

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Pastor, Rev. René Perez

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Moment of Gratitude

***Hymn:** "Go Forth for God" UMH #670

Benediction

Postlude: "Resound and Rejoice" J. W. Krug

We thank those who participated in today's service:

We welcome Trinity's Administrative Council Chair, Nate Olin to the pulpit today.

We are truly grateful to Nicole Baker-Cooley for the beautiful double rainbow chancel installation. On the evening of April 9, 2022, Trinity had the wonderful fortune to have a double rainbow appear over our sanctuary. Some sources state that the first arc represents the material world while the second arc represents the spiritual realm. A single rainbow has sunlight spreading into a spectrum of colors from red to violet while the colors are inverted in a double rainbow. Serendipitously, a double rainbow is thought to be a symbol of transformation, this year's theme at Trinity. A double rainbow is also a symbol of extra good luck which we wish for Pastor René in his new appointment in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Acolytes: Charlie and Julia Gray, Jack Rust

Altar Flowers: In honor of Pastor René and his family, from his Trinity family.

Altar Guild: Vera Baker and Deb Garth

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Liturgist: Lisa Bakowski

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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Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ



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.

Service Honoring the Ministry of Rev. René Pérez

June 12, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation: "A Gaelic Blessing"

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you

Prelude: "How Great Thou Art" arr. K. McChesney
"Everlasting God" arr. B. Brown

Welcome and Announcements

(New visitors please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Others, please sign the white attendance sheets.)

Introit: "How Great is Our God" S. Garnaas-Holmes

***Call to Worship:**

One: Today, may there be peace within.

Many: **May we trust God that we are exactly where we are meant to be.**

One: May we not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May we use those gifts that we have received, and pass on the love that has been given to us.

Many: **May we be confident knowing we are children of God.**

One: Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow our soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

Many: **It is there for each and every one of us.**

***Hymn:** "Take My Life and Let it Be" UMH #399

Opening Prayer:

When the new moment invades our horizon and we are uncertain about our foothold on the path, you draw near to us with your sustaining presence O God of comfort and strength. Awaken us to new possibilities in this hour of worship, that we might sense the joy which accompanies faithful listening and responding. In Christ's renewing spirit. Amen.

Special Music: "¡Cantar!" (Sing!) J. Althouse

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment

***Hymn:** "My Hope is Built" UMH #368

(During this hymn, parents are invited to escort their children ages 4-8 to Bible Story Time in the room across from the Nursery downstairs. At the end of the service, parents must pick-up their children. Thank you.)

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer & Prayer Response:

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.

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 7:13-23, 8:15-17, 9:12-17 (NRSV) O.T. pp. 6 & 7

Sermon: "A Through Line" Nate Olin

Invitation to Offering: *(Penelope J. Stokes)*

The story of Noah and the Ark ends with hope and new life. The story of God's care for the "living things" on that fragile little boat promises that they will "abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." Seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, day and night, God's love has always been abundant, in every age. We are grateful to a generous and loving God for every sign of new life. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory: "A Gaelic Blessing" J. Rutter

***Doxology:** UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *(Feasting on the Word, Year B)*

In the spirit of faith, Great God, Father, Mother, Friend, we thank you for the opportunity to give tithes and offerings, to participate in extending your grace to more and more people, and to give all glory to you. Amen.