Offertory Anthem: "Take my Hand, Precious Lord" text and music by Thomas A. Dorsey
The text may be found at UMH# 474 arr. by Joel Raney

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: – Bell Worship Material
Holy God, we are so thankful for the overflowing of blessings that you give us. We are blessed to be stewards of your creation and all the resources we have been provided. Please continue to guide us as we seek to generously share our blessings with others. We ask that you multiply our efforts and our offerings for the furtherance of your kingdom here on earth. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.

***Hymn:** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" TFWS# 2241

Benediction

Postlude: Fantasia on "Hyfrydol" Gordon Young

Music Notes: The anthem this morning, "Take my hand. Precious Lord" was composed by Thomas Dorsey in 1932 in the wake of profound personal tragedy. Dorsey's wife, Nettie, died during childbirth and their newborn son shortly thereafter. The text speaks of divine guidance during moments of deep despair and weakness.

We Welcome Lisa Everett to the pulpit today. Lisa is a 26-year veteran English teacher in Connecticut. A lifelong Methodist, she and her family have been attending Trinity United Methodist since 2013. She currently serves as chair of the Worship Committee and had taken classes towards being a fully Certified Lay Speaker.

We thank those who participated in today's service:
Accompanist: Steve Hays, **Percussion**: Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas, **Adult Handbell Choir**
Acolytes: Michaela Darkwa, Nico Pisano, Sam Crawford
Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun
Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie
Fellowship Hour: The Trustees and volunteers
Liturgist: Tina Warren
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

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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, Lynn T, Kathy M, Allie W, our service members & their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Director of Music Ministries, *Dr. Bruce Glenny*
Director of Family Ministries, *Dr. Desiree A. McKay-Rogers*



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

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 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

"A joyful heart turns giving into worship." - (2 Corinthians 9:6–7)

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment Wynton Jarvinen

Prelude: "Trumpet Tune" Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Introit: "Jesus Call 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:** – Ministry Matters

Leader: God has shown us that there is enough;
People: We declare that we are a community of generosity.
Leader: When things are tight, and the future seems uncertain,
People: We declare that we are a community of possibility.
Leader: God's love shapes us and molds us to share from our own blessings;
People: We declare that we are a community of overflow.

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

Morning Unison Prayer: – Discipleship Ministries

God, you are our source and everything else is our resource. You are an unlimited supply of grace, love, joy, and all that we need in our lives. Nothing can compare to you. Nothing comes close. There is no shortage in you. As we acknowledge that we are blessed, may we be generous in sharing our resources with others. Amen.

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

Anthem: "Down by the Riverside" Traditional Spiritual arr. for Handbells by Valerie W. Stephenson

***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:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH# 140

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

New Testament Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7 (NRSV) p. 173

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

The Word in Reflection: "Seeing the BIG Picture" Lisa Everett

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – RE Worship

Generosity challenges us to not only give but to consider the impact our giving has. Generosity creates hope and invests in a future not yet seen. Generosity inspires our faith and calls us to be people who support and nurture those around us. Today we give, claiming that God has opened our eyes to witness the need among us and God has opened our hearts to give shamelessly. May what we give today create a ripple effect felt farther than we can imagine.