

‡ *call to worship found at www.villagepres.org*

‡ *written by Rebecca Gaudino*

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We welcome Rev. Dr. David Calhoun to worship this morning. He will be in Asbury Hall following worship to greet everyone.

For the past thirty-three years of pastoral ministry, Pastor David Calhoun has served in a variety of ministerial settings serving churches of various sizes and configurations in Colorado, Nebraska, Maine, and Massachusetts. He has a passion for Evangelism and Outreach Ministries and has worked in both suburban and inner-city ministries. In addition, he has served as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force. Since 2014, he has been serving as the District Superintendent of the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts District, now the Seacoast District.

Pastor David considers himself to be a people's person and deeply enjoys friendships. He enjoys music from different ages, places, and varieties, interactive worship and preaching. He also enjoys repairing antique clocks, gardening, and working on his antique car. Pastor David is married to Julie Calhoun. They have five children, five grandchildren, and an English Bulldog named Gordo. Julie, Clayton, Skylar, and Zoe, are all looking forward to being part of the Trinity Community.

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Acolytes: Felix, Fiona, and Meriel Everett

Altar Flowers: In memory of their parents, Dorothy & Irving Hathaway and Mary & Charles Gray, from Beverly & Charles Gray.

Altar Guild: Ginger Elliott and Lisa Foster

Bulletin Cover Photo: Lauren Gray

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell and Volunteers

Liturgist: Ellen Lutz

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



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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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

May 29, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation:

“Let the first act of every morning be to make the following resolve for the day: I shall not fear anyone on Earth. I shall fear only God. I shall not bear ill will toward anyone. I shall not submit to injustice from anyone. I shall conquer untruth by truth. And in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.” Mahatma Gandhi

Prelude: “Here I Am to Worship” T. Hughes arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit: “Yo los resucitaré (And I Will Raise Them Up)” S. Toolan

***Call to Worship: †**

L: Come, join in worship and praise of our God!

P: What if we are tired and carrying heavy burdens?

L: Come, for God is here to offer rest and renewal.

P: What if we are unsure, or anxious and afraid?

L: Come with your belief and your unbelief; God has prepared a place for you.

P: What if we are hard to get along with?

L: Come and hear God call you beloved.

P: What if we are full of anger or mistakes?

L: Come, for God's grace is more than enough.

P: What if we don't know what to do or how to act?

L: Come and sing and we will make our way together.

***Hymn:** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431

Opening Prayer: §

Resurrected Savior, Savior of new life and new hope, we come to you in humble prayer and joyous song, for Easter has changed our lives. We are no longer frightened people - because you live, we have courage to face life and to face death. We are no longer lonely people - because you live, we can accept ourselves and reach out to each other. We are no longer scattered people - because you live, we may come together to worship and to witness in our weakness and our strength to the presence of your reign among us and the promise of your reign to come. Amen.

Special Music: “Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain” J. Leavitt

Passing the Peace of Christ: †

Because Jesus Christ is in us, and we in him, his peace is a powerful gift that we may share with others. Pass the blessing of this peace to your brothers and sisters in Christ and to all the children of God.

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer Litany, Joys and Concerns (see insert)

Prayer Response:

***Hymn:** “For the Healing of the Nations” UMH #428
(Chapel Kids is finished for the summer and will resume the third Sunday in September)

Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:16-34 (NRSV) N.T. p. 128

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Our World Can be Different”

Invitation to Offering: †

We are invited to give an accounting of the hope that sustains us, the love and presence of God that upholds all. Out of this sustaining hope, let us give our gifts today for those who also need this hope.

Offertory: “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise” D. Forrest

***Doxology:** UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: †

Giver of all gifts, we are grateful for your every blessing and for your presence through all of life— in our joys and fears, and in our hopes and dreads. We pray for those who do not know the consolation of your presence in their lives, asking that you reveal yourself to them through the gifts we have given and through the lives we live. Amen.

***Hymn:** “O God of Every Nation” UMH #435

Benediction

Postlude: “Make a Joyful Noise” A. Viner