

Offertory: “I want Jesus to Walk with Me” Spiritual arr. by Lloyd Larson

Music During Communion

***Hymn:** “Would I Have Answered When You Called” TFWS# 2137

Benediction

Postlude: “Voluntary no. 6 in D major” John Stanley
Allegro Moderato

John Stanley was an English composer and organist who was nearly blind. He was able to overcome this challenge with his musical memory which allowed him to play oratorios after only one hearing. At the age of 7, he studied organ with Maurice Greene, the organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. By the age of 11, he was appointed organist at All Hallows, Bread Street and by 14 was organist at the church of St. Andrew Holborn. He was the youngest person at the age of 17 to receive a Bachelor of Music degree from Oxford.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Richard E. A, from his wife and in loving memory of Richard A. B, from his sister, Jacki B

Altar Ministry: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Communion Servers: Vera Baker, Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte, Jennifer Rowell

Fellowship Hour: Missions Committee

Liturgist: Debra Rogers

Soloist: Holly Joy Pearson, contralto

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Clayton Calhoun, Hope & Fred Lewis, 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, 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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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

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Communion

September 7, 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

“I love the recklessness of faith. First, you leap, and then you grow wings” William Slone Coffin

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Voluntary no. 6 in D major” John Stanley (1712-1786)
Adagio - Andante - Adagio

*Call to Worship: - Lavon Baylor, *Flames of the Spirit*, Ruth C. Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1985, 52
Leader: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.
People: Welcome, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.
Leader: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.
People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.
Leader: Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

*Hymn: “And Are We Yet Alive” UMH# 553 (vv. 1, 2, 4 & 6)

*Unison Prayer of Confession: — *The Worship Closet*
God of our lives, you search us and know us. We have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry. We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self. We have not counted the cost of walking into an unknown future with you. Help us turn away from evil, that we may walk with you once more. Amen.

*Words of Assurance:
The Holy One rejoices in our repentance, reshaping us into vessels of love and service. In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

*Response: “We Are One In The Spirit” TFWS# 2223 (v.4)
**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

Special Music: “Deep River” Spiritual arr. by John Rutter

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.**

*Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH# 139
(*Chapel Kids resumes on September 21st.*)

Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 25-33 (NRSV) N.T. p. 73

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

The Word in Reflection: “Count the Cost” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – *Discipleship Resources*
Holy and righteous God, through your Son, you have called us to follow. The gifts we offer this day are only a small token of affirmation that we accept that call. If we embraced the full meaning of that call, we would give our whole being to the offering. In many cases, we’ve allowed ourselves to believe that a few dollars and an hour on Sunday is the cost of discipleship. Help us to stop fooling ourselves, and consider the full cost of a discipleship that means something, that is capable of transforming the world. By your grace and with the help of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**