

CeLTic Evensonḡ and Communion
TRINITY United Methodist Church
NOVEMBER 30, 2025, 5 P.M.



Welcome and Opening

God has brought us good things,
 Gifts of life and abundance.
God calls us to remember,
 To give thanks and loving praise.
We remember the God who made us,
 Who grants us all we need.
We worship the God who loves us,
 Who welcomes us and calls us here.

Unison Prayer

Eternal God,
as evening settles around us,
you gather us into your gentle light.
In the quiet after Thanksgiving
and at the threshold of Advent,
turn our hearts toward hope.
Calm what is restless within us,
and awaken in us a deep longing
for the coming of Christ,
the Light who shines in every darkness.
Make this hour a place of peace,
where gratitude deepens
and your presence becomes our rest. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence (Verses 1 - 2)*

CH 124

Prayers of Intercession, and Candle Lighting

(Led by the Pastor; during the prayer, worshipers are invited to come forward and light a candle as an expression of prayers for healing and hope. Instrumental music will be played during this time.)

Reading of Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
 Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
 we are his people,
 and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders,

and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Great will be his authority,

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of God, for us, the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection / Devotion

The Light That Meets Us in the Quiet

Taehwan Roh

Music for Meditation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Trad. American melody

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

The Rite of Communion

The table of bread and cup has been made ready. It is a table of companionship with Jesus, and with all those who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus found fellowship. It is the table of communion with the earth, to which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who often partake of this sacrament, and you who so seldom; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ himself who invites us to meet him here this day.

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have created the fruit of the vine.

In the beginning you watered the earth that all might have food and drink. You gave bread to your servants Sarah and Abraham to sustain their family on their journey. You called Moses and the Hebrew people out of bondage and nourished them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Joseph their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and drink for the journey, to nourish us as sons and daughters.

And so with all our sisters and brothers, before us and beside us, near and far, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Glory be to you, O God most high. Among friends who gathered round the table, Jesus took bread and, having blessed it, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

So, now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread and this drink; the ordinary things of the world through which God will and does bless us. And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, we celebrate your goodness in the person of our Lord, Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what he did in an upstairs room. We remember that he has given his body, and shed his own blood, that we might be nourished and bound together, to seek and to find the Light that endures in our darkened world.

Breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of ordinary things, that they may be heaven's food for us, renewing, sustaining and completing us, that we may be your Body on earth, loving and caring for the world.

Behold, the bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world, the gifts of God for the people of God.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior has taught us, so we pray:

God's love reaches out to us

Our Father in heaven

This place is sacred ground

Hallowed be your name

May our lives reflect God's glory

Your kingdom come

May our thoughts reflect God's thoughts

Your will be done

We long for deep peace:

On earth as it is in heaven.

Love blesses life, knowing earth will provide.

Give us this day our daily bread

Where love falls short:

Forgive our sins

Let justice prevail.

As we forgive those who sin against us

Prevent the chaos that leads to wrong-doing:

Lead us not into temptation

For grace is strong where freedom is found.

And deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Prayer after Communion

Christ's food in our bodies
 Our food shared like his
Christ's life in our hands
 Our lives shaped by his
Christ's love in our hearts
 Our love enlivened through his
Christ's peace on our path
 Our path following his
These things we ask, Lord!
 Amen.

Music during Communion

We Gather Together

Valerius

Closing Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together (Verses 1 - 2)

CH 425

Blessing

May the quiet light of Christ
guide your steps in the days ahead.
As you move from gratitude into hope,
may God's peace settle in your heart,
God's light go before you,
and God's love surround you.
Go now in the promise of Advent,
for the Light is already coming,
and hope is already near.
 Amen.

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

Trad. Welsh melody

Worship Leaders:
Dave Rochford
Taehwan Roh

Keyboard:
Diane Pelak

Hammered Dulcimer
Jody Marshall



TRINITY United Methodist Church

1205 Dolley Madison Boulevard • McLean, Virginia 22101

UMTRINITY.ORG

INFO@UMTRINITY.ORG