

Offertory: “Open My Eyes” K. L. Scott

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** -- Written by Carol Penner
Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, and their bread. We invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, and our devotion, with these gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.

***Hymn:** “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH# 377

Benediction:

Postlude: “Make a Joyful Noise” A. Viner

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Charlie, Henry, and Julia Gray

Altar Flowers: In memory of James A. M, from Jim & Diane M

Altar Guild: Chad Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour this Month: Worship Committee Members & Volunteers

Liturgist: Hope Lewis

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Lisa Bakowski, Holly Blair, Ray Miller, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget’s brother), Vonda B (Chad T’s sister), Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt’s mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth G), Dominick E, Courtney H (Sheila W’s daughter), Blair J (Brenda L’s grandson), John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine’s sister-in-law), Matthew M (Jan M’s grandson), Dorothy M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T’s sister & Camille’s sister-in-law), Alison (Allie) W, Andrew W (Phyllis T’s nephew), our service men, women and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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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.



Celebrate God’s love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“Society is not imposed upon individuals; it is composed of them. We are life and society.”

--Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs, Social Equity

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE A TIME FOR GATHERING & QUIET MEDITATION

Welcome. We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. Please fill out our Friendship Pad, located at the end of your pew, so we can get to know you. Prayer cards are also available in the pew pockets. If you would like to have your prayer shared, please place it on the offering plate. All prayer requests will be lifted up during the Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m. We worship using the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH), and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service. Nursery care is available downstairs for children ages birth- 3 years.

**Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.*

Prelude: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” T. Chisholm, W. M. Runyan

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Beach Spring

***Call to Worship:** --written by Carol Penner

One: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

Many: The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

One: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

Many: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, and let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

***Hymn:** “Amazing Grace” (vv. 1,3, & 6) UMH# 378

***Prayer of Confession:**

Many: Gracious God, when we remember the journey of our faith, the story that we live with you, and one another, we recall all the ways we have missed the mark.

We have failed to live our Christian story well. We need your presence on the long road, Lord. We have neglected to listen to and believe the stories of our neighbors.

We have ignored how we contribute to the hardships that exist in our community.

We have turned away from the needs of the poor.

We have shied away from the suffering of our neighbors.

We have valued independence over interdependence and connection.

Forgive us O God, in so many ways, big and small, our lives have not demonstrated our testimony of new life in Christ.

***Words of Assurance:**

Even though you have not seen Jesus one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. **Amen.**

Special Music: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” P. W. J. Stopford

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT’S WORD TO US

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer:

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.

Prayer Response

***Hymn:** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS# 2158

(Children 4-6 years old are invited to Bible Story Time downstairs. Chapel Kids for 7-12 year olds are invited to Grace Chapel. Parents are asked to escort their children and pick them up. Thank you.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 13-35 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 84-85

Response to the Word:

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “A Good Day’s Walk” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: --Discipleship Ministries

O Loving God, we give back to you in thankfulness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that you have put us in charge as your trustees. Help us to exercise responsibly the authority you entrust us with. Bless the gifts we now give, so they may be used for your purposes. **Amen.**