

Offertory Anthem: “Sing to the Lord A New Song” Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
text: Psalms 96,98,100

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Proclaim His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. Praise the Lord, bless His holy name.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with music; Break forth into joyous singing. Praise the Lord, bless His holy name.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Praise the Lord, bless His holy name.
Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Amen.

Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving:
God, you are the ultimate creative force. Be creative with us, with our gifts, with our strengths, with our deep and abiding faith in you. Make use of all we offer to fulfill in us and around us and through us your promises of abundance, justice, and love. We pray with faith in the power and presence of your Holy Spirit that guides our giving and our living. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” UMH# 519

Benediction

Postlude: Postlude on “Hyfrydol” tune by Richard H. Prichard (1811-1887) Gordon Young

Gordon Young was an outstanding organist and choral conductor who was trained at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He served churches in Lancaster, PA, Tulsa, OK and for many years at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit, MI. Many of his organ and choral compositions are still in print today.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Vera Baker

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Jesse & Betty H, from Jess & Barbara H

Altar Ministry: Lisa Everett and family

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Trustees Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Tina Warren

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Karen Andros, Wendy Regan, Ian Smythe, Judy Wing

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, the family of Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Sophia G, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Diane M, Carlos M, Herb M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Catherine Ann R, Alfredo R, Jennifer R, 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

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 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 QUIET MEDITATION

“The journey itself was her positive action.” –Shirley Jackson”

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment Chad Thompson

Prelude: Prelude on “Slane” (Traditional Irish Melody) Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Introit: “God is My Rock”
God is my rock, 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:
One: Friends, rejoice for God has brought us together!
Many: We experience the love of God in the fellowship we share.
One: Together, we can encounter God who is always revealing God’s self.
Many: We see the awesome deeds of God in the lives and stories of another.
One: Together, we can shout praises to God for all the good God has done, is doing, and will do.
Many: Our voices merge to amplify our songs of praise and proclamations of God’s good news.
One: Together, we can tend to the hurting and sorrowful among us.
Many: God’s grace is made tangible in the care we offer and receive.
One: Together, we journey closer and closer to the promises of God.
Many: We rejoice in the grace of companionship and the presence of God who joins us here
And now. Amen.

*Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH# 89

*Unison Prayer of Confession:
God, we know that you are constantly moving. We know, but we don’t always notice. We don’t always enjoy and rejoice and respond to your gracious presence and loving action. We long to be a people that experiences your love and expresses our gratitude for that love through our words and deeds. Too often, we are distracted by worries, fears, and deceptions. They blur the goodness around us and within us. They convince us to close ourselves off from one another, to prioritize our own protection rather than living into your promises of hope and healing. Forgive us for all that we don’t notice, all that we don’t rejoice, and all the responses we have yet to offer. Amen.

Words of Assurance:
Friends, God desires your noticing but God does not need it to remain God. That is the glory and goodness of God. God is and will always be good! God does and will love you! Enjoy it! Rejoice in it! Respond to it! The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ proclaims that God is with us and wants us to relish in God’s abiding love! **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: “Teach Me, O Lord” Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)
Text: Psalm 119:33: Teach me, O Lord the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it, unto the end.

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.

*Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH# 140
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 29:4-7 (CEB) & 2 Timothy 2:8-15 (CEB)

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

The Word in Reflection: “Route Talk” Rob Powell, M.Div

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:
Great and Good God, your grace pours out steadily over Creation. Grace that heals; grace that blesses; grace that inspires; grace that nourishes. And, we are grateful. We offer these gifts in response to your grace. Receive our offerings as expressions of gratitude for your grace and praise of your glory. In the name of your ultimate gift of grace, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.