Offertory Anthem: "God is My Rock - Psalm 62, 90 music by Allen Pote (b. 1945)

Refrain: God is my rock, He is my strong salvation; He is my hope and I will trust in Him. God is my fortress. I will not be shaken. God is my rock, my strength; I will trust in Him.

For God alone waits my soul in silence, my only hope is in Him. For He will save me from the time of trial;

Refrain

For God has been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Before the mountains were made, or the sea was formed, God was, God is, and forever God will be.

Refrain

***Doxology** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: – Bell Worship Resources
Lord of blessings and hope, we give to you these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use these gifts for healing and hope in your world. Use us as instruments of peace; for we ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**.

***Hymn:** "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" UMH# 438

Benediction

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

Music Notes: Today is our annual in-gathering Sunday for our stewardship campaign. This year's theme, "God is Our Rock", is highlighted by the choir's anthem of the same title. The composer of this anthem, Allen Pote, is widely known for his sacred music compositions, as a church musician, and as a clinician for festivals and workshops. He is one of the most widely performed church music composers in the United States.

We thank those who participated in today's service:
Accompanist: Steve Hays, **Trumpet**: Wynton Jarvinen
Acolytes: Abby Bernard, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas
Altar Ministry: Susan Cartier-Barrett
Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie
Fellowship Hour: Pies and Praise Stewardship Reception with help from the Trustees and volunteers
Liturgist: Fred Lewis
Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble, Ginger Elliot, Deb Garth, Clayton Calhoun, Erin Robles
Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, Janet Bigler, Meri Blanchard, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, Jo Anne E, Ted G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Diane M, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Alfredo R, the family of Linda S who passed away last week, Lynn T, Kathy M, Allie W, our service members & 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.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two hymnals: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) & The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 yrs.
*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

"Faith involves periods when God seems distant, prayers appear unanswered, and our early enthusiasm begins to fade... Jesus knows that we grow tired. His question is whether we are tending the relationship that will sustain us through the waiting." – Matthew Fox

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment Nancy Moriarty

Prelude: "Vater unser in Himmelreich" (Our Father in Heaven) Georg Boehm (1661-1733)

Introit: "God is My Rock"

God is my rock, He is my strong salvation; He is my hope and I will trust in Him. God is my fortress. I will not be shaken. God is my rock, my strength; I will trust in Him. God is my rock, my strength, and my song.

***Call to Worship:** – *Ministry Matters*

Leader: Are you ready to worship?
People: We believe that we are.
Leader: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God's word.
People: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.
Leader: The Lord comes to you this day.
People: Thanks be to God for God's abiding presence and promise. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" UMH # 662

Morning Unison Prayer: – RE Worship Resources

O Lord, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given to each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing to your love and your healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Congregation Response:** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH# 328

Anthem: "Steal Away" Spiritual arr. by Brazeal W. Dennard
sung by the tenors and basses of the choir
The text may be found at UMH# 704

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Moment: Dr. Desiree A. McKay-Rogers

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT'S WORD TO US

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 Prayer Response: "Walk in the Spirit of Love"

Walk in the spirit of love, walk in the spirit of love, love one another as Jesus loves you, Walk in the spirit of love.

***Hymn:** "Christ Beside Me" TFWS# 2166

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

New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13 (NRSV) pp. 26-27

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

The Word in Reflection: "The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Ministries

With great joy we receive our morning offering today. This is a vital reminder of the many ways in which we can serve God through the ministries and mission of this church. Let us joyfully receive this morning's offering.