**Offertory:** "Ave Maria" Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

**Music During Communion** 

\*Hymn: "The Lily of the Valley" TFWS# 2062

**Benediction** 

**Postlude:** Sortie ("Exit") from "Eucharistice Suite Leon Boellman

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Ministry: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie

Communion Servers: Fred and Hope Lewis, Jennifer Johnston-Marius and Joel Johnston

Fellowship Hour: Worship Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Teri LaFleur

Soloist: Regina Krawiec, soprano

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Karen Andros,

Wendy Regan, Ian Smythe, Judy Wing

Video Team: Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

# Please Pray for:

James A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Sophia G, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Herb M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Catherine Ann R, Alfredo R, Henry (Bing) S, Carl S, Lynn T, Tina W, 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

## **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost – Communion**

August 3, 2025

10:30 a.m.

## WELCOME

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

\*Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.

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

"We don't have to be "successful" only valuable. We don't have to make money, only a difference, and particularly in the lives society counts least and puts last." –William Sloan Coffin

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** "Elevation from "Eucharistic Suite" Leon Boellman (1862-1897)

### \*Call to Worship:

One: Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

Many: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

One: The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

Many: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

One: In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

Many: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

One: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

Many: Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

\*Hymn: "Gather Us In" TFWS# 2236

# \*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires: we have forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors; we have neglected our communion with you, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness. In a world of plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures. Free us from such bondage, that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.

#### \*Words of Assurance:

In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God, seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ. God surely answers our prayers. In the name of Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

Praise be to God. Amen.

\*Response: "We Are One In The Spirit" TFWS# 2223 (v.4)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Special Music:** "Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual arr. by Moses Hogan

**Passing the Peace of Christ** 

**Children's Moment** 

**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: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH# 147

(Chapel Kids is on hiatus for the summer.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 12: 13-21 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 70

**Response to the Word:** 

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

**The Word in Reflection:** "Building Bigger Barns" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

# **RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS**

**Invitation to Offering:** – Discipleship Resources

Prosperity is given to the greater community of believers, so that all of God's children may benefit. Let us demonstrate that we are the body of Christ through our extravagant sharing of God's blessings on this day. And let us give out of our joy, rather than out of a sense of obligation, as we offer to our God the gifts of our hearts. **Amen.**