

Offertory: “Andante from Sonata in D major” by W.A. Mozart

Doxology UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Gracious God, you have shown us the depths of our unfaithfulness and our need for your mercy. We offer these gifts in repentance, asking that they be used to bring restoration and healing to a broken world. May our giving to this offering be a small act of our desire to return to you each and every day. We humbly pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “The Summons” TFWS# 2130

Benediction

Postlude: Sortie (“Exit”) Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Cesar Franck was a French Romantic composer, pianist and organist. He taught composition and organ at the Paris Conservatory and had many pupils who became well known composers and organists, such as Louis Vierne, Charles Tournemire, Vincent d'Indy. Franck was the titular organist at St. Clotilde in Paris from 1859 until his passing. The prelude and postlude this morning come from one of his collections of organ pieces for the church.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Crista (P) M from her husband, Jim.

Altar Ministry: Beverly Rzewnicki

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Worship Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Adeline Berke

Pianists: Don Evans and Steve Hays

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Clayton Calhoun, Hope & Fred Lewis, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Brian Crawford, Samuel Crawford, Nic Odell, 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, Jennifer 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

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

“Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control. These three alone lead lives to sovereign change”

– Alfred Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Piece d'orgue (“Organ Piece”) Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

***Call to Worship:** - *Discipleship Ministries*

Leader: In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our refuge.

People: God is our mighty fortress and shield.

Leader: In God's strength we shall be healed.

People: In God's love we shall witness the Good News.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, grateful for God's wondrous power.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, that we might truly become bearers of peace and justice.

Amen.

***Hymn:** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH# 57 (vv. 1-4)

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Merciful God, we find it hard to see in ourselves the trappings our society so admires and serve s- power, wealth, and access that forget mutual love. We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods - rushing for places of honor, scorning the humble and lowly, supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse. Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough. Remind us that you are enough. Teach us your generosity. Teach us your world-changing humility. Teach us your expansive love. Transform us and heal our lives. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:** – *Ministry Matters*

God's promises are not only to our ancestors, they are to us as well: "I will feed you with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I will satisfy you." In the living God, we are forgiven.

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: “Amazing Grace” arranged by Raluca Bojor

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment: Andrew 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:** “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” UMH# 339
(Chapel Kids resumes on September 21st.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (NRSV) N.T. p. 72

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: “Table in the Kingdom of God” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – *Discipleship Resources*

Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. **Amen.**