

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 am
Holy Eucharist



August 30, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, August 30	 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist-14 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, August 31	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, September 1	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, September 2	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, September 3	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
	 1:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Meet in Prayer Corner
Sunday, September 6	 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist-15 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

Please Note: The Church will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Andy Gutknecht & Bob Harlow, *Lectors*

Marshall McMain, *Intercessor*

Quinn Gardner, *Acolyte*

Sally Griffith, *Welcome Table*

Wesley Parrott, *Organist*

WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you!

OUR VIVID VISION

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

CORE VALUES

INCLUSION/WELCOME

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

INNOVATION

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

COLLABORATION

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

COMMUNITY MINDEDNESS

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

CULTURE

JOYFUL

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

FEARLESS

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

EMBRACING

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

ENGAGED

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Retouching the Gold and Vines: The Conservation of Our Historic Dome

Presentation with Q&A on Sunday, September 13, 12:00 pm

Join us after service on September 13, with conservators Andrew Fearon and Anna Veilleux from the Heritage Conservation Collective who will share about the conservation work they have been doing on our dome this summer. You'll be able to see photographs of the repair work at every stage of the process, and the scientific and detail-oriented efforts the team made to conserve the original stenciling. From remapping the original design onto the gold surface to applying custom color-matched varnishes, Andrew and Anna will take us through the conservation process.

Prelude Two Settings on "Wir glauben all' an einen Gott"

Johann Sebastian Bach

All rise in body or in spirit.

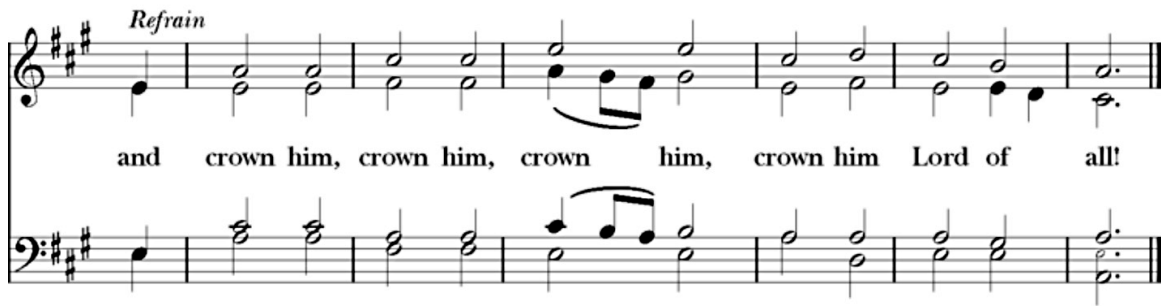
THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 451

Miles Lane

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid
*4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed
*5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood

1 pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
2 al - tar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
3 Lord did call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine,
4 of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
5 and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet,



6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
Refrain

Opening Acclamation

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

Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,

al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Andy Gutknecht

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Psalm 26 *Judica me, Domine*

The congregation joins on the bold verses, pausing at the asterisk.



1 Give *judgment* for me, O LORD, for I have lived with in/tegrity;*
I have trusted in the Lord and / have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and / try me;*
examine my / heart and my mind.

3 For your love is be/fore my eyes;*
I have walked faith/fully with you.

4 I have not sat with the / worthless,*
nor do I consort with / the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evil/doers;*
I will not sit down / with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O / LORD,*
that I may go in procession / round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanks/giving*
and recounting all your / wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in / which you dwell*
and the place where your / glory abides.

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

At the introduction to the hymn, all rise in body or in spirit.

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honored be God's Name;
 our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For

what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Gardner

Silence may be kept.
All rise in body or in spirit.

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially all who have asked for our prayers: Cheryl, Sydney, James, Irvin, Rach, Maria, Rosy, Sally, Rita, Jimmie, Annie, Dwayne, Barry, Cephus, Karees, Sylvia, the Bacon, Flannigan, Flores, Glenn, Graham, Leiby, Moore, and Walsh families; Barbara, Donald, Terry, Hilda, Geah, Brandy, Crystal, Megan, Reg, Linda, Kathy, Ray, Victor, Maurice, George; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All 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.**

The Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All rise in body or in spirit.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you!**

Welcome, Parish Notices & Celebration Blessings

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Faithful God, you sustain us when the path of discipleship is difficult and strengthen us to answer your call with courage. As we bring these gifts, shape us in sincere love, steadfast hope, and generous compassion. Help us to seek your presence with integrity, to bless rather than repay, and to follow Christ with lives marked by grace and self-giving. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in your unfailing mercy and our desire to serve your kingdom each day. **Amen.**

*If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)*

All rise in body or in spirit.

Offertory Hymn 707

Hollingside

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Sanctus S-131

Gerald R. Near

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your beloved children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All 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 Breaking of the Bread

Silence is observed

The Fraction Anthem S-155

Gerald R. Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the usher. We will begin in the back of the church. Form one line in front of the altar. Each person will first receive the bread and then receive the wine (if you wish). If you wish to receive the wine, you can retain your wafer and dip it in the cup or drink directly from the cup. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher).

1. You laid a - side your right - ful rep - u - ta - tion
 2. You touched the lep - er, ate with those re - ject - ed,
 3. Help us to fol - low, Je - sus, where you lead us
 4. Draw us to you and with your love trans - form us:

and gave no heed to what the world might say;
 re - ceived the wor - ship of a wo - man's tears:
 to love, to serve, our own lives lay - ing down;
 the love we've seen, the love we've touched and known;

served as a slave and laid a - side your gar - ments
 You shed the pride that keeps us from the free - dom
 to walk your way of hum - ble, cost - ly ser - vice,
 en - large our hearts and with com - pas - sion fill us

to wash the feet of those who walked your way.
 to love our neigh - bor, lay - ing down our fears.
 a cross its end, a ring of thorns its crown.
 to love, to serve, to fol - low you a - lone.

Post Communion Prayer

All rise in body or in spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 675

Bourbon

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in d minor (Violin Fugue)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Healing Prayer – *all who wish to receive prayers for themselves, another, or even the world, are invited to join a member of the clergy in the Prayer Corner (to the right of the altar area) after the service.*

About this service...

Service: Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

Children are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back for children who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the “Pew Pen” in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door and turn left. Men’s room is straight ahead, women’s to the right. If you prefer a gender-neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

Offering: Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give regularly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Communion: All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew we will bring communion to you.
