

Offertory Anthem: “God is My Rock” text psalm 62, 90, music by Allen Pote (b. 1945)
Refrain: God is my rock, He is my strong salvation; 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.

For God alone waits my soul in silence, my only hope is in Him. For He will save me from the time of trial;

Refrain

For God has been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Before the mountains were made, or the sea was formed, God was, God is, and forever God will be.

Refrain

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Music During Communion: “Let Us Break Bread Together” UMH# 618

***Hymn:** “Standing on the Promises” UMH# 374

Benediction

Postlude: “Hymn of Joy” arr. by Charles Callahan

Music Notes: The composer of today's prelude and postlude is Charles Callahan, an organist, pianist, college professor and prolific composer. He taught at Catholic University, Middlebury College, Baylor University and Rollins College. With over 300 compositions to his name, Callahan's style was described by the Washington Post as, "gentle. confident lyricism". Among his notable compositions were two commissions from Harvard University, as well as commissions from the Archdioceses of St. Louis and New York for papal visits.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Vera Baker

Acolytes: Adeline and Anja Berke, Raizel Bhajjan

Altar Ministry: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Communion Stewards: Vera Baker, Kris Goold, Molly and Alan Harwood

Liturgist: Greg Andros

Fellowship Hour: Volunteers

Musical Offerings: Teri LaFleur, soprano: Wynton Jarvinen, trumpet

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Karen Andros, Wendy Regan, Jack Rust, Ian Smythe

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

Please Pray for: Vera B & family, Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, the family of David & Priscilla F, Ted G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Diane M, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Lynn T, Kathy M–Tina W’s sister, 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

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost; World Communion Sunday

October 4, 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

“Although we may come from vastly different stories and very different walks of life, we are one people who possess common values and common ideals; who celebrate individual excellence but also share a recognition that together, we can accomplish great and wonderful things we can't accomplish alone.” – Barack Obama

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Two Variations on, “Adoro te devote” (Humbly we Adore Thee) Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Introit: “Jesus Calls Us”
Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, Christian follow me! Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, Christian, love me more.

***Call to Worship:** – Safiyah Fosua, *The Africana Worship Book*

Leader: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

People: Carry greetings across the railroad tracks to those we never meet.

Leader: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

People: Send messages and e-mails to Good Christian Friends in Africa and Asia, South America and Europe!

Leader: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

People: Extend your hand of fellowship to both the shelters and the mansions, to the projects and the gated communities.

Leader: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

People: Reach out your arms to gather in the little ones and the not-so-little, the vulnerable and the ones who think they have to do it all on their own.

Leader: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

People: Remember that we are one HUGE family!!!

All: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

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

***Morning Unison Prayer:** – *Written by Norman D. Yeater. Posted on the Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren*
Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.

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

Anthem: “Wings Like Eagles” Allen Pote (b. 1945)
They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall rise up, shall rise up with wings like eagles. They shall run, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk, shall walk and not faint. Have you not known nor heard? The Lord is an everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He will give power to the faint, strength to the weak, for those whose trust is in the Lord.

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:** “In Christ There Is No East of West” UMH# 548
(Please Note: No Chapel Kids on Communion Sunday.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Luke 17: 5-10 (NRSV)

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

The Word in Reflection: “World Communion Sunday” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: – *Discipleship Ministries*
Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. **Amen.**