

# *Trinity Church Welcomes You*

## **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Pastor Priscilla Hukki

\*Indicates standing as you are able.

**Bold indicates “in unison”.**

### **PRELUDE**

### **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings,

**we come to praise you.**

We come because we want to,

**we sing our songs because we are glad to,**

we pray for your grace because we need to,

**and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts**

**because without it we are a dead loss.**

Please lift every shutter within our mind,

and open every door within our soul,

**that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in.**

Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen!

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### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

UMH #114 vs. 1 & 2

1. God of change and glory, God of time and space,  
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.

In the midst of changing ways  
give us still the grace to praise.

*Refrain*

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing, from diversity  
we praise one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit,  
one Word known in many ways, hallowing our days.  
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

2. God of many colors, God of many signs,  
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.  
As the old ways disappear,  
let your love cast out our fear. [*Refrain*]

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**Living God cover us with your Holy Spirit to open our eyes to read your Holy Word, our ears to hear your Holy Word, and our minds to understanding the lessons that you teach. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’”

<sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of

dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

God’s Word for God’s People

**PSALM**

*Psalm 78: 23-29*

(read responsively)

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven, <sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

**SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 4: 1-16*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.” <sup>9</sup>(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to

maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

God's Word for God's People

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*John 6: 24-35*

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord

**SERMON**

Pastor Priscilla

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
 No gracious words we hear of him who spoke  
 as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
 and may our faith abound; to call on you  
 when you are near, and seek where you are found:

4. That when our life of faith is done  
 in realms of clearer light we may behold you  
 as you are in full and endless sight.

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### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and set us again on the right path.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Our hearts are hard, O God –  
 Soften them with your love.**

**Our hands are clenched, O God –  
 Open them with your grace.**

**Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –  
 Invite us to dance with you.**

**For good things left undone, and wrong things done – forgive us, O God.**

**Our lives are not our own, we know –**

**Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.**

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<https://holdfasttowhatgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession>. Used with permission.

## **WORDS OF ABSOLUTION**

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are set free. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **OFFERING**

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

**\*OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**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.**

(2 Samuel 7:1-14a)

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made  
ready for those who love God  
and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long  
time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and  
all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.  
Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

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## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

**\*HYMN**

*Bind Us Together*

TFWS #2226

Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together in love.

There is only one God,  
there is only one King;  
There is only one body,  
that is why we sing.

Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together in love.

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## BENEDICTION

May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much. May  
you fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all. Go in peace,  
do good, do no harm, stay in love with God and cultivate love  
everywhere you go. Amen.

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