

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

The Word in Reflection: “The Rich Man and Lazarus” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:
Lord, as we offer our gifts today, we are reminded of the divide between those who live in comfort and those who suffer. Help us to care for the poor, the oppressed, and those on the margins of society. Guide us to use what we have to help others and show compassion. May our offerings reflect our desire to build bridges of love. In Jesus’ name, **Amen.**

Offertory: “Be Thou my Vision (Slane)” arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski (1950-2021)

Doxology UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**
Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you. Things that are both visible and invisible. The coins and paper represent our work, and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the fragile dreams and hopes that we have. These invisible gifts are what sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH# 377

Benediction

Postlude: “Fantasia in F major” Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

- Accompanist:** Vera Baker
Acolytes: Sam Crawford, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas
Adult Handbell Choir
Altar Flowers: In honor of Jim's birthday, from Diane M
Altar Ministry: Vera Baker and Susan Cartier-Barrett
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
Fellowship Hour: The Missions Committee & volunteers
Liturgist: Hope Lewis
Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland
Video Team: Brian and 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, Sophia G, Courtney H, Tony I, 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, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern



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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 28, 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

“If you do not know your own identity, who is going to identify you” – Thomas Merton

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Liebster Jesu. wir sind hier (“Dearest Jesus, we are here”) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit: “Christians, We have met to Worship”
Christians we have met to worship and adore the lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word.
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down,
Christians pray and Holy manna will be showered all around.

*Call to Worship: - Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

Leader: We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

People: We gather to rest in the shadow of God’s wings.

Leader: We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

People: We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God’s wings.

Leader: We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

People: We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God’s wings.

Leader: Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

People: We gather to worship in the shadow of God’s wings.

*Hymn: “Morning Has Broken” UMH# 145

Reflections from Trinity Youth

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, God of reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever. Amen.

*Words of Assurance: – Ministry Matters

This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins. God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response: “As the Deer” TFWS# 2025

Anthem: “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” Text by F.W. Faber (1814-1863)
Music by Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in Heav'n;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement giv'n.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrow of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our lord.

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.

Prayer Response “God be in my Head”
God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking.

*Hymn: “Let All Things Now Living” TFWS# 2008
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 16: 19-31 (NRSV) N.T. p. 75