

Doxology

UMH# 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

God of resurrection and hope, may the gifts we set on the altar today reflect your spirit of generosity and compassion. Use them to raise the brokenhearted and breathe new life into those in need. Glory be to you, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn:

“Standing on the Promises”

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Benediction

Postlude:

“Trumpet Tune”

H. Purcell

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Guest Organist:

Today, we welcome back Dr. Christopher White. He is a member of Trinity, and serves as Associate Professor of Music Theory at UMass Amherst. Chris received his PhD from Yale and has also attended Queens College–CUNY, and Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. Chris studied with Haskell Thompson and James David Christie, and has served many churches, most recently as interim music director at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield.

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

Musical Participants:

Trinity Handbell Choir and Choristers

Acolytes:

Adeline Berke, Audrey and Sam Crawford

Altar Flowers:

In loving memory of Bob G, from his wife Ann and family.

Altar Ministry:

Shonali Bhajjan

Carillonneur:

Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour:

United Women in Faith and volunteers

Liturgist:

Steve Sheffield

Ushers:

Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway

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, Les P and family, upon the passing of his wife, Delight 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

10:30 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

“I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England.”
– John Wesley

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Brother James' Air” Douglas Wagner

Moment of Reflection

Introit: “God Made Me”

*Call to Worship:

One: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.
Many: Thank you God for giving us mothers.
One: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.
Many: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.
One: We take time to remember those whose mothering has pointed our hearts to the love of God.
All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

*Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” UMH# 154

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we realize that we have not made our homes the dwelling place for your love that we would like. Too often, we act like individuals who happen to share the same building, rather than family members who care for one another. Help us to renew our commitments to the welfare and development of our family members whether they are with us or apart. Help us to communicate openly with one another and speak of and show our love to others. Amen.

*Words of Assurance: – *Discipleship Resources*

God says to us: You are my chosen ones. I love you. I am proud of you. Stand firm in your renewed commitment. Know that I have forgiven you; I call you by name; you are mine. I have entered into covenant with you and will stand by you at all times and all places. Dare to live fully the life to which I have called you. **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: “Set Me As a Seal” Joseph Martin

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: “Lord of the Dance” UMH# 261
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

Scripture Reading: John 13: 31-35 (NRSV) N.T. p. 102

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

The Word in Reflection: “Mother’s Day” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:
God of Boundless Goodness: We have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. Out of your great love for us you have provided for our needs. There is food for our tables, clothes to cover us, a roof over our heads and someone to love us. For these gifts we are grateful. Bless now, our tithes and offerings, we ask, so that they may be used to make disciples for Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem: “For The Beauty of the Earth” Craig Curry