

Today's Bulletin cover is sponsored by Jane and Gord Booker as they celebrate the anniversary of when their love story began 45 years ago today!!



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WELCOME

We're glad
you're here!



*Loving hearts.
Open minds.
Serving hands.*

Welcome to Trinity

Sunday July 28th, 2024

10 am

“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands.”

“Never pray in a room without windows”

The Talmud

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude: *Lynda Arnold*

Introit: *“Find a Home Here”*

**Find a home here, live out faith here,
gather strength here, find family here.
Be yourself here, feel secure here,
celebrate here, be at home here. (repeat)**

Greeting

One: Jesus said: “I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly”.

All: In our lives, may this be so. Amen.

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in God’s all-inclusive and healing love!
Wherever you are on your faith journey, we are glad you’re here with us!

Announcements

Joys, Concerns and God Moments

A Moment of Mediation

Let’s pause for a few moments and allow ourselves to grow still ...

Call to Worship

One: As the summer sunlight dances on the lakes and rivers, we come together in prayer and song to celebrate the love of God who welcomes us here.

All: God the Holy Spirit is present in this place; may Spirit refresh our souls.

One: Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy.

All: They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

One: We come together both in person and at home as one heart and body.

All: Braid us together.

One: Let us be bound in love to one another. Let our prayer life lead us to greater connection, consciousness and compassion.

Opening Hymn: *“Morning Has Broken” (VU 409)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: So many loving moments happen for family and friends around the sparks of a summer fire: at campfires, beach bonfires and special evening dinners with candlelight. We give thanks for these moments.

We give thanks for all the times when we share our light and love together here in this community of faith.

May the light of Christ continue to unite us and guide us forward.

Opening Prayer

Great Spirit of Life, we know we are called to live a prayer conditioned life. But we also know that life gets busy and this spiritual practice sometimes gets lost on our daily to-do list. Empower us to do better. Remind us whether in joy or sorrow, prayer remains a cornerstone in a Jesus inspired life. A prayer conditioned life leads to a warm and compassionate heart. Prayer transforms us to be more like Jesus. With God's help, may this be so.

Second Hymn: *"Sing a Happy Hallelujah" (VU 224)*

Summer Music: *"Lumieres" by Alexandra Streliski*
Performed by Judy White on the piano

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD'S WORD

Today's Scripture Reader is Faye McKnight.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: God of Grace may your word abide deep within our souls. When we are renewed with your word, there is a new courage in us to serve and to be a light bearer in our world. Amen.

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5

(By praying regularly, we align ourselves with God's will. We then grow our hearts and mature spiritually along our faith journey.)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to our hearts.

All: Amen.

The Minister's Morning Message

"A Prayer Conditioned" Life - Part 2: Does prayer "work"?

Musical Reflection: *"The Prayer"*

Invitation for Offering

One: Generous and Compassionate One, may the hungry be well fed. And may the well-fed hunger for abundance and justice for our entire human family.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offering Hymn

God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.
Give us the courage to stand for truth,
help us care for others.
God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.

Offering Prayer

Holy and Loving God, you have blessed us with abundance. We choose to share our blessings as part of our caring for your world. We dedicate it to the spreading of your message of love in our community and in far off lands. Bless our gifts and us the givers. We pray as followers of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: *"Prayer" (sung to the tune of "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me").*

God of life and God of love,
Holy Spirit, Blessed Dove,
in each moment of my life,
in times joyful, times of strife,
listen to the words I share,
as I come to you in prayer.

Sometimes questions, hopes and dreams,
sometimes painful, wordless screams,
sometimes just my gratitude,
sometimes all my attitude!
On your shoulders I can pour
losses, joys and so much more.

In this conversation time
help me with your love align,
help me turn my words of prayer
into actions filled with care.
As I open to your will,
let your grace from my life spill.

Prayers of the People

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, the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*
(VU 575)

The Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold us all in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

Sung Blessing: *"Pass it On"*

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all
those around can warm up in its glowing:
That's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it,
you spread God's love to everyone
you want to pass it on.**



*Join us in Trinity Hall following today's service for a
glass of lemonade and fellowship time.*

Your host today: Jeannette McCullough.



Your spiritual takeaway for the week:

*"To say that prayer changes things is not as close
to the truth as saying prayer changes me and then
I change things"*

Oswald Chambers



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Outreach Team is asking you to help the local food banks. On the last Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army and the Table Soup Bank.

July is Cereal!



Emergency Pastoral Care

Reverend Diane will be away for two weeks from Monday July 29th until Monday August 12th.

Reverend Nina Fulford (705-788-2360) will be on call for emergency pastoral care from Monday July 29th until Friday August 9th and Judy White our Pastoral Care Coordinator (705-787-1553) will be available from Saturday August 10th until Sunday August 11th.

Therapeutic Touch – Monday July 29th at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room. Everyone, members of Trinity or anyone from the community, is invited to attend for a free Therapeutic Touch session.



Thank you to those who sponsored a July bulletin. August is still open for support of our bulletins, either through 'In memory' or 'In honor' of someone or a special occasion. You are invited to 'mark' these special times by sponsoring a Sunday bulletin for \$30! Let the office know! With thanks!

We are planning to update and refresh some of the entry areas of our building. If you would like to help or if you have any ideas, please leave your name with Suzy in the office. The work will be done in August - just in time for us to welcome our fall rental groups and visitors.



**All are
Welcome**