## Trinity Episcopal Church

October 19, 2025: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10am Choral Eucharist

## Welcome to Our Parish

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please fill out a **Welcome Card** found in the pew racks in front of you; join us for refreshments after the service; and visit our **website** at **trinitysb.org**.

For an explanation of why worship at Trinity looks and sounds like it does, scan the QR code for our **Guide to the Episcopal Liturgy.** 



**Open Communion.** Whatever tradition you come from, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at our communion table. You will find simple directions on how to participate in the Holy Communion section of the program. Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask when the bread is presented to you.

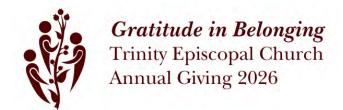
**Prayer Ministers.** During communion at the 10am service, two prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray. The three of you will pray together in a circle and you will be offered anointing with oil.

**Children.** On Sundays, Trinity offers religious formation for our children (ages 3 to 12) through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. It takes place as early as 9am in the church school building behind the sanctuary. Children are brought into the church during the offertory hymn to join us for communion at the 10am service.

**Nursery and Toddler Care** is from 9:45am to the end of the 10am service on Sundays in the nursery upstairs. During the offertory hymn, you are welcome to gather your child from the nursery to join you for communion in the church.

**Trinity's Youth Group** (grades 7-12) meets weekly during the school year for fellowship and reflection.

**Our ushers** are always glad to be of assistance, including answering questions, providing hearing loops as needed, and giving directions to the church school building, the nursery, and other on-site facilities.



The theme for this year's annual giving campaign at Trinity, *Gratitude in Belonging*, is inspired by Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *The Serviceberry*, which advocates for the lessons of the natural world as a model for how humanity can not only survive, but thrive. She writes analogically, using what she knows of the qualities of the serviceberry plant to draw a connection from the serviceberry's abundance, to our sense of gratitude when we receive its fruit, to the relationships we foster when we share what we've received—all of it leading to our collective well being.

Here at Trinity, I'm delighted and grateful to witness so many seeds of relationship, service and generosity being sown within and outside of our church walls. We flourish as a faith community when we work together to make Trinity a place of safety and belonging, where all people can come to know they are beloved of God, and then are invited to share that message of expansive and inclusive love and hope in a hurting world.

I invite you to take home a pledge packet, review the enclosed materials, and consider what financial commitment you can make for your 2026 pledge in support of, and with gratitude for, belonging to this faith community that provides so many opportunities to make God's abundance, justice, and love real and tangible in our own lives and in the world.

The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

# Ministers of Today's Liturgy

#### 8am Service

**Preacher:** The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector **Presider:** The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

**Deacon:** The Rev. John Draper **Director of Music:** Thomas Joyce

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Michael Neal Arnold

Reader: Lucy Bell

Intercessor: Dawn Draper Acolyte: Michael Dean

Ushers: Jim Micallef, MK Micallef

## 9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechists: Stephanie Perez, Mary Gibson,

Robin Selzler, Cathy Jones-Aidnik

Volunteers: Christen Foell, Libby Yardi,

Teresa Holden, Alex Nizet

Director of Children and Youth: Theo Patterson

## 9am Nursery

Zoe George, Ella Illman

## 10am Service

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**The Trinity Choir** 

Prayer Ministers: Nels Henderson, Anna Kokotovic

Acolytes: Terre Sanitate, Claude Garciacelay

**Reader:** Michele Mollkoy **Intercessor:** Eva Braunstein

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Helene Gardner, Ralph Armbruster-Sandoval, Jeffrey Krutzsch

**Audio Guild:** Mark Nelson **Stream Team:** Betty Wenzel

Ushers: Stephen Humphreys, Kaye Cantu,

David Gartrell, Becca Lowi

**Greeters:** John Spence, Laura Ringquist, Mark Stout **Welcome Table:** Elizabeth Patterson, Susan Zink **Altar Guild:** Susan Adams, Marcella Simmons,

Melissa Moriarty

Coffee Hour Helpers: MK Micallef, Susan Krutzsch

Flower Guild: Will Barring, Rachyl Pines Bouquet Blessings: Siu Zimmerman,

Mary Heumphreus

# Remember in Your Prayers

Veronica, Men of Lompoc prison, people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, undocumented immigrants, Randy Howard, David Davis, John and Yvette Hoffman, Nina Zimmer, Edith Hollister, Nick Johanson, Danae and Kaila, the Williams Family, Elizabeth Scagel, Ken Sorgman, Ryley, Sarah Dobbs, Katie Troy, Susan Zink, Maya and Rowen, the Bergquist family, Kate Kelly, Leslie Campbell, Nancy Siris-Rawls, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Charles Lean, Griffin Arnold, Valerie and Andrew Arnold, Phylene Wiggins.

## **Those with Long Term Illness:**

Rachel Roitman, Dave Wyman, Judy Boyd, Ellen Sherman, Stephanie Campbell, Royal Claydon, Greg Hawkins, Carolyn Roberts, Michael Wilds, Karen Myers, Johnny Mac, Jack Carey, Karen McKenzie, Joan W., Cindy Sprague, the Rt. Rev. William Smalley, Rick Huyett, Ada A., Tim, Kate, Molly Ferro, Jane G., Gloria C., Barbara Winslow, Gail Lanonette, Kathy Floyd, Vera Grigorian, Scott Smallwood, Joaquin and Jan, Quinn Sellars, Jane Arnold, Billy Jones, Gina B., Nadine Wilcox, Jane Ramshaw, Travis Stockstill, Virginia Burris, Kathy and Steve Stuck, Bruce Freeman.

## For the Departed:

Walter Patterson, Lynda Rothman, Irene Sahyun, Uncle Ferdy, Adele Peters, Robin Minnerly, Kenny Scagel, Edwin Weston, David Kain, Joan Rosemary Churchill, the Very Rev. Michael Pitts, Charlie Kirk and all victims of gun violence, Earl & Maryon, Christian Garvin, Matthew Bergquist, Jane Goodall.

#### In the Armed Services:

Craig and Catherine Christ, Michael C. Fish, David Dees, Frederick Johnston, Nicole A. Dennis, Kyle Ray, John Whitney, Sean Dunbar, Nicholas Hoegh Guldberg, Ryan Carey, Ben Wilson, Hannah Vadnais.

## Postulant for Holy Orders (diaconate):

Phylene Wiggins

#### **Pastoral Care:**

If you would like names added to the prayer list, please contact the office. Names will be removed after 90 days. If you would like to receive communion at home, are going into the hospital or are otherwise in need of pastoral care, and would like to pray with or be visited by clergy, please email office@trinitysb.org or call 805-965-7419.

## Flower Dedication:

Today's flowers are given by Norma Stuck, in memory of her granddaughter, McKenzie Stuck.

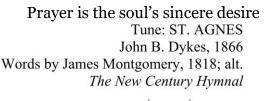
#### Prelude

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

All who are able, please stand for the Processional Hymn

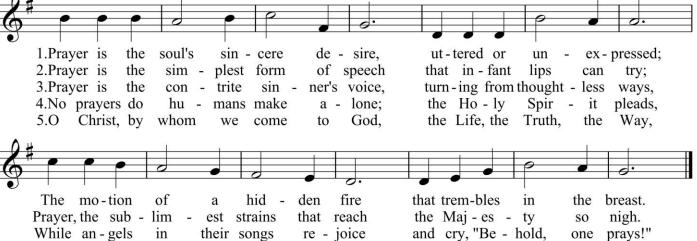




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## Opening Acclamation

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Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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## Collect for Purity

Loving God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



## Collect of the Day

adapted from Prayers for an Inclusive Church

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. God of the dispossessed, you teach us to hunger for justice even when the

weak are shut out and the powerful turn over in their beds: in the heat of our anger and the bitterness of our complaints, give us the courage to protest, the persistence to pray and the heart to love; through Jesus Christ, the embodiment of love and justice. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Lesson Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 121 Sung by the choir

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \* from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, \* the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved \* and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

Anglican chant by Walford Davies (1869-1941)

It is the Lord who watches over you; \* the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \* nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \* the Lord shall keep you safe.

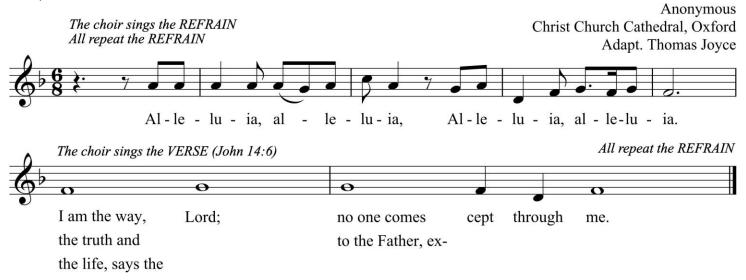
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \* from this time forth for evermore.

## Stories of Gratitude in Belonging

Instead of the second reading, we will be hearing from the living scripture that is our lives. For three Sundays in October during our Annual Giving season, we will hear parishioners share stories of where they have found gratitude in belonging. This week, our story comes from Aaron Panchal in conversation with Rev. Sarah Thomas.

All who are able, please stand.

## Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors

[Allow for a few moments of silence]

All who are able, please stand.

We believe in God who made us all, and whose divinity infuses life with the sacred. We believe in the multiple revelations of God, alive in every human heart, expressed in every culture, found in all the wisdoms of the world.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who leads us to the fullness of humanity, to what we are meant to become. Through Christ, we become new people, called beyond the consequences of our brokenness, lifted to the fullness of life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God on earth, who keeps the Christ vision present to souls yet in darkness, gives light to hearts now blind, infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused.

We believe in God who is life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

adapted from White & Graves, Hear Our Prayer

God of Justice, hear us and respond as we lift our prayers to you saying, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Be with your church and guide us so that our prayers may be the seeds of healing, justice, and compassion. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Inspire our nation and its leaders: help us to rise above our divisions and work together for the common good. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Be with those facing perils from natural disaster and climate change, show us how to respond effectively, and lead us to be advocates for the preservation of your creation. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heal the sick, mend the injured, renew the worn down, and lift up the oppressed. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, and others we now name, silently or aloud.

[Pause to offer names.]

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Welcome the dying into the comfort of your embrace, comfort those who grieve, and allow us entry into the realms of your glory when our journey through this life ends.

[Pause to offer names.]

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect:

God of Love who has never turned your back on us, be our loving and gracious God, hear and answer our prayers that we have asked through the merits of Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit hold all creation in your hands. Amen.

#### Confession

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

People God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf; Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the

grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

#### **Announcements**

## The Offertory

To make or pay your pledge, scan the QR code with your smart phone. We also gratefully receive checks in the offertory plate or mailed to 1500 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.



Please stay seated as the offering plates are passed, then stand, as you are able, as the ushers bring forward the offerings of bread, wine and money to the altar.

Offertory Anthem The Harvest of Justice John Karl Hirten (b.1956)

The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

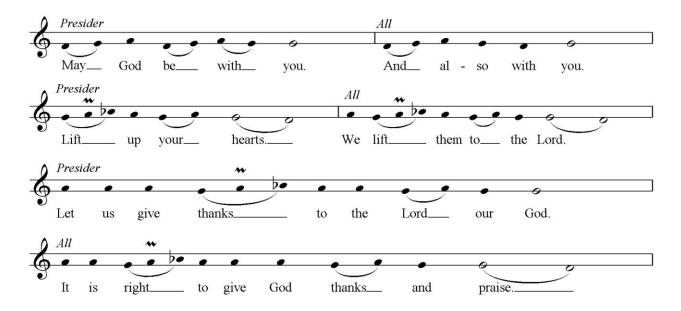
- James 3:18

#### Offertory Hymn

Jesus describes a forceful woman



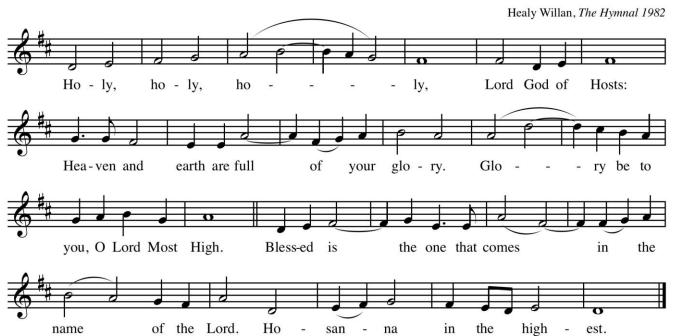
Words: Michael Hudson © Michael Hudson. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621–1681).



Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## Sanctus All are invited to sing



Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into new life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ.

People

Dying, you destroyed our death, Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and the Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of your true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

And now let us pray together, in the words Jesus gave his disciples:

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



The Invitation

Presider These are the gifts of God for you, the holy and beloved people of God.

## The Holy Communion

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table for communion. Please come forward to receive communion standing in a semi-circle around the altar. You have the option to receive only the bread, or the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and placed into your hand by the clergy person distributing communion. If you wish to receive only the bread, please say "bread only" as it's your turn to receive. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Regardless of whether you're receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, you will hear the phrases, "the body of Christ, the bread of heaven" and "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" as communion is offered to you. As the ushers invite your row, please use the center aisle to receive communion, then return to your seat via the side aisle. If you're unable to leave your pew, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms across your chest; this will signal to the clergy to offer a blessing in lieu of communion.

Prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray for personal needs or concerns or to share your joys. If desired, anointing with holy oil is available from the prayer ministers as well.

Communion Anthem Lord, I Want To Be a Christian In My Heart

African American Spiritual Arr. David Lantz III (b.1956)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Music at Communion Lord, I Want To Be a Christian In My Heart Arr. Marianne Kim (b.1972)

## Post Communion Prayer

Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ. Amen.

#### Commendation of Eucharistic Visitors

Presider Beloved community, we send our eucharistic visitors to share this Holy Communion with

those who could not worship here today.

People May they carry the prayers of all of us as they take the sacrament of the

presence of Christ.

#### The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

#### The Dismissal

Deacon Our worship has ended, our service begins. Go in peace to love and serve God and one

another.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Trio Sonata in E-flat Major

J.S. Bach

III. Allegro

Coffee Hour

Our fellowship continues at Coffee Hour. Please join us outside on the labyrinth.

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please visit our website at trinitysb.org.

New to Trinity? Please know you are welcome! Fill out the newcomer card in the pew rack or complete the online form using the QR code below so we can get to know you better!





## **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

All Saints Sunday, November 2: Remembrance of those who have died in the past year At our two worship services, we honor, by reading the Necrology, those who died in the past year. Please email the office office@trinitysb.org any names you would like to add by Sunday, October 26.

Centering Prayer Group Meetings – Thursday, October 23 - November 20, 3-4pm All are invited to come together in the Chapel to practice Centering Prayer. Come to one or all of the weekly meetings, where we will gather, prepare our hearts and minds for our time of prayer, sit in silence for 20 minutes, share brief reflections, and close. No prior knowledge or experience required. For additional information, contact Rev. Christine Purcell at christinefpurcell@gmail.com

## Halloween Hullabaloo – Saturday, October 25, 5-8pm

The entire parish is invited to the Children and Youth Council (CYC) sponsored Spooktacular Halloween Hullabaloo! Get ready for a night of spooky fun, crazy costumes, and eerie excitement in the Parish Hall. Ghosts and ghouls alike will gather. Visit *Upcoming Events* on the Trinity website.

## Sacred Resistance Forum – Sunday, October 26, 11:30am – 1pm

The Rev. Dr. Francisco Garcia will preach at both services, followed by a forum on the Sacred Resistance movement in our diocese. Francisco is an Episcopal priest in LA and a seasoned community organizer. For an update on what is happening around LA and what more can be done here in Santa Barbara in support of undocumented immigrants, come to the forum in the Parish Hall.

## Compline with Story & Sound – Sunday, November 2, 7-8pm

An evening of meditative music and storytelling in the Sanctuary with incense, tea, blankets, and candlelight. Our storyteller will be Joseph Miller, a local writer, lover of poetry, freelance journalist, and local business owner. Visit the compline page on the Trinity website for more information.

## Trinity Men's Group - Monday, November 3, 4pm

The Men's Group meets on the first Monday of each month in the Trinity library. After the meeting, anyone who finds it convenient is welcome to gather at Santa Barbara Public Market to share a meal.

## Traces of the Trade Screening – Wednesday, November 5, 6-8:30pm

Join us for a viewing of the documentary, *Traces of the Trade*. Created by filmmaker (and Episcopal priest) Katrina Browne, the film recounts Browne's discovery that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. This event is inspired by the story shared by Michelle Petty at the October Compline service, where she told of her summer research trip to West Africa.

## Ingathering Brunch and Combined Service, Sunday, November 9

We close our annual-giving season with a combined worship service at 9:30am. We will collect and bless all the 2025 pledges we have received and celebrate after the service with a festive brunch in the Parish Hall, hosted by Trinity leadership. Please plan on attending!

Connect with us! Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter, Trinity Notes. Scan the QR code for current and past issues or visit Trinity's website at *trinitysb.org/trinity-notes*.

