

Offertory Music: “Allegro Moderato” from Sonata II BWV 1031 J.S. Bach

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

Prayer of Dedication: – Bell Worship Resources

Compassionate God, we often rely on our own strength rather than placing our full trust in you. Remind us of your steadfast love and help us surrender our fears. Bless these offerings and those who give them. May they bring comfort and hope in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

Hymn: “Standing on the Promises” UMH# 374

Benediction

Postlude: “Voluntary in D Major” John Stanley
Allegro Moderato

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Christian Education Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Holly Blair

Musical Offerings: Janet Dixon-Metcalf, flute

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

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, David F and family on the passing of his wife, Trinity member Priscilla, Drew & Stephanie G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Diane M, Anna O, Holly Joy P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, the family of Carl S, Lynn T, Tina W, Allie W, Rev. Ronald B. Y, our service members and 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

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 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

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ” (Matthew 16:18)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Voluntary in D Major” John Stanley (1712-1786)
Adagio - Andante - Adagio

*Call to Worship: - Ministry Matters

Leader: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

People: We look around and wonder where God is.

Leader: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

People: God surrounds us with love and courage.

Leader: Come, let us praise God for God’s abiding presence.

People: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don’t recognize your loving presence. Amen.

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

*Morning Unison Prayer: - Ministry Matters

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Response:** “Be Thou my Vision” (vv. 1 & 2) UMH# 451

Verse 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Special Music: “Siciliano” from Sonata II BWV 1031 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment: Lisa Everett

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

(Note: Chapel Kids is on hiatus for the season. It resumes mid-September.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20 (NRSV) p. 17

Response to the Word:

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: “Who Do the People Say I Am?” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: – Discipleship Ministries Resources
Faithful God, you reveal true power not through fear or force, but through love that gives life and builds community. You call us to know who we are because we know whose we are—your people, shaped by Christ and sent for the sake of the world. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your way of life over the ways of death, of courage over control, of welcome over exclusion. Use what we offer to strengthen your church as a living witness to your grace, that through our sharing and our serving, others may discover the identity of Christ and the hope found in him. **Amen.**