

## Doxology

UMH #94

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Because we have seen the Lord, we offer these gifts. Take them, loving God, and through them, may others meet the risen Christ. **Amen.**

### \*Hymn:

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS# 2241

## Benediction

### Postlude:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

J.G. Walther

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### We thank those who participated in today’s service:

**Accompanist:** Steve Hays

**Acolytes:** Arianna & Raizel Bhajjan and Felix Everett

**Altar Ministry:** Beverly Rzewnicki

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Fellowship Hour:** Stewardship & Finance Committee and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Ginger Elliott

**Ushers:** Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble; Karen Andros, Wendy Regan, Ian Smythe, Judy Wing

**Video Team:** Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

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### *Please Pray for:*

Mary A, Lisa B, Borys B, Jeannette B, the B family, Pat B, James B, Meri B, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C, Benard D, Greg D, Dominick E, Jo Anne E, Lisa F, Mary (T) G, Courtney H, Aurie I, Blair J, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Gavin M, Jan M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Kathy S, Jane S, Brenda S, Lynn T, Robert (Bob) U, The W family, Tina W, Alison (Allie) W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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*Bishop, Peggy A. Johnson*

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*Director of Family Ministries & Connections, Rob Powell*

*Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern*



*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 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

### WELCOME

*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 downstairs for children birth - 4 years. \*Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.*

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

“It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart,” – Mahatma Gandhi

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** “Open the Eyes of My Heart” arr. M. Hayes

#### Moment of Reflection

**Introit:** “Crown Him Now with Alleluias”

#### \*Call to Worship:

Leader: Beloved, God's glory rests upon you.

**People: We cast our anxiety on God.**

Leader: Beloved, God is steadfast and faithful.

**People: We cast our hope on God.**

Leader: Beloved, worship the God of grace!

**People: We cast our lives before God! Alleluia!**

\***Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH# 577

#### \*Unison Prayer of Confession:

**How easy it is, O God, to fall back into our old ways, our old lives. We forget how remarkable it is to see the Risen Christ. We take for granted that another week has passed, and we remain in comfortable routines. Have we spent this time since Easter as changed as we should have been? Or have we neglected Easter life because daily life beckons so strongly? Forgive us when we forget what Easter means for everything we do. Help us recognize your voice and listen for your words that direct us to where we can serve. Enable us to do the work you set before us. Amen.**

#### \*Words of Assurance: – Worship Resources

God, our loving Parent, desires nothing more than to see us grow and mature into the likeness of our Creator. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven and empowered with Spirit for growth. **Amen.**

**Special Music:** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

#### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

#### 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:** “Be Thou My Vision” UMH# 451  
*(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)*

**Scriptures:** Acts 1: 12-17, 21-26 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 110-111

#### Response to the Word:

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

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**The Word in Reflection:** “When the Lot Falls on You - or Doesn't” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

#### Reception of New Members

### RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

#### Invitation to Offering: - Discipleship Resources

Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

**Offertory:** “Open My Eyes” K. L. Scott