

Doxology: UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:** – *Discipleship Resources*  
Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ’s light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “Lift High the Cross” UMH# 159

**Benediction**

**\*Hallelujah Chorus:** G. F. Handel - Messiah  
*(Everyone is welcome to join in the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus.” You may come forward during this hymn to stand with the choir in the chancel area. Upon leaving the sanctuary, please return the music by placing them in the special designated baskets by the exits. Thank you.)*

**Postlude:** “Toccata” Charles-Marie Widor

**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.

**Guest Organist:** Dr. Ezequiel Menéndez is the former Director of Music at the Cathedral Saint Joseph in Hartford. He is an active international concert artist and teacher.

**Accompanist:** Steve Hays

**Acolytes:** Greta Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Easter Plant Arrangement:** Lee Vaughn

**Easter Ensemble:** Kevin Barker, Vincent Cassotta, Mike Ferrigno, Pat Lennon, Mitchum Mangan

**No Coffee Hour due to the Easter Breakfast**

**Liturgist:** Lisa Everett

**Trinity’s Dance Movement Choir,** Choreographed by Amelia Hays-Rivest

**Ushers:** Fred Lewis, Hope Lewis, Clayton Calhoun and Rita Auchy

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

Please silence electronic devices before the service.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.

We worship using the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks:  
The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS).

Trinity United Methodist Church

361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108  
[www.trinityspringfield.org](http://www.trinityspringfield.org) ▪ 413-737-5311  
*Bishop, Thomas J. Bickerton*  
*District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe*  
*Minister, Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun*  
*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

**April 20, 2025** **Easter Sunday** **10:30 a.m.**

<b>Prelude:</b>	“Prelude in C”	Dietrich Buxtehude
	“Grand Choeur Dialogue”	Eugene Gigout
	“Allegro Assai”	Felix Mendelssohn

**Introit:** “Lift High the Cross”

**Many: Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.**

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**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.**

**Offertory:** “All Things New” Craig Courtney