

**Offertory Anthem:** “O Sing to the Lord A New Song” Lloyd Larson

**Doxology** UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**  
Peaceful God, as we remember the Risen Christ offering peace to His disciples, we bring these gifts before you, filled with gratitude for the new life and hope you have given us. Just as Jesus sent his followers into the world with the message of forgiveness, may these offerings be used to share that message of peace, healing, and reconciliation with others. Bless these gifts, that they may help spread the good news of your resurrection and bring light to a world in need of your love. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “Christ Is Alive” UMH# 318

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Grand Choeur” Théodore Salomé

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

**Guest Organist:** Scott Bailey is the collaborative pianist for the department of music at Westfield State University where he also directs the University Chorale. He has served as the music director at The Episcopal Church of the Atonement in Westfield and First Congregational Church in North Adams. He is a Colleague of the American Guild of Organists and is an active performer, conductor, composer, and music director throughout Western Massachusetts.

**We are thankful for** David Belew, Teri LaFleur, Holly Joy Pearson, and Karen Sheffield who are sharing their musical gifts during this period of transition to keep the chancel choir, children's choirs, and handbell choir programs active.

**Accompanist:** Steve Hays

**Acolytes:** Anja Berke, Arianna and Raizel Bhajjan

**Altar Ministry:** Lisa Everett and Family

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Fellowship Hour:** Christian Education & Formation and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Berney Bhajjan

**Flute:** Kyle LaFleur

**Ushers:** Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliot, Deb Garth, Dave Jenney

**Video Team:** Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

**Please Pray for:**  
Jim A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Tom C and family, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Courtney H, Aurie I, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members 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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 202510:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy and two songbooks: *The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)* and *The Faith We Sing (TFWS)*. Please silence your electronic devices. 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

“Where there is humanity, there is doubt.” – Stewart Stafford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:“Offertoire”Johannes Donjon

Moment of Reflection

Introit:“Christ Is Risen”

**\*Call to Worship:** – *Mennonite/Brethren Worship Resources*

Leader: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

**People: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

Leader: I do not see him. I don’t believe you.

**People Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

Leader: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

**People: We are Christ’s body; We are Christ’s feet.**

Leader: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

**People: We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.**

Leader: Let us go together, let us partner with others.

**People: For we are the body of Christ: let us share the Good News!**

**\*Hymn:**“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise ”UMH# 312

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Almighty One, we know you desire us to seek you with all our hearts. We confess the times we have misunderstood that doubt is part of faith, and we confess the times we have discouraged others from questioning what they’ve been taught. Help us to embrace the challenges and to journey together through the struggles, living with the mystery that is faith, for you are both known and unknowable, seen and unseen, Creator of the universe and also within our heart. Help us, O God, to embrace doubt as a part of faith. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance:** –*Discipleship Resources*

The Lord did not abandon Thomas to his unbelief, nor will the Lord abandon us to ours. God hears our cries for help and answers. God knows how we struggle to believe what we can’t see or touch. Know that our Invisible God makes forgiveness visible to our hearts and souls. See God at work in your life from this day forward. Now trust your spiritual sight more each day. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

**\*Response:**“We Are One In The Spirit”TFWS# 2223 (v.4)

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

Anthem:“God of the Sparrow”Craig Courtney

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:**“Hymn of Promise”UMH# 707  
*(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)*

**Scripture Reading:**John 20: 19-31 (NRSV)N.T. pp. 108-109

**Response to the Word:**  
**One:** The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Many:** Thanks be to God!

**The Word in Reflection:**“My Lord and My God”Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

**Invitation to Offering:** – *Discipleship Worship Resources*

Holy God, we continue to hold on to the celebration and triumph of Easter. As we look back over the past year, we realize that many of us can identify with Thomas’s doubt. “Can we be the church, the body of Christ, when we can’t see the body gathered in our sanctuary?” Yet Christ has opened our eyes to his risen body that can’t be confined by walls and is not diminished by precautions and social distance. As we make our gifts to you, we affirm the Resurrection power that we have seen, and so we say again, “Alleluia!” In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen!**