

ORDER OF WORSHIP
13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Worship 10:30 AM

Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Carol Virkler

Susan Winkelmann

Choral Introit

“He Is Lord” (*Renew #29*)

Anonymous

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Friends, Jesus asks us the same question he asked his first disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

People: We believe you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God, our Savior, Teacher, and Friend.

Leader: This confession is more than words. It is an invitation to trust Christ and follow where he leads.

People: Though the journey is not always easy, we come seeking the grace and courage to follow.

Leader: Then let us gather in the presence of the One who calls, guides, and walks beside us.

People: With grateful hearts and open lives, we come to worship God.

All: Amen!

****Hymn (insert)**

“O Jesus, You Were Born to Be”

TRURO

Prepare

Call to Confession (*Please be seated.*)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, we confess that it is easier to speak words of faith than to live them. We declare that Jesus is Lord, yet we often cling to our own agendas, our own fears, and our own understanding. We sing of trust while carrying our anxieties. We speak of forgiveness while holding on to old wounds. We proclaim love for neighbor while avoiding those who challenge us most.

Forgive us, Lord. Reshape us by your grace. Help us not merely to admire Jesus, but to follow him. Give us courage to go where he leads, compassion to love as he loves, and faith to trust that he never abandons us when the path becomes difficult. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

****Congregational Response “Spirit of the Living God” (Hymn #288) LIVING GOD**
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

****Passing the Peace**
The Peace of Christ be with you all! *And also with you.*

Listen

Children's Message

Anthem “I'm Trading My Sorrows” Darrell Evans

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Reading *Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSVUE)*

Psalm Reflection Video *Psalm 24*

Gospel Reading *Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSVUE)*

Sermon “Living the Answer!”

Respond

****Hymn (#726) “Will You Come and Follow Me?” KELVINGROVE**

Offering *(Please be seated.)*

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #710 *(Please remain seated.)* “We Lift Our Voices” OFFERING

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“God Welcomes All”

John L. Bell

Benediction

Postlude

****Please stand as you are comfortable and able.**

Leaders in and for Worship Today

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Sarah Humfeld
Organist/Pianist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Rob Humfeld, Bill Kennedy, Debbie Newkirk
Greeters	Judy Hughes
Ushers	Ted Groshong, Odell Newkirk

Announcements

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for a reception in honor of Carol Virkler, who is one of this year’s recipients of Missouri Union Presbytery’s Evelyn Bedell awards.

Women of Trinity, mark your calendar for our upcoming Presbyterian Women’s Coffee and short program **this Tuesday, August 25, 10:00-11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll enjoy light refreshments and conversation, meet and hear from our presbytery and synod PW representatives, receive a short report about the recent Synod PW Gathering, distribute the new 2026-2027 study books and have an introduction to this year’s Bible study. All women are invited!

Festival of Sharing School Kits: Only a few bags remain to be filled! Pick up an empty bag in the lobby by the front table, purchase the supplies on the list in the bag, and return the filled bag to Trinity by the end of this month. There are a few extra supplies in a basket on the table by the front window.

Trinity Activities Coming Up This Week:

Monday, August 24:

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship & Finance Committee (via Zoom)

Tuesday, August 25:

7:00 p.m. – Technology Committee (via Zoom)

Wednesday, August 26:

10:00 a.m. – Congregational Care Committee (Rm. 12)

Thursday, August 27:

7:00 p.m. – Mission and Outreach Committee (Zoom)

Friday, August 28:

1:30 p.m. – Mahjong Small Group (FH)