

## RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

### **Invitation to Offering:** — *Discipleship Worship Resources*

Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit’s leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate ourselves to your transforming work. In Christ’s name, we pray. **Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem:** “You Are Mine” Mark Hayes

**Doxology** UMH# 94

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

God of unity, in Christ, we are all one. As we bring our gifts to you, may they reflect the inclusiveness of your love, breaking down barriers and building bridges. Use these offerings to foster unity and equality in our church, our community, and our world. In your holy name, **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “God of the Ages” UMH# 698

### **Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Deliver Us” from *The Prince of Egypt* H. Zimmer, arr. by C. White

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### **We thank those who participated in today’s service:**

**Accompanist:** Steve Hays

**Altar Ministry:** Shonali Bhajjan

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

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

**Liturgist:** Holly Joy Pearson

**Organist:** Dr. Christopher White

**Soloist:** Caroline Mazzarella, Mezzo

**Trumpet:** Helkin Sosa

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

**Video Team:** Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

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### ***Please Pray for:***

James A, James A, 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, the P family, 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.

## **Trinity United Methodist Church**

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*Bishop, Thomas J. Bickerton*

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*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

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 22, 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

“If we evaluate our attitudes and actions - What truth do they tell us?” – H. L. Recinos

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Naima” J. Coltrane

\*Call to Worship: – Ministry Matters  
Leader: Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.  
People: We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.  
Leader: We live a new life of spirit and truth.  
People: Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.

\*Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” UMH#110

\*Unison Prayer of Confession:  
Loving God, you give us freedom. In fact, in you, we live in perfect freedom. Fear tries to bind us. Idolatry comes chasing after us. Divisive arguments try to trap us in corners and keep us locked away from one another. These are not the freedoms you have in mind for your children, loving God. We confess, we have submitted to them in the past, but no more. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You set us free. Give us the courage to enjoy it. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance: – Discipleship Resources in a Mennonite Voice  
Beloved children of God: hear and believe the good news, for freedom in Christ has set us free to live anew. Praise be to God! 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.

Anthem: “Give Me Jesus” Lloyd Larson

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 Great Thou Art” UMH# 77  
(Chapel Kids is on hiatus for the summer.)

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5: 13-26 (NRSV) N.T. p. 179

Response to the Word:  
One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: “Living the Spirit Filled Life” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun