

Prayer of Dedication: – Faith Foundations

Loving God, we come with hearts full of thanks—for creation, for Jesus, and for your Spirit among us. Now, we offer our gifts as a way of saying thank you. Let these gifts be part of your good news shared in word and deed. May they reflect our trust in your promise and our willingness to follow. In Jesus’ name, we pray. **Amen.**

Doxology: UMH# 94

***Hymn:** “Love Divine All Loves Excelling” UMH# 384

Benediction

Postlude: “Te Deum” M-A Charpentier

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Musicians: Dr. Christopher White, organ and Mark Fraser, cellist

Altar Flowers: In memory of Edward & Arline B, from Jess & Barbara H

Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Administrative Council and volunteers

Liturgist: C. Stephen Sheffield

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Clayton Calhoun,

Ginger Elliott, Deb Garth, Erin Robles

Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Vera B, Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, the family of Caroline B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Sophia G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, the family of Brenda L, Christopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Ellen L, the family of Arlene M, Diane M, Carlos M, Pat N, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, 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

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) & 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.** *Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

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

"I am the prodigal son every time I search for unconditional love where it cannot be found." ~ Henri Nouwen

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Prelude in G Major, from Suite no. 1 for solo cello" J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

***Call to Worship:** - written by Nancy Townley, *Worship Connection*

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: Amen!

***Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" (vv. 1-4) UMH # 378

***Morning Unison Prayer:** – Christine Jerret, Wordpress

Gracious and Loving God, it was said of the Prodigal Son that he "came to himself." Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to you. Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human. Help us not to chase after an imaginary life, and to find satisfaction in our real lives. And turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see that your arms open in welcome. Amen.

***Response:** "Be Thou my Vision" (vv. 1 & 2) UMH# 451

Verse 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Special Music: "Allemande in G Major, from Suite no. 1 for solo cello" J. S. Bach

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:** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH# 383
(Note: Chapel Kids is over for the season. It resumes mid-September.)

New Testament Scripture Reading (NRSV): Luke 15: 11-31 pp. 73-74

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: "Father's Day" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: - Ministry Matters

Loving God, we hear the words of the familiar parable and, at different times, see ourselves as either son. We have received—or demanded—blessings to which we were not entitled and squandered them in self-indulgent living. We have also looked out from our place of superiority and favor and have been indignant over your lavish dispensing of love and mercy. As we bring our gifts this day, we do so in the humble gratitude and recognition that any and all blessings in our life come as your gift of grace. We pray in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus our redeemer. **Amen.**

Offertory: "Minuets I and II in G Major" from Suite no. 1 for solo cello J. S. Bach