Offertory: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arr. L. Larson

Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: - written by Katherine Hawker

Gracious and Loving God, may the offerings brought this day be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. **Amen**.

*Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH# 664

Benediction

Postlude: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Ministry: Judy Wing **Carilloneur:** Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Membership & Evangelism Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Phyllis Thompson **Soloist:** Caroline Mazzarella

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Clayton Calhoun,

Fred & Hope Lewis, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Mary A, Lisa B, Borys B, Beverly B, Pat B, James B, Meri B, Jennifer C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C, Paul D', Judy D, the D family, Benard D, Dominick E, Mary (T) G, David & Leslie H, Courtney H, Aurie I, Blair J, Karin K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Gavin M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Alfredo R, Henry (Bing) S, Jane S, Ruth S, Lynn T, Alison (Allie) W, 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

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service. 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

"The ability to discipline yourself to delay gratification in the short term in order to enjoy greater rewards in the long term is the indispensable prerequisite for success" – Maxwell Maltz

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Here I Am, Lord" D. Schutte arr. M. Hayes

*Call to Worship: -Discipleship Ministries

Leader: A summer stillness rests in each morning.

People: Taste and see how good God is.

Leader: A summer vacation opens vistas of God's creation.

People: Taste and see how good God is.

Leader: Long days of light, picnics and play until night.

People: Taste and see how good God is.

Leader: Summer wonder, summer rest, summer worship.

All: Taste and see how good God is.

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH# 89

*Unison Prayer of Confession: — Ministry Matters

Searcher of hearts, you know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. You call us to be light for others when we prefer to keep ours hidden. We have filled our ears with the sounds of the world, and we have timidly spoken of your great love, we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy and forgive us. **Amen**.

*Words of Assurance:

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God's love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace. **Amen**.

*Response: "We Are One In The Spirit" TFWS# 2223 (v.4)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Special Music: "Your Grace is Enough" M. Maher

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: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH# 474

(Chapel Kids is over for the season. It will resume the 3rd Sunday in September.)

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 (NRSV) N.T. p. 161

John 6: 24-35 (NRSV)

N.T. p. 92

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: "The Discipline of Follow Through" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Resources

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. **Amen**.