RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

God, as we give today, we remember the struggles of Your people – both in the past and present. Help us to stand with those who are longing for your justice and peace. May these offerings be a symbol of our desire to bring hope and healing to a broken world, trusting that you will ultimately restore all things. **Amen**.

Offertory Anthem: "Prayer of St. Francis" text by St. Francis of Assisi, arr. by Robert Delgado

Text made be found in TFWS #2171

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(see insert)

Music During Communion: "Lamb of God" David Hurd (b.1950)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

"Ave Verum Corpus"

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda* fluxit et sanguine, Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

English Translation:

Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man, Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, Be for us a foretaste In the test of death.

*Hymn: "Standing on the Promises" UMH# 374

Benediction

Postlude: Postlude on "Hymn to Joy" Charles Callahan

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of her mother, Marilyn M, from Deb M

Altar Ministry: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carilloneur: Thomas St. Marie

Communion Servers: Greg & Karen Andros and Berney & Shonali Bhajjan

Fellowship Hour: Trustees Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Lisa Bakowski

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte,

Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland

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, Carlos M, Herb M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Catherine Ann R, Alfredo R, Jennifer R, 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, socioeconomic 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

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 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

"You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied: let us sit side by side sharing the same bread drawn from the same source to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak. Then standing together let us share the same spirit, the same thoughts that once again draw us together in friendship and unity and peace."

— Prieres d'Ozawamick, Canadian Indian liturgical text

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Two Variations on Adoro te devote ("Humbly We Adore Thee")

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

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: — Discipleship Ministries

One: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

Many: People called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

One: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

Many: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

One: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

Many: As God's people we seek to increase our faith, to offer peace to a shattered world, to feast together at one table of love.

*Hymn: "In Unity We Lift Our Song" TFWS# 2221

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, Mother of Mercy, Father of Grace – You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our selfishness, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of justice, but in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Forgive us, we pray. Transform us at this table and send us from this table as servants of your justice and peace. Amen.

*Words of Assurance:

Do not be afraid! Christ has called. Christ has redeemed us. Christ will save us all. 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: "I heard the voice of Jesus say" text: Horatius Bonar (1809-1889) arr. Douglas Wagner

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest; lay down thou weary one, lay down thy head on my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, I was weary, and worn, and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give the living water, thirsty one: stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light: look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all the day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk, 'til trav'ling days are done.

I heard the voice of Jesus: "Come unto Me and rest." Amen.

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: "In the Midst of New Dimensions" TFWS# 2238

(No Chapel Kids on Communion Sunday.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 17: 5-10 (NRSV) N.T. Page 75

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: "Increase our Faith" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun