

**Offertory:** “Shepherd Me, O God” M. Haugen, arr. M. Hayes

**Doxology** UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:** – O Gracious God, we bring these offerings forward as one way of saying “thank you.” We seek to be a grateful people, aware of the gift of your love and the miracle of life itself. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “The Voice of God Is Calling” UMH# 436

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Joy” J.S. Bach arr. Winston

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**We thank those who participated in today’s service:**

**We welcome Rev. Megan Stowe our District Superintendent to the pulpit today!**

Rev. Stowe earned a Master of Divinity at Boston University School of Theology and a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology at the University of Mexico. Her continuing education includes a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Marcia McFee’s worship planning retreat, “Tending the Fire” and the General Board of Discipleship’s Young Adult Leader’s Summit. Rev. Stowe and her husband, Stephen Schad, have two sons, Galen and Desi Schad.

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of Greta Breglio-Redman, from her husband, Scott and their daughters, Isabelle and Emma

**Altar Ministry:** Lisa Everett and family

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Fellowship Hour:** Membership & Evangelism Committee and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Debra Rogers

**Ushers:** Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Deb Garth, David Jenney

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

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***Please Pray for:***

Mary A, Lisa B, Borys B, Beverly B, James B, Meri B, Jennifer C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C, The D’ family, upon the death of Debbie’s brother Paul D’, Judy D, the D family, Benard D, Dominick E, Mary (T) G, the H family (upon the death of Pat’s brother, Ned H), David & Leslie H, Courtney H, Aurie I, Blair J, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Gavin M, Holly P, Sue P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Alfredo R, Henry (Bing) S, Jane 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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*Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern*



*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

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

July 28, 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**

“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”  
– Mohandas Gandhi

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE arr. D. Wood

**\*Call to Worship:** - Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

Leader: Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

**People: We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Leader: Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

**People: We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Leader: Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God’s love.

**People: We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Leader: However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God’s love draw us to honest confession; God’s acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God’s call compels us to live in grace.

**All: We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “Gather Us In” TFWS# 2236

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and harmful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You, the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance:** -Written by Moira Laidlaw

Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**\*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:** “Make a Joyful Noise ” M. Hayes

**Passing the Peace**

**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:** “How Firm a Foundation” UMH# 529  
*(Chapel Kids is over for the season. It will resume the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September.)*

**Scripture Reading:** John 6: 1-21 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 91-92

**Response to the Word:**

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

**Many:** Thanks be to God!

**The Word in Reflection:** “Loaves & Fishes” Rev. Megan Stowe

**RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS**

**Invitation to Offering:** -Discipleship Resources

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace. **Amen.**