

Celtic Evensong and Communion
Trinity United Methodist Church
OCTOBER 26, 2025, 5 P.M.



Prelude

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Ye Banks and Braes (Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown)

Lowry
Trad. Scottish

Welcome

Let all who seek guidance offer prayers to God.
In times of uncertainty, we will not be overwhelmed.
You are our hiding place, Lord;
You preserve us from trouble and surround us with peace.

A Prayer for the Evening

Lord, even at our most faithful, we stand in need of your grace.
Because of your unfailing love, mercy is promised to us,
even before we speak. In humility, we pray with confidence
in your mercy, O God, even as we struggle to be faithful
and daily fall short of leading lives of justice and mercy.
(Silent prayer)

Forgive us, O God, keep covenant with us as you have promised,
and soothe our aching spirits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

†Hymn

My Life Flows On

CH 619

Responsive Prayer

Lord of hope and healing, you hear the cries of our hearts. You know that we want to listen to you, and yet when our way is not easy, we are inclined to plunge ahead alone. We lack the courage and resolve to journey with you. You remind us that you are continually with us; your love and mercy sustain us. As we come to you this evening, offering our prayers for those near and dear to us, we hold dear to the conviction that your Son has walked our road, and walks with us still.

(Silent prayer follows; during reflective music, you are invited to come forward to light a candle as a symbol of our plea for saving grace.)

Reading of Scripture

Psalms 25:4-13

Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
For the sake of your name, Lord,
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
Who, then, are those who fear the Lord?
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.
They will spend their days in prosperity,
and their descendants will inherit the land.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us, who listen.
Thanks be to God.

Musical Response	Alleluia (2x)	FWS 2014
Meditation	<i>Loved Along the Way</i>	Dave Rochford
Music for Meditation	<i>The Prayer</i>	Foster, Sager, Testa, Renis

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. 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.

Music during Communion *Wild Mountain Thyme (Holy is Your Name)* Trad. Irish

Prayer after Communion

**Holy God, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

†Hymn *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* CH 429

†Blessing

May the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and forevermore. **Amen!**

Postlude *My Own Home (O Lord of the Blossom)* Trad. American

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