

Sermon: "Heart and Soul"

Invitation to Offering: *(Catarina Paton, modified)*

Our lives have been blessed by flowing waters and harvests of fruits. Let us share our harvest with God and God's world.

Offertory: "But By Love" D. Forrest

***Doxology:** UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication: *(Catarina Paton, modified)*

Creator God, in all our journeys, you continue to bless our lives. Wherever we find ourselves, the bounty of your peace meets us there. We now bring these gifts to you in order to share your bounty, as you have shared yours with us. Amen.

***Hymn:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH #396

Benediction

Postlude: "Expressions for Organ #4" J. Langlais

§ *Most of the liturgy today was written by the Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Pastor and head of staff at Beaumont Presbyterian Church in Lexington, KY. Used with full permission. Amended in some parts by Rev. René Perez. For a view of Rev. Fearing's full liturgy see here: <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/liturgy>*

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Arianna Bhajjan, Ella Butcher, Jack Rust

Altar Flowers: In Celebration of Dr. Michael Carney receiving his Doctorate of Musical Arts.

Altar Guild: Kathy Hathaway and Beverly Ratté

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell and Volunteers

Liturgist: Cyndi LeDoux

Soloist: Janet Dixon-Metcalf, flute

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Lisa Foster, Deb Garth

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

Trinity United Methodist Church

361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108

www.trinityspringfield.org

Pastor, Rev. René Perez

Director of Music Ministries, Dr. 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation:

"Don't feel bad if people remember you only when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when there is darkness." Anonymous

Prelude: "Air à l'Italien from *Suite in A minor*" G.P. Telemann

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Indian Folk Tune

***Call to Worship: §**

L: We are servants in training, gathered to learn and listen.

P: We serve the Triune God, who reigns above All Creation.

L: Our service requires us to do things that do not make sense to this world.

P: We serve God the Creator, who creates abundance.

L: Our service requires us to share our resources with the needy and vulnerable.

P: We serve God the Redeemer, who redeems us from our sinfulness.

L: Our service requires us to preach the good news of the Gospel in word and deed.

P: We serve God the Sustainer, who sustains the world with Holy Breath.

L: Our service requires us to be guided by God's wisdom in all that we do.

P: We are servants of the Sacred, sealed in our baptism as disciples of Jesus Christ.

L: Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn:** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH #126

Opening Prayer: §

Gracious God, we are reminded of a story in scripture when two followers of Jesus failed to understand the cost of discipleship. Help us have a clearer understanding of what it means to serve, to treat service not as a burden but as a gift that has the ability to transform our lives and the lives of others in our community. Amen.

Call to Confession: §

In humility and honesty, let us gather before our gracious God to be forgiven our sins.

Confession: §

God of Servant Leadership, so often we fight over and complain about the silliest of things, who's more important, who's more influential, who's more worthy of love and respect. How exhausted you must get from our incessant bickering. Forgive us for the moments when we've lost sight of what's truly important. Forgive us for the moments when we've given into our selfish natures. Forgive us for the moments when we've turned your gospel into a platform for our self-promotion. Help us prioritize the mission of the Church over and above our egos. Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession. Amen.

Words of Assurance: §

Friends, God will not let our sin separate us from God's love! No amount of bickering or selfishness can remove the fact that we are saved through Jesus Christ! **We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

Special Music: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" M. Hayes

Passing the Peace of Christ: §

L: We have been blessed by the grace of God's goodness - a grace that allows us the fair judgment of us all. May we offer up our own blessings, as we exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another this morning.

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns § (Moment of Silence)

P: Source of Eternal Salvation, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer and 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:** "Are Ye Able" UMH #530

(At the start of this hymn children ages 7-12 are invited to go to the Chapel for Chapel Kids.)

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:35-45 (MSG)

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

P: Thanks be to God.