Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who came for our sake.
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Holy are you, Holy One, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. He became weak, so the power of the world would be shattered; he became poor, so we might be filled with the riches of your grace; he went to that deserted place we call the grave, so death might be knocked off its pedestal, as you breathed new life into his worn-out spirit.

As we search for him in our time, as we would proclaim the gospel, may we proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today’s service.
We also thank:

**Altar Guild:** Vera Baker
**Coordinators for Online Worship:** Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard
**Videographer:** Nic Odell

Reminders:

**Social Media:** It is a great opportunity to share our church with all of our social media friends! We ask that everyone on Facebook and Instagram “like” and “share” our livestream each Sunday morning! The more we share, the more we can grow our church once we can gather together again.

**Check out the News & Events page under the Connect tab on the website.** There you can view the on-line monthly newsletter the Carillon, sign-up for the weekly on-line newsletter Thursday Thoughts, view the photo blog, or find out the latest information about what is going on in the life of the church at:
https://www.trinityspringfield.org/connect/news-and-events/

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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.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany ~ February 7, 2021

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Prelude: “Holy, Holy, Holy with Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
arr. Chad Thompson
Chad Thompson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: “Steal Away”
Courtney & Holly Joy Pearson

Call to Worship:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance: The Lord’s Prayer:

Special Music: “Here I am, Lord” Schutte/Larson
Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31 (NRSV)
Sermon: “Sometimes, We Just Need a Reminder”
Special Music: “Communion Prayer” A. Pote
Communion:

Closing Response: “Wings Like Eagles” A. Pote
(Video) Benediction: The Olin family
Closing Hymn: “Maker in Whom We Live” Diademata

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

Call to Worship: (Maren C. Tirabassi)
Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day is born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

People: We celebrate the beauty of creation and the wonder of human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggles for justice have been unsleeping in spite of opposition.

L: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God’s work in the world.

P: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.

Prayer of Confession: (Glen E. Rainsley)
God our Creator, we offer our prayer as persons who often feel less than whole. We have experienced losses that have diminished us. We have found our attention to your will divided by other claims upon us. We have discovered how difficult it is to fulfill our best intentions.

God our Sustainer, we offer our prayer as people who often feel less than whole. We have sensed an incompleteness to our unity whenever the differences between us seem more important than the one Spirit that gives us common life. We have practiced a fractional faith. We have divided our loyalties in ways that do not allow full service to you, our One and only God.

Forgive us and enable us to enjoy the fullness of your love. Strengthen us and inspire us to whole-hearted devotion. We pray with voices united in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Assurance: (Glen E. Rainsley)
In our striving to follow Christ, God is a sure and constant presence, never coercing commitment but always inviting it. God holds before us priorities that emerge from the Word, God enlightens us when our understandings are dim, God beckons us to embody belief in deed, God strengthens us in spirit and truth. It is so that we are loved by God.

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Communion:

With those so weary that cannot take another step, with those revived by your grace and hope, we lift our praises to you now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of the powerful and powerless heaven and earth are full of your glory.