

**Offertory Music:** “Danza” J. Wayne Kerr

**Doxology** UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication:** – *Bell Worship Resources 2025*

Generous and loving God, we remember those who have encouraged, taught, forgiven, and loved us. Our offering today is a response to all that we have received. Use these gifts to lift and bless others, as you have so faithfully done for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

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

### Benediction

**Postlude:** Voluntary VI “Poco Vivace” Hermann Schroeder

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**Music Notes:** Today, we hear the choristers sing both the introit and the Special Music. These young people have rehearsed since September after our Sunday worship service and have developed a memorized repertoire of 8 pieces! The choristers will be back in the fall and they would like to extend an invitation to all 2- 5 grade students to come and join them! If you are interested in singing with these young people, please reach out to Dr. Bruce Glenny, Director of Music Ministries.

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

**Accompanist:** Steve Hays

**Acolytes:** Charlie and Henry Gray, Nii Lante Bruce

**Altar Ministry:** Lisa Everett

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Fellowship Hour:** SPRC and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Jennifer Rowell

**Musicians:** Choristers and Handbell Choir

**Ushers:** Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Karen Andros, Wendy Regan, Ian Smythe

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

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**Please Pray for:** Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Sophia G, Donna G, Courtney H, Dave J, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Arlene M, Carlos M, Pat N, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Shawn R, Jen R, Jim S, Carl S, Lynn T, the T family during this difficult time of several extended family losses, 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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter – Fellowship of the Christian Home

May 10, 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 learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England.” – *John Wesley*

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** Voluntary IV “Allegretto” Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

**Introit:** “God is Here” Donald Schmidt  
*God is here, God is there. God is with us everywhere.*

**\*Call to Worship:** – *Written by Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters, September 2025.*

Leader: Today is a day especially created for you to find peace and hope.

**People: In the midst of our hectic lives, we surely need such a time as this.**

Leader: Come, rest in the Lord.

**People: Our souls long for God’s refreshing love.**

Leader: Let the demands of your week melt away in God’s presence.

**People: Refresh and restore us, O Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “For the Beauty of the Earth” UMH# 92

#### Reception of New Members

**Congregational Response: We rejoice and welcome you to this fellowship in Christian love. Together with you, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of our church by our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified. Amen.**

**\*Unison Prayer of the Morning:** -*Adapted from Mary Petrina Boyd and posted on Ministry Matters*

**We give you thanks, O God, for the good news of your love and our lives: for all that brings us laughter and joy; For the honor of worshiping you, and the blessing of being sent to serve your reign. Hear our prayers, O gentle shepherd, and lead us to the waters of grace.**

**We give you thanks, O God, for the love of community, and we pray for people among us who are in need: For our mission partners around the world, speaking your peace in the midst of violence; For our neighbors in this city, serving together to bear witness to your justice.**

**Hear our prayers, O gentle shepherd, and lead us to the waters of grace. On this mother’s day, we give thanks for the people in our lives who have reflected your mothering love. And we pray, O God, for all for whom this day is difficult: hold the range of our emotions in your tender care. Enliven us in joy, comfort us in sorrow, encourage us in despair, and show us how to care for one another.**

**Hear our prayers, O gentle shepherd, and lead us to the waters of grace. Amen.**

**\*Response:** “Now the Green Blade Riseth” (vv. 1 & 3) UMH# 311

**Verse 1:** Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

**Verse 3:** Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

**Anthem:** “Love, Love, Love! That’s what it’s all about”

*1. Love, Love, Love! That’s what it’s all about!*

*2. Peace, Peace, Peace*

*3. Joy, Joy, Joy*

*‘Cause God loves us, we love each other, Mother, Father, sister, brother, Everybody sing and shout. ‘Cause that’s what it’s all about. It’s about Love, love, love! It’s about Love, love, love!*

#### 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:** “Hear our Prayer, O Lord”

*Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

**\*Hymn:** “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” TFWS# 2051  
*(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)*

**New Testament Scripture Reading:** Mark 3: 31 – 35 (NRSV) p. 35

#### Response to the Word:

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

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “Mother’s Day” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

### RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

**Offertory Prayer:** - *Written by Rev. Renee C. Jackson and posted on the Faith Foundations*

Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, we reflect on the wisdom in the words from John’s gospel. Help us stay rooted in your love, producing fruit that brings glory to your name. May these gifts signify our commitment to abide in your teachings and work joyfully in response to your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**