

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

Carillonneur: 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, 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

October 5, 2025

WELCOME

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** – *Discipleship Ministries*

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

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

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.

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

***Words of Assurance:**

Do not be afraid! Christ has called. Christ has redeemed us. Christ will save us all. **Amen.**

“As the Deer”

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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