

Offertory: "If Thou Art with Me" J.S. Bach, arr. C Seipp

Doxology UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

As we offer our gifts to you, we are reminded of your call to step out into the world and make a difference. Give us courage and wisdom as we engage with the world around us, sharing your love and truth with others. Bless these offerings, that they may support ministries and missions that reach out to those in need. And empower us to be your hands and feet in the world, shining your light wherever we go. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** "Whom Shall I Send?" UMH# 582

Benediction

Postlude: "You've Got a Friend in Me" R. Newman, arr. C. White

We thank those who participated in today's service:

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

Acolytes: Henry & Julia Gray, Levi Varnon

Altar Flowers: In memory of what would have been her mother Vera's birthday, from Jane S.

Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Ways & Means (Ad Hoc) Committee

Liturgist: Aisla Varnon

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Rita Auchy, Holly Blair, Ray Miller

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Jim A, Lisa B, Borys B, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B (granddaughter of Pastor Ken & Meri B), Jean C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C, Benard D, Dominick E, Jo Anne E, Mary G, Courtney H, Aurie I, Tom L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Daryl P, the family of Claire P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Jane S, Thomas S, Carl S, Lynn T, Alison (Allie) W, the W family, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by natural disasters and gun violence.

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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

Second Sunday after Epiphany/Human Relations Sunday

January 19, 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

“History can predict nothing except that great changes in human relationships will never come about in the form in which they have been anticipated.” – Johan Huizinga

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Used to Be Mine” S. Bareilles

*Call to Worship: – Discipleship Ministries

Leader: We gather from far and near.

People: Gathering to come and see the Good News of Jesus.

Leader: We connect with one another on this Human Relations Day.

People: Connecting to experience the humanity in one another.

Leader: We follow the one proclaimed by Moses and the prophets.

People: Following Jesus, we invite others to come and see the promise of the Beloved Community.

***Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH# 577

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love. Amen.

*Words of Assurance: – Ministry Matters

The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away. Hear these words of forgiveness. Be strengthened to walk as disciples, and trust in God's mercy. **Amen.**

***Response:** “In The Bleak Midwinter” UMH# 221 (v.4)

**What can I give Him, Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, — Give my heart.**

Special Music: “The Heavens Declare” B. Marcello, arr. C. Seipp

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.**

Prayer Response

***Hymn:** “This Is My Song” UMH # 437
(Chapel Kids for 5-13 year olds will resume next Sunday, January 26, 2025.)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-45 (NIV - New International Version)

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: “Deeper Reflections” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Resources

Almighty God, as we prepare to bring our offerings to you, we are reminded of our constant need for you in our lives. You are our provider, our sustainer, and our strength. Without you, we are nothing. May these gifts be a symbol of our dependence on you, acknowledging that all we have comes from your hand. Help us to rely on you more fully in every aspect of our lives, trusting in your unfailing love and care. **Amen.**