RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Ministries

Holy God, you are generous and kind. You faithfully give us what we need to live, with enough to share. We are grateful, and hope that we never take your blessings for granted. Thank you for the opportunity to give back a portion of your goodness to us. May your purposes be fulfilled through these gifts and offerings. We pray in your precious name. **Amen**.

Offertory Anthem: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" arr. for handbells by Hart Morris

***Doxology** UMH# 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: – Ministry Matters

There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these tokens to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen**.

***Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH# 102

Benediction

Postlude: "Nun Danket alle Gott (Now thank we all our God) Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Music Notes: The spiritual, Ride on, King Jesus, was first published in "Jubilee Songs Complete as Sung by the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University" in 1872. The Jubilee Singers were students at Fisk University, most of whom had been former slaves. George Leonard White, Fisk's treasurer and music professor, gathered the group and took them on tour to raise money for the university. Following a successful tour in New York City, music publisher, Biglow & Main, transcribed and published many of the spirituals that this group sang.

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays, **Adult Handbell Choir**
Acolytes: Adeline and Anja Berke, Sam Crawford
Altar Ministry: Lisa Everett
Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie
Fellowship Hour: The Trustees and volunteers
Liturgist: Holly Blair
Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland, Ann Guyotte
Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, 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, 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, Lynn T, Kathy M, Allie W, our service members & their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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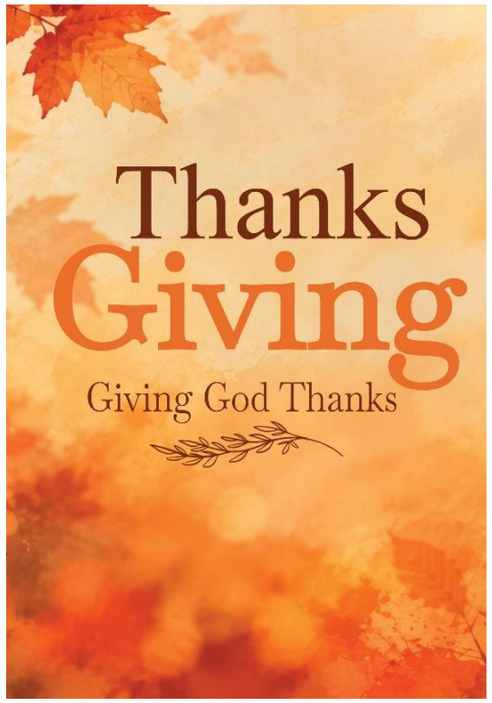

Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.

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

Christ the King and Thanksgiving Sunday

November 22, 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

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything." – Thomas Merton

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Festive Toccata on Old Hundredth" arr. for handbells by Cathy Moklebust

Introit: "Jesus Calls Us"

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, Christian follow me! Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, Christian, love me more.

***Call to Worship:** – Journey Resources

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

***Hymn:** "We Gather Together" UMH # 131

Morning Unison Prayer: – RE Worship Resources

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts, talents and blessings you have entrusted to us. Help us never to take them for granted or hide them out of fear, doubt or insecurity. Lord, teach us to use what you have given us wisely, faithfully and generously. Give us the courage to recognise our abilities, the wisdom to make good choices, and the humility to serve others through our actions. When we feel inadequate, remind us that you do not expect perfection, but faithfulness. Help us to be responsible with every opportunity, every moment and every blessing. May we never waste the gifts you have placed in our hands, but use them to bring love, hope and goodness into the lives of others. **Amen.**

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

Anthem: Ride on, King Jesus!

Ride on, King Jesus! No man cana hinder me.

REFRAIN: For He is King of kings, for He is Lord of lords.

Jesus Christ, the first and last, No man works like Him.
Jesus rides a milk white horse, no man works like Him.
The river of Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him.

REFRAIN

Jesus rides in the middle of the air, doo,doo,doo,doo,doo.
He calls the Saints from ev'rywhere, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo

REFRAIN

***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:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH# 92

(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: 14-30 (The Message)

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: "Give Thanks" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun