

Offertory Music: “God of the Sparrow” text by Jonathan Cook
music by Craig Courtney

God of the Sparrow, sing through us 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, 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, send us relief. God of the Sparrow, we abide in Your protection, love and grace, just as the sparrow in Your care, may Your love keep us all our days. Amen.

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: – Bell Worship Resources

Merciful God, when storms of doubt and fear arise, you remain our shelter and strength. Steady us with your peace. Restore our confidence in your faithfulness. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in your unfailing love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

Hymn: “Stand By Me” UMH# 512

Benediction

Postlude: “Fugue in d minor” Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: The Trustees and volunteers

Liturgist: Matt Connelly

Musical Offerings: Teri LaFleur, soprano and Kyle LaFleur, flute

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Rita Auchy, Holly Blair, Ray Miller

Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzearella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Drew & Stephanie G (Drew’s father Paul G passed away), Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Cristopher L, Diane M, Michelle & John O, Anna O, Holly Joy P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, the family of Carl S, Ruth 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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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

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 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

“Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.”

(Matthew 14:27) - Spoken by Jesus to calm the terrified disciples in the boat.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele” (Adorn yourself, O dear Soul) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

***Call to Worship:** - Ministry Matters

Leader: Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

People: We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus’ call.

Leader: Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

People: Lord, help us hear your voice.

Leader: Come, place your trust in Jesus.

People: Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. Amen.

***Hymn:** “How Firm a Foundation” UMH# 529

***Morning Unison Prayer:** - Ministry Matters

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. 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: “Break forth into Joy” text Isaiah 49:13
music by Paul and Donna Williams

Break forth into joy, sing to the Lord; for He has done marvelous things. Ye mountains and hills, rejoice in the Lord, for great is His glorious name. Oh shout His praise, oh shout His praise, for great is His glory to the ends of the earth. Sing of His righteousness, sing of His majesty to the ends of the earth!

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:** “When Our Confidence Is Shaken” UMH# 505
(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: “Stepping Out” Lisa Bakowski, (CLS)

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: – re Worship Resources
Gracious God, you call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, and sufficient faith to follow without fear. Take our lives and our gifts. Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**