

We thank those who participated in today's service:

We welcome Kelly Henry to the pulpit this morning! Kelly has been attending Trinity and singing in the Chancel Choir since 2009. She has also served in various other volunteer roles at the church and was married here.

Special thanks to Vera Baker for accompanying the service and Karen Sheffield for conducting the anthem.

Acolytes: Mason Hedeem, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Bob Guyotte, from his wife, Ann and family.

Altar Guild: Chad and Phyllis Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell and Volunteers

Liturgist: Andrew Bakowski

Soloists: Teri LaFleur, Ella Butcher

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Andrew, Jacob and Lisa Bakowski, Ray Miller

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



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Notes:

Lined area for notes with horizontal lines.

Trinity United Methodist Church

361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108

www.trinityspringfield.org

Pastor, Rev. René Perez

Director of Music Ministries, Michael Carney

Director of Family Ministries & Connections, Rob Powell

Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern



Tag us with #trinitytransforms



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation:

"Owning our story can be hard but not nearly as difficult as spending our lives running from it. Embracing our vulnerabilities is risky but not nearly as dangerous as giving up on love and belonging and joy—the experiences that make us the most vulnerable." Brené Brown

Prelude: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" NEW BRITAIN arr. J. C. Pardini

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit: "Jesus Is Our King"

***Call to Worship:** *(Mark Sorensen)*

L: as the sun rises in the morning,

P: let all creation worship God

L: From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

P: let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.

L: God alone makes all things new

P: All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.

***Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

Opening Prayer: *(Mark Sorensen)*

Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen.

Special Music: "All Are Welcome" M. Haugen

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys & Concerns (Moment of Silence)

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.

***Hymn:** "Help Us Accept Each Other" UMH #560
(At the start of this hymn children ages 7-12 are invited to go to the Chapel for Chapel Kids.)

Scripture Lesson: Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV) N.T. p. 122

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "God's New Ways" Kelly Henry

Reception of New Members: (see insert)
(Everyone is invited to Asbury Hall following the worship service to greet the new members and have cake.)

Invitation to Offering: *(Mary Petrina Boyd, modified)*

God has given us the gift of faith. Through this gift of faith, we see all people as God's children. Let us respond to God's generous love, so that we may love one another as God has loved us, and let us share this love as we bring our tithes and offerings.

Offertory: "Clap Your Hands and Sing!" A. Pote

***Doxology:** UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication: *(M. Sorensen based on Ps. 148 and Rev. 21)*

Holy God, you have given us so much. Through your love and abundance, our cup overflows. From the bounty of your blessings, we offer these gifts back to you. Use these offerings for your glory, as we work to bring your kingdom here on earth. Amen

***Hymn:** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH #557

Benediction

Postlude: "Jesus Shall Reign" (Duke Street) J. Hatton arr. R. H. Haan