Offertory
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"Standing in the Gap for You" words and music by Babbie Mason

## Doxology

UMH# 94

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Loving God, we come with open hearts, asking for your guidance and daily provision. As we give, we remember your promise to provide for us and teach us to be generous in all things. May these gifts be a reflection of our trust in your goodness. We pray in your holy name. **Amen**.

*Hymn:	"It Is Well with My Soul"	UMH# 37′

## Benediction

**Postlude:** 

"Voluntary I, Maestoso" Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

The prelude this morning was written by the imminent, 20th century German composer, Paul Hindemith. Hindemith created his own unique style of composition which is immediately recognizable. After fleeing Germany in the 1930s, he immigrated to the USA and taught at Yale. Hermann Schroeder, the composer of the postlude, worked in the Catholic Church in Germany and was a professor of choral conducting, music theory and composition.

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

Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun

Baritone Soloist: David Belew

Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Membership & Evangelism Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Thomas Sheldon

**Ushers:** Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland

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, 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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Bishop, Thomas J. Bickerton District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe Minister, Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Bruce Glenny Director of Family Ministries & Connections, Rob Powell, M.Div Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern





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

## **Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

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

"So God's kingdom is not a place, but rather a relationship. It exists wherever people enthrone Jesus as Lord of their lives" – R. Shernick

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** "Ruhig bewgt, (Quietly moving), movement II from Organ Sonata I" Paul Hindemith (1895-1863)

## \*Call to Worship: Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

One: Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:

## Many: Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.

One: When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:

Many: Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.

One: When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God's call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:

Many: Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate. One: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.

**Many:** Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another.

*Hymn:	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"	UMH# 103
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## \*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which we were not prepared. We have not responded to difficulties with love, but rather with impatience. We have turned our backs on others in need, placing our creature comforts first. We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed. Give us peace, Gracious Lord. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love. Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and then having received such love, we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be good disciples for you. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

#### **\*Words of Assurance:**

Even when things seem dark, God is with us. God's love is powerful enough to overcome any darkness that we encounter. Remember how much love has been given for you and rejoice! **Amen.** 

*Response:	All praise to th and all prai and all prai And they'	Ve Are One In The Spir ne Father, from whom a ise to Christ Jesus, God ise to the Spirit, who m Il know we are Christia , they'll know we are C	all things come, l's only Son, akes us one: ans by our love,	TFWS# 2223 (v.4)		
Special Music:		"Moses"	words and music by Kent Medema			
Passing the Peace	of Christ					
Children's Moment:			Cody Minahan			
Pastoral Prayer, J	Joys and Concerr	18				
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:	(Chape	"Christ Beside Me" I Kids is on hiatus for the	summer.)	TFWS# 2166		
Scripture Reading	g:	Luke 11: 1 - 13 (NRSV	/)	N.T. pp. 66-67		
Response to the V One: The Word of Many: Thanks be	God for the Peop	le of God.				
The Word in Refl	ection:	"Learning to Pray"	Rev. D	r. David V. Calhoun		
<b>RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS</b>						

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

Living and redeeming God, in Christ, you have made us fully alive, setting us free from all that would hold us captive. As we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude, abounding in thanksgiving for your grace. May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life to those in need. Keep us steadfast in Christ, walking in faith and filled with the joy of your transforming love. In the name of the one who makes us whole, we pray. **Amen.**