

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service.

We also thank:

Altar Guild: Lee Vaughn

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Elsie Harwood, from her family.

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Videographer: Nic Odell

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

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Liturgist: Greg Andros (9:30 a.m.)

Ushers: Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Asst. Head Usher; Don Cushing, Usher; Margo Sweetland, volunteers who sign up weekly

Video Team: Nic Odell & Brian Crawford

Reminders:

Ushers Needed

With the addition to one more worship service on Sunday mornings, we are looking for volunteers to serve in Trinity's ushering ministry. If you are interested, please see TUMC's Head Usher, Sheila Womble.

TODAY, May 9, 2021, We Begin With Two Worship Services

Starting this **Sunday, May 9**, Trinity will offer two (2) Sunday worship services: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 am. There is **no** registration required for either of the two services, and we plan to livestream **ONLY** the 11:00am service. Most Sundays, these will be identical services, except, perhaps, when we have special events and/or celebrations.

The overflow room will be available this Sunday, May 9 if we reach capacity. Please remember, masks and social distancing are still required. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Pastor René.

Chapel Kids

We will have Chapel Kids on Sunday, May 9, 16, and 23 at 11 am. Kids can enter into the sanctuary and let the ushers know they will be leaving for Chapel Kids, or they can join directly outside. In case of bad weather, Chapel Kids will be meeting in the Chapel, with all the windows and doors open. We will walk them back to their families at the conclusion of Chapel Kids. If you have any questions, please contact Amelia Hays-Rivest.



Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 9, 2021 – 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**** See words to the right * See Insert**

Prelude: “This Little Light of Mine” B. Tucker
Trinity Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: “Arise, My Love, and Come Away” M. Hayes
Sonja Funk, soprano

Call to Worship: **

Unison Prayer: **

Moment of Reflection and The Lord’s Prayer: **

Special Music: “God of the Deep” D. Forrest

Scripture: Acts 10:34-48 (NRSV)

Sermon: “Wrestling with God. Mending Fences.”

Special Music:

Closing Response: “You Shall Go Out With Joy” M. Hayes

Benediction:

Closing Hymn: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Azmon

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

Call to Worship:

(<http://storage.cloversites.com/waitingforwater/>. Liturgies for Easter Journey 2013. Modified)

Leader: Let us worship the God who calls everyone into the kingdom of God.

P: Judeans and Greeks, young and old, the hopeful and the hopeless, the prisoner and the free, people of all genders, walks of life and races

L: No one is excluded from God’s all-encompassing love.

P: We rejoice that God loves us all!

All: Let us come together with our sisters and brothers everywhere to worship God!

Unison Prayer: (inspired by Acts 10:34-35 NRSV)

Dear God, thank you for your Holy Spirit who teaches us that *you show no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears you and does what is right is acceptable to you.* By your Holy Spirit, feed our faith so that we may grow stronger in our loving concern for others. Strengthen our faith so that Christ may truly live in us, and that we may live to please you, rather than try to please the world around us. Give wisdom to those who lead us so that everyone here and across the world can experience peace, safety, and acceptance. Remind us how your Holy Spirit takes Jesus to the outsiders, the untouchables, and those who belong to rejected groups in our society. May we welcome them as one with us. Lovingly cleanse us, restore us, and sow the love of Christ like a new seed, to sprout and grow in us. For it is in His name we pray. Amen

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.