Offertory Anthem: "Jesus Calls Us" text by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) arr. by Joy F. Patterson

The text may be found at UMH# 398

Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: – Discipleship Ministries

Gracious God, we stand before you today with open hearts, offering our gifts in the midst of a world that is often troubled and uncertain. May these offerings be a symbol of our commitment to remain steadfast, to endure in faith, and to trust you in times of trial. Strengthen us for the journey ahead, knowing that in all things, you are with us. We offer these gifts in the name of Christ, our hope.

*Hymn: "Forward Through the Ages" UMH# 555

Benediction

Postlude: "Toccata and Fugue" anon. Italian (18th cent.)

Jean Langlais, the composer of today's prelude, was a blind French composer, organist and improviser. His parents sent him to the National Institute for Blind Children where he studied the organ with another blind organist, Andre Marchal. He eventually entered the Paris Conservatory and obtained prizes in organ and composition. He concertized widely in Europe and made three North American tours.

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Sam Crawford, Julia and Henry Gray

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of their father, Thomas S, from Paula, Judy & Tom.

Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun and Beverly Rzewnicki

Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie

Clarinet: Mark Wing

Fellowship Hour: The Membership & Evangelism Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Berney Bhajjan

Soloists: Wynton Jarvinen and Teri LaFleur

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Clayton Calhoun, Hope & Fred Lewis,

Margo Sweetland

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

Please Pray for: James A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Dominick E, David F, Sophia G, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Diane M, Carlos M, Herb M, Holly Joy P, the family of Sue P, Les P, Catherine Ann R, Jennifer R, Jen R (friend of Michelle O) Pat D, 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

361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108

www.trinityspringfield.org • 413-737-5311

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, socioeconomic 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

Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 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 OUIET MEDITATION

"...if we are allowing ourselves to be led, being sensitive to the pull of God's Spirit, and following the path of our Shepherd, we are sheep..."— Saint Francis

Welcome and Announcements

"Priere (Prayer)" Jean Langlais (1907-1991) **Prelude:**

"O May the Peace of God" **Introit:**

O may the peace of God be with you evermore, and may the pow'r of His great love your soul again restore, and may you always know His never ending care, and feel His gracious Spirit upon you ev'rywhere.

*Call to Worship: - RE Worship

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

All: Where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

One: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

All: Where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

One: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

All: Where the imprisoned model justice where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *Hymn: **UMH# 110**

*Unison Prayer of Confession: - Discipleship Ministries

O Gracious and Loving God, for our slowness to recognize your gifts in other people and their calling to be children of God: Lord, have mercy. For our reluctance to accept your free gifts and your gracious call to play our part in your ministry: Christ, have mercy. For any cause of division in your body for which we are responsible: Lord, have mercy. Forgive us Lord and may we begin anew.

Words of Assurance: – Discipleship Ministries

The good news is that all who trust in Christ will have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life. As you hold this faith, I declare that you are set free from all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Thanks be to God.

*Response: "As the Deer" TFWS #2025

> As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

"You Are Mine" words and music by David Haas (b. 1957) Anthem:

> The text may be found at TFWS #2218 Sung by the Chamber Choir

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.

Choral Response: "In Jesus' Name We Pray"

> O Lord, we ask that we may find your loving grace in heart and mind. In Jesus' name we pray, O Lord, in Jesus' name we pray.

"There Are Some Things I May Not Know" TFWS# 2147 *Hvmn:

(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids, Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

N.T. p. 27

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 31-45 (NRSV)

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

"The Parable of the Sheep and Goats" Sermon: Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: –*Ministry Matters*

God of mercy and compassion, what is the offering that pleases you most? Certainly, not the token gift that makes us feel we have done all that is required, but a gift that reminds us that need is all around us, and compassion and love are needed desperately and can be given extravagantly. May the gifts we give through your church help the hungry, thirsty, the imprisoned; but may our whole being be centered on seeing the opportunities to personally make your love real to a hurting world. We follow in Christ's holy, loving way. Amen.