

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

October 15, 2023

9:30am

Theme: A Closer Look

If you have a prayer request today, please fill out the card in your pew rack and hand it to an usher prior to the Prayers of the People.

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Praise “My Life Is in You, Lord” TFWS 2032

*Greeting

Leader: God calls us to use our gifts for the building of God’s kingdom.

People: But sometimes we’re afraid.

Leader: Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back.

People: But sometimes our gifts seem so small.

Leader: The Spirit offers us everything we need.

People: But what if we fail?

Leader: Trust God, and trust the gifts you have been given.

ALL: WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR GIFTS AS WE WORSHIP GOD THIS DAY.

Opening Prayer (unison)

God, we ask for wisdom today as we engage one of Jesus’ most well-known stories.

May the image of God that we discover in this parable be worthy of you. Help us

let go of any interpretation that fails to match your character. May we also hear

the story of Jesus and the Kingdom today, and find new energy for collaborating

with that vision in the world, we pray. AMEN.

Mission Moment *Southern Valley Alliance*
Katie Schauman, Community Engagement Coordinator

Prayer Song “Lord, Be Glorified” (verse 1) TFWS 2150

Prayers of the People/Our Lord’s Prayer

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Anthem “Family of Christ” Chancel Choir

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders Vivian Anderson
Rose Anderson
Malik Tabit
Wanalou Signin

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Children’s Message

*Hymn “Take My Life, and Let It Be” Hymnal 399

Sermon “Jesus in Unexpected Places” Pastor Chad Gilbertson

*Hymn “All Who Love and Serve Your City” (vs 1-3) Hymnal 433

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Giver of gifts, you bestow us with talents that are far more precious than jewels.
Open our eyes to the possibilities you hold for our world. Transform the gifts we offer
this day into light and love for the world. Transform our talents into blessings for a
world in need. AMEN.

Announcements

*Benediction

Leader: Go forth as children of light, as children of the day.
People: We go, knowing that God’s gifts of faith, love, and hope shield us as we share
those gifts with others.

Leader: Beloved, go forth to share God’s joy.

ALL: WE GO! THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Hymn “Together We Serve” (verse 1) TFWS 2175

Postlude

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This Week:

Monday, Oct. 16	9:30am 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Oct. 17	1:00pm 7:00pm	Quilters (Fellowship Hall) Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Oct. 18	8:30am	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity
Thursday, Oct. 19	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Oct. 22	9:30am 10:45am	Worship/Live-Stream Conversations in the Parsonage

Prayer Requests:

Deanna H's dad—recovering from a stroke and infections in his heart and brain.

The bombing in Israel, and the actions that followed.

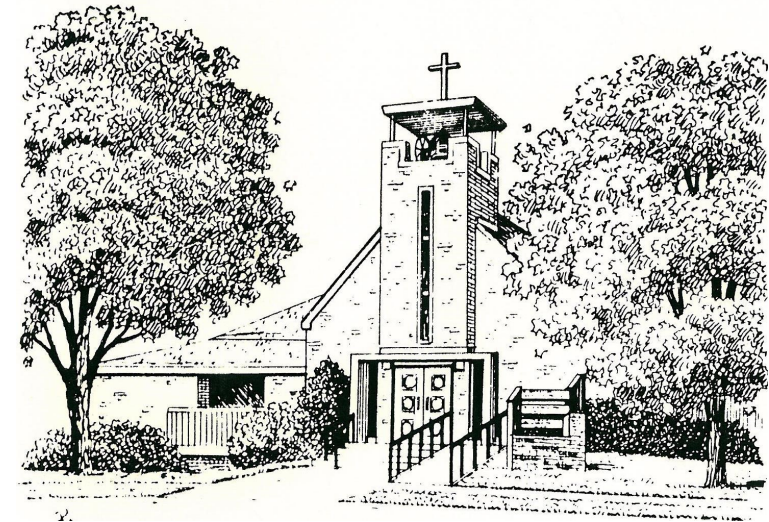
Deanna H—prayers for Lynn Midgal, a friend's sister, who was in Bat Yam, Israel, near Tel Aviv, during the bombing. Pray that she is safe and able to return home.

The Anderson's grandma—dealing with health issues.

Liz—continuing her stay at Mala Strata in New Prague. She is grateful to be able to worship with us online!

Don O—returned home from South Africa. "Thanks to all who prayed for our safe return."

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