

***Doxology:** UMH # 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication:** *(Bill Hoppe)*

Loving God, you breathe life into our mortal bodies; you complete us and fill our every need. For all that you have done; for all that you have given to us, we worship you and offer you thanks and praise. Amen

***Hymn:** “Easter People Raise Your Voices” UMH #304

Benediction:

Postlude: “Festival Trumpets” N. Rawsthorne

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Felix Everett, Aisla & Levi Varnon

Altar Flowers:

Altar Guild: Ginger Elliott

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Liturgist: Nate Olin

Soloists: Teri LaFleur and Holly Joy Pearson

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Brenda Lopez, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Eric Wing



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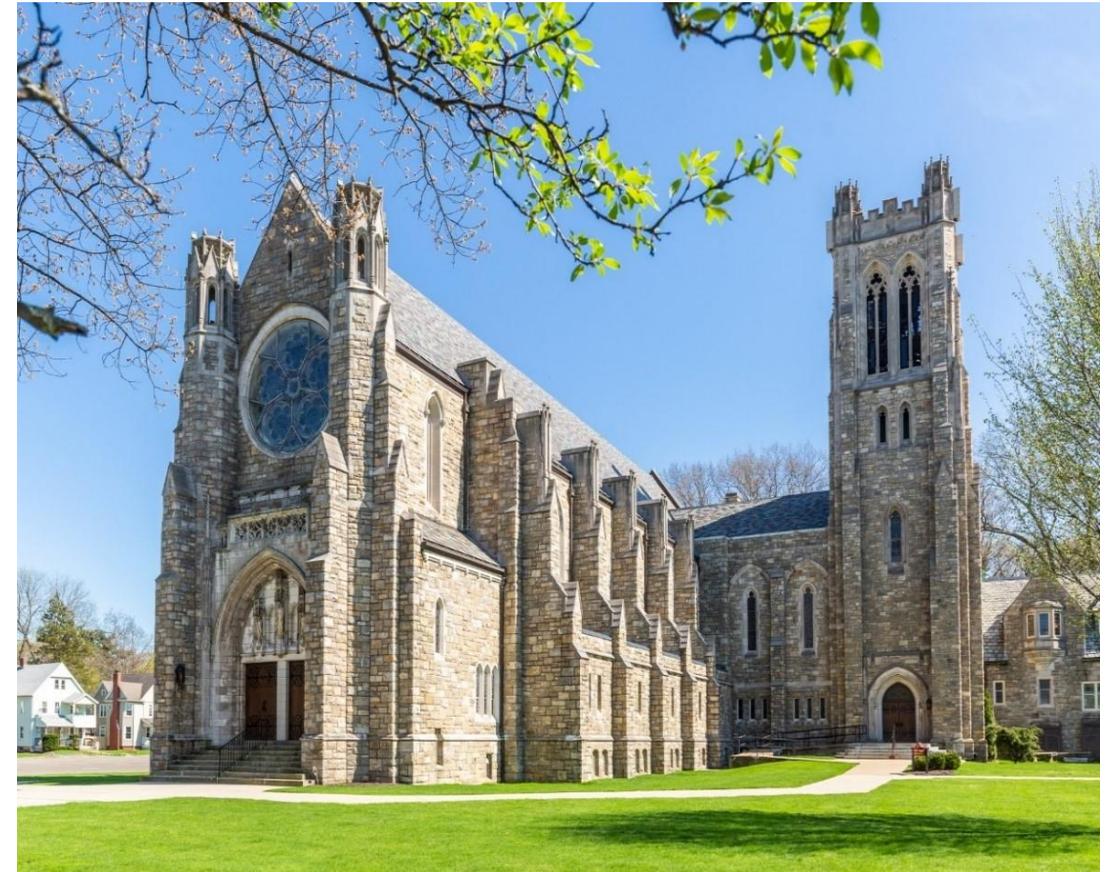
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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Bold items are the congregation's part. * Stand if you are able

MEDITATION

i thank You God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e.e. cummings

Prelude: "Prelude in G Major" J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

(Visitors please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Members please sign & pass the white attendance sheets.)

Introit: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" C. Alington

*Call to Worship: *(Nancy Townley)*

L: Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.

P: How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!

L: How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.

P: Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him. AMEN.

* **Hymn:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH# 327

Opening Prayer: *(Nancy Townley)*

Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name. AMEN.

Special Music: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" W. Runyan

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys, Concerns & The Lord's Prayer:

(moment of silence)

**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, forever. Amen.**

***Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH# 451
(At the start of this hymn children ages 7-12 are invited to go to the Chapel for Chapel Kids.)

Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-31 **N.T. p.**

Sermon: "Is My Garage Door Open?" Stephen Sheffield

Affirmation of Faith: UMH #883

Invitation to Offering: *(Bill Hoppe)* [Nate Olin]

What must be done to convince us of God's unending love? What further proof do we need? We have only to look around us to see what the Lord has done. We have only to look to the One who poured out his life for us, who offered himself in our place, and whose Spirit casts out all doubt and fear. *Let us respond generously as we give thanks through our offering.*

Offertory: "Amen, Amen" L. Larson