

Trinity Church Welcomes You

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, August 22, 2026

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

God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God’s blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God’s call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God’s people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2025.

*OPENING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

UMH #374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Stand - - - ing, (Standing on the promises,)
stand - - - ing, (standing on the promises,)
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
stand - - - ing, (standing on the promises,)
stand - - - ing, (standing on the promises,)
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

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OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which
you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but
one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and
will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching

will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

God's Word for God's People

PSALM

Psalms 138

(read responsively)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12: 1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts

that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 16: 13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

HYMN

Holy Ground (2x)

TFWS #2272

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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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

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have
rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God.
Amen.**

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 or you may use the QR code found on the back of the bulletin.

***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 (amended from Discipleship Ministries)

Gracious God, we offer these gifts not for our greatness, but so that your promise might be fulfilled through us: to bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where you send, step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen. (Genesis 12:1-9)

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

The table is set for you. If you are hungry, tired, weary, or worn, or joyful or full, or care free, there is space for you here. Come, the bread of life and the cup of blessing await you. The body and blood of Christ given for you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and may the gifts of your
Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always. Amen.**

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***HYMN** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* TFWS #2153

1. I'm gonna live so (*live so*)
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*anytime!*)
I'm gonna live so (*live so*)
God can use me anywhere, Lord, (*my Lord,*) anytime! (*anytime!*)
2. I'm gonna work so (*work so*)
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*anytime!*)

I'm gonna work so (*work so*)
God can use me anywhere, Lord, (*my Lord,*) anytime! (*anytime!*)

3. I'm gonna pray so (*pray so*)
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*anytime!*)
I'm gonna pray so (*pray so*)
God can use me anywhere, Lord, (*my Lord,*) anytime! (*anytime!*)

4. I'm gonna sing so (*sing so*)
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*anytime!*)
I'm gonna sing so (*sing so*)
God can use me anywhere, Lord, (*my Lord,*) anytime! (*anytime!*)

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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 fear nothing else at all. May Almighty God bless you + in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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