

(Continued) Reception of Confirmands
Congregation Responses; Second Response:

All: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Communion Anthem: “Prayer of St. Francis” Allen Pote

*Hymn: “Here I Am, Lord” UMH# 593

Benediction

Postlude: “A Joyous Song” J. Wayne Kerr

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

We are thankful for David Belew, Teri LaFleur, Holly Joy Pearson, and Karen Sheffield who are sharing their musical gifts during this period of transition to keep the chancel choir, children's choirs, and handbell choir programs active.

Acolytes: Raizel Bhajjan, Sam Crawford, Levi Varnon

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of David B, from his family.

Altar Ministry: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Communion Servers: Trinity’s Confirmation Class of 2025

Fellowship Hour: Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and volunteers

Liturgist: Julia Gray

Organist: Dr. Christopher White

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 Ac, the A family, James An, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Courtney H, Aurie I, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Mary P, Les P and family, Catherine Ann R, The R family, Henry (Bing) S, Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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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

7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday, Confirmation & Communion

June 1, 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

“Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire.” – St. Catherine of Siena

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Never Grow Up” T. Swift, arr. C. White

Moment of Reflection

Introit: “Joyful, Joyful” L. Beethoven/arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*Call to Worship: t – Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit* (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1985)

Leader: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God’s love!

People: In God’s eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

Leader: In God’s eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

People: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

Leader: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

People: Praise be to God. Amen!

*Hymn: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” UMH# 158

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of great mercy, we confess that we have misrepresented you. We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession: (A time for personal confession of sin)

Words of Assurance:

As far as the east is from the west, so Christ removes our sins from us. In the name of Jesus Christ you 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.

Choir Anthem: “Be Not Afraid” Taylor Davis

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.

Prayer Response

*Hymn: “The Summons” TFWS# 2130
(Chapel Kids is on hiatus for the summer.)

Scripture Reading: John 17: 6-19 (NRSV) N.T. p. 105

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: “Confirmation” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: *Discipleship Resources*

O Lord of Hosts, we are so happy to offer you these monetary gifts. We recognize that we are able to worship here because of the generous giving of this congregation. Yet, our giving and our prayer extend beyond us. We pray that these offerings and tithes will be used to reach out to others in the community and around the world who need to find a joyful trust in you. “Happy is everyone who trusts in you.” All praise and glory to you! Amen.

Offertory Anthem: “Be Still” Mary McDonald

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All: We will. With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these youth, our youth, with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them and walk with them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.