

Offertory Anthem: Gift of Love - English Folk Melody, “O Waly Waly” arr. by Hal Hopson
The text may be found in UMH# 408

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: - Bell Worship Resources
Giver of all good gifts, you offer us abundance beyond measure. Help us to release our grip on worldly desires and focus our hearts on your eternal grace. Accept these offerings as acts of gratitude and trust. In Christ’s name, we pray. **Amen.**

Hymn: “God Will Take Care of You” UMH# 130

Benediction

Postlude: “Postlude in the18th century Style” Eric Thiman

Music Notes: The arranger of the Offertory Anthem, Hal Hopson (1933-2025), was an American composer and church musician residing in Texas. He has published over 3,000 works which comprise almost every musical form in church music. Hopson wrote hymn tunes, arranged hymn tunes for choirs and composed many anthems with sacred texts. Probably every choir in America has sung music composed or arranged by Hal Hopson.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:
Accompanist: Steve Hays
Acolytes: Audrey Crawford, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas
Altar Ministry: Susan Cartier-Barrett
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
Liturgist: Hope Lewis
Fellowship Hour: The Missions Committee and volunteers
Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland, Ann Guyotte, Jo Anne Evans
Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Vera and family, Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Richard B, Mary C, Pat D, the family of David & Priscilla F, Ted G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Diane M, Holly Joy P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Lynn T, 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

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two songbooks: 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

“I’m convinced of this: Good done anywhere is good done everywhere. For a change, start by speaking to people rather than walking by them like they’re stones that don’t matter. As long as you’re breathing, it’s never too late to do some good.” ~ Maya Angelou

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Saraband on a Ground” Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

Introit: “God is My Rock”
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.
God is my rock. my strength, and my song.

***Call to Worship:** –Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026
Leader: In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...
People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
Leader: In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God’s provision and abundance deep in our bones...
People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
Leader: In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...
People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
Leader: Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...
People: As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

***Hymn:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH# 127

***Morning Unison Prayer:** – by Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay & posted on the Worship Ways website of the U.C.C.
Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name. Amen.

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

Anthem: “Without Seeing You” text and music by David Haas (b.1957)
The text may be found in TFWS# 2206 - The congregation is invited to sing the refrain with the choir.

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: “Hear our Prayer, O Lord”
Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

***Hymn:** “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” UMH# 581
(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 20: 1-16 (NRSV) pp. 20-21

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

The Word in Reflection: “Laborers in the Vineyard” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: – Discipleship Ministries
Steadfast God, for us to live is Christ. In every season, you hold us, and in every struggle, you knit us together as one body. Receive these gifts as signs that we choose to stand firm, striving side by side, living as citizens of your kin-dom. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, strengthen your church, and bear witness that love is stronger than fear. Shape our common life to be worthy of the gospel, until our unity itself proclaims your grace. **Amen.**