

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

We also thank:

Altar Guild: Kathy Hathaway and Lee Vaughn

Altar Flowers: In memory of Virginia Shadbegian (Hart), from Eric and Deb Shadbegian.

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Videographer: Nic Odell

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

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Liturgist: Nancy Holloway

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:

There Is No Chapel Kids Today

Today is a Communion Sunday (the first Sunday of the month). We do not offer Chapel Kids on Communion Sundays so that kids have a chance to sit with their families and share in the sacrament of communion together. Chapel Kids will resume next Sunday (5/9).

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 contact TUMC's Head Usher, Sheila Womble.

Two Sunday Worship Services Starting May 9!

In the spirit of who we are as a welcoming community of faith and in our desire not to turn anyone away from worship, starting **Sunday, May 9**, Trinity will TEMPORARILY offer two (2) Sunday worship services: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. This worship time change will continue until we are able to further evaluate the needs of our worshipping community. There is **no** registration required for either of the two services, and we plan to livestream ONLY the 11:00 a.m. service. Masks and social distancing are still required.

Most Sundays, these will be identical services, except, perhaps, when we have special events and/or celebrations. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Pastor René.



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 2, 2021

** See words to the right * See Insert

Prelude: "Fairest Lord Jesus" C. McMillen
Chad Thompson, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: "Praise the Lord" G. F. Handel
Devon and Borys Bakum and Holly Joy Pearson

Call to Worship: **

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance: **

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

Special Music: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" L. Larson

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)

Sermon: "The Love of God"

Special Music: "Prayer for Guidance" A. Pote

Holy Communion: The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Response: "A Celtic Blessing" R. Henderson

Benediction:

Closing Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Beecher

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

Call to Worship: (<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com> Modified.)

L: Here in this place of worship, with the congregation of the faithful,

P: We lay down our fears, to boldly proclaim God's praise.

L: Here in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

P: We are reminded of our stories of faith

L: Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:

P: We shall be so filled with love that we will run to serve others

Prayer of Confession: (*Feasting on the word, liturgies for year B. volume 1*)

God of mercy, we confess we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promise of baptism and cut ourselves from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance: (*Feasting on the word, liturgies for year B. volume 1*)

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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.

Holy Communion: (See Insert)