TFWS# 2130

Benediction

Postlude: “March” from Organ Symphony no. 3 Charles M. Widor (1844-1937)

We thank those who participated in today’s service:
Accompanist: Steve Hays
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
Fellowship Hour: Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and volunteers
Flute: Lynette Varnon
Liturgist: Cathy MacGovern
Musical Offerings: Trinity Summer Choir
Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Clayton Calhoun, Ginger Elliott, Deb Garth and Erin Robles
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, Richard B (Deborah F’s brother), Mary C, Pat D, David F and family, Drew & Stephanie G and family, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Cristopher L, Diane M, Holly Joy P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, the family of Carl S, Lynn T, Tina W, Allie W, Rev. Ronald B. Y, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Reconciling Ministries Network

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

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 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

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” ~ Mother Teresa

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “O God, thou faithful God” Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

*Call to Worship: - Thom M. Shuman

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your hearts.

People: We will hold nothing back from our God.

Leader: Sing full-throated praises to our God.

People: We will join in the chorus of thanksgiving for God's abiding love.

Leader: Glorify God and that Word we know as Jesus Christ.

People: We will worship our God with wonder and joy.

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

*Morning Unison Prayer: – Ministry Matters

Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow after you—to find our lives by giving them up to Your greater purpose. So we come before you this morning with open hearts and open hands, eager to hear your word, and eager to know your will. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, move within us and among us as we worship. Open our eyes to your presence; open our ears to your call, open our hearts to one another. And then send us back out into the world, to live and work as Your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. 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.

Anthem: “Without Seeing You” text and music by David Haas (b. 1957)
The text may be found in TFWS# 2206

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment: Allison Berke

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: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH# 549
(Note: Chapel Kids is on hiatus for the season. It resumes mid-September.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 21-28 (NRSV) p. 17

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

The Word in Reflection: “Take Up Your Cross” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: – Discipleship Ministries
Merciful and forgiving God, the tithes and gifts we offer to you this morning are but a small portion of the blessings we have received. The Gospels remind us that Jesus instructed us to “deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow,” and yet we deny ourselves little, see the smallest of crosses as too great a burden, and follow only from a safe distance. In doing so, we cut ourselves off from deeper experiences of discipleship. Forgive us and renew our strength and discipline to walk this road with our Savior. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.