

Offertory Anthem: “I Am Not My Own” text by Susan Bentall Boersma, music by Craig Courtney
I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death, I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free. I am not my own. For salvation all things work together, in eternal life He gives me hope. By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him. I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I belong to Him in life, in death, my only comfort, I belong to Him. I will live for Him, forever and evermore.

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: – *RE Worship*
Gracious God, you entrust us to proclaim your Gospel in word and deed. Let these offerings symbolize our commitment to your call. May our time, talents, and treasures reflect the love of Christ in all that we do, think, and say. In his holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

Reception of New Members - Congregational Response:
We rejoice and welcome you to this fellowship in Christian love. Together with you, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of our church by our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified. Amen.
***Hymn:** “Whom Shall I Send?” UMH# 582

Benediction

Postlude: “The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba” George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
arr. for organ by Colin Hand

Music Notes: The postlude, "The arrival of the Queen of Sheba", is an instrumental piece which opens Act II of Handel's 1749 oratorio, Solomon. The piece was originally composed for strings and two oboes, but is now heard in various transcriptions, including this one for organ. Because of its lively character and memorable melodies, this piece has become one of Handel's most famous compositions.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Vera Baker; Trumpet: Wynton Jarvinen

Acolytes: Raizel Bhajjan, Sam Crawford, Michaela Darkwa

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Liturgist: Nate Olin

Fellowship Hour: Membership & Evangelism

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Matt Connelly, Ses Nomishan, Hope & Fred Lewis

Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, Ted G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Diane M, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann Rn, Gerald R, Lynn T, Kathy M, Allie W, our service members & 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

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two hymnals: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) & The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 yrs.
*Please stand in body or in spirit. **Items in bold are read in unison.** *Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

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

“Nothing separates us more from God and our fellow human beings than our grievances. If you want to avoid God, concentrate all of your energy on money, and status, but most of all on your grievances.”
–William Slone Coffin

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Debra Rogers

Prelude: Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr ("All Glory be to God on High") J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit: “Jesus Calls Us”

***Call to Worship:** – *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024*
Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.
People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.
Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don’t listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.
Leader: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.
People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.
Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God’s Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.
People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn:** “Christ For the World We Sing” UMH #568

***Morning Unison Prayer:** – *Written by John van de Laar and posted on Sacredise.com.*
In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your hope. In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your peace. In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your compassion. In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your love. In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your joy. May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but to whisper, to sing,

and to enact, the message of your reign which is always coming into our world; And may our quietly prophetic lives be channels of your restoring grace wherever we may go. Amen.

***Congregation Response:** “Surely the Presence of the Lord” UMH# 328

Anthem: “Lead Me Lord” Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)
Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness. make Thy ways plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. Lead me, Lord, lead me in true holiness, teach me to love and trust in Thee. Thou art our God, the God of our salvation, all nations shall praise Thy Holy Name.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment: Dr. Desiree A. McKay-Rogers

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 Prayer Response: “Walk in the Spirit of Love”
Walk in the spirit of love, walk in the spirit of love, love one another as Jesus loves you, Walk in the spirit of love.

***Hymn:** “Lord of the Dance” UMH# 261
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please bring your children & pick them up.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 53-58 (NRSV) pp. 14-15

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

The Word in Reflection: “The Cost of Contempt” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: - *Ministry Matters*
Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. **Amen.**