Doxology UMH# 94

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord, you call us to seek justice, to defend the oppressed, and to care for the widows and orphans. As we give today, may our offerings reflect your heart for the marginalized and be a means of bringing about the justice that you desire. Teach us to live lives that honor you in every way. In your reconciling love, we pray. **Amen**.

\*Hymn: "Standing on the Promises" UMH# 374

**Benediction** 

**Postlude:** "Toccata in e minor" Johann Pachelbel

The prelude and postlude this morning were composed by Johann Pachelbel, a leader in the middle Baroque Organ School. Besides the famous "Pachelbel Canon in D", he composed a large body of sacred and secular music. His contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers before J.S. Bach.

#### We thank those who participated in today's service:

**Altar Flowers:** In memory of Bob G on his birthday, from his wife, Ann.

Altar Ministry: Lisa Everett and family

Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Worship Committee and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Greg Andros

Soloist: Noreen Acconcio, 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

# **Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

August 10, 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

"The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing." – St. Francis of Assisi

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** "Fugue in d minor" Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

\*Call to Worship: – Ministry Matters

Leader: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

People: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

Leader: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

People: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us. Leader: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice. People: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. Amen.

\*Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH# 577

## \*Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God, your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily we fail to hear you over the din of daily life. We want to cease to do evil. We want to learn to do good. Yet, we rarely do all we can to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need. As you have sought us out, so we seek your pardon. Grant us courage, we pray, as persons, as communities, and as nations, to bring about the justice you desire. Amen.

#### \*Words of Assurance:

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. People of faith, God is not ashamed to be called your God. By God's grace we are forgiven. Let the church say amen. **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: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" African American Spiritual

**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: "How Firm a Foundation" UMH# 529

(Chapel Kids is on hiatus for the summer.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 12: 32-40 (NRSV) N.T. p. 70

**Response to the Word:** 

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

**The Word in Reflection:** "Dressed For Action" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

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

**Invitation to Offering:** – Discipleship Worship Resources

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith - faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises. May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction, seeking that better country you have prepared for us. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.** 

Offertory: "Pie Jesu" Andrew Lloyd Webber

**English Translation** 

Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.