

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: –*Ministry Matters*

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.

Offertory Anthem:

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” Words & Music by Joel Raney

Bless the Lord, O my soul; let all that is within me bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and remember God's great mercy. Bless the Lord, O my soul; let earth and sky and heaven bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and sing God's praise forever. Bless the Lord, whose almighty pow'r renews our strength when hope is gone. Bless the Lord, whose abounding love can take an empty heart and fill it with a song! Praise God from whom all blessings flow, and sing God's praise forever and forever.

Doxology

UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: – *Discipleship Ministries*

God of glory, we bring our gifts to you today with hearts full of thanksgiving, aware of all the spiritual blessings that we have in Christ. Fill us with wisdom and understanding of your love, and may these offerings be used to further your kingdom on earth. Strengthen us to walk in the power of your calling for your glory. All praise to you, Almighty God. **Amen.**

***Hymn:**

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

UMH# 413

Benediction

Postlude:

“Voluntary in Bb”

Eric Thiman

Today's prelude is a saraband or slow dance from the early Baroque in triple time. By J. S. Bach's time dances such as this one were incorporated in keyboard suites. A "Ground" is a repeating bass melody with changing figuration in the upper voice, similar to a theme and variations composition. Grounds were used in the 15th through 18th century as a compositional form.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Sam Crawford, Anthony and Nicolas Skridulas

Altar Ministry: Lisa Everett and family

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: The Membership & Evangelism Committee and volunteers

Flautist: Kyle LaFleur

Liturgist: Brenda Sheldon

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher,

Video Team: Brian Crawford, Samuel Crawford, Nic Odell, Anthony and 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, 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.

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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

November 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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.*

“The bread which you hold back belongs to the hungry; the coat, which you guard in your locked storage-chests, belongs to the naked; the footwear mouldering in your closet belongs to those without shoes. The silver that you keep hidden in a safe place belongs to the one in need. Thus, however many are those whom you could have provided for, so many are those whom you wrong.” — *Saint Basil*

Stewardship Moment

Thomas Sheldon

Prelude: “Saraband on a Ground” Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

Introit: “Arriving Song” (sung by the Choristers)
Hello, hello; We say, "How do you do?" Hello, hello; We come to meet God too.
(Bonjour, Bonjour)
(Hola, Hola)

It's good to be together, to sing and learn and pray; It's good to be together with God today.

***Call to Worship:** – *Written by Janice Jean Springer, found in Touch of Holiness*

One: God is great, and greatly to be praised!

All: We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.

One: God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

All: We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.

One: Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

All: We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

All: Come! Let us worship the Lord.

***Hymn:** “Morning Has Broken” UMH# 145

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** -*Ministry Matters*

Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in your world. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well — and you will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint you when we denigrate the value of the talents or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe that we are capable of helping in this world. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to trust in your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, indifferent to the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rejoice and celebrate! God has placed God's trust and love deep within your hearts. You have been called and trusted to serve God. Alleluia! **Amen.**

***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.

Anthem: “Take my hand, Precious Lord” words and music by Thomas A. Dorsey
arr. by Joel Raney

The Text may be found at UMH# 474

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.

***Hymn:** “Be Thou My Vision” UMH# 451
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30 (NRSV) N.T. p. 27

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “The Parable of the Talents” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun