

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**
Loving 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. We present these offerings. We know that you will bless and use them to further Christ’s ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “How Shall They Hear the Word of God” UMH# 649

Benediction

Handbell Postlude: “Marche En Rondeau” by M. Charpentier/Arr. by A. Sherman


We thank those who participated in today’s service:
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: Henry Gray, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas
Altar Flowers: In honor of Brittany Ann (F) A & Nicholas A in celebration of their wedding on April 26, 2025
Altar Ministry: Sherry Authier and Julie Calhoun
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
Fellowship Hour: United Women in Faith and volunteers
Liturgist: Hannah Rosenman
Organist: Vera Baker
Trinity Handbell Choir
Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland
Video Team: Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:
James A, Jim A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, 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, 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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

“Loving is never just about opening our heart. It is about being willing to have our heart become larger as we make room for people and stories and experiences we never imagined holding.” – Wilfred Peterson

Welcome and Announcements

Handbell Prelude: “Festival Prelude on “Azmon” Arr. by M. K. Parrish

Moment of Reflection

Introit: “When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

*Call to Worship: – *Discipleship Ministries*
Leader: Gracious and Loving God
People: We come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear stories of faith, hope and love.
Leader: We know that doubt, fear and hatred are everywhere and can shake even the strongest.
People: Shape us into faithful, hopeful people: fill us with your love that passes all understanding.
Leader: We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ,
People: Alleluia Amen!

*Hymn: “Gather Us In” TFWS# 2236

Moment of Gratitude

*Unison Prayer of Confession:
Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives—that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do, we love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*Words of Assurance: – *Discipleship Resources*
Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace—in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! **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: “O Love” Elaine Hagenberg

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: “The Gift of Love” UMH# 408
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13: 1-13 (NRSV) N.T. p. 164

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

The Word in Reflection: “Family Values” 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. Let us return a portion of the gifts we have been given to Christ’s ministry and those most in need of love. 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!**

Offertory Anthem: “I Am Bound For The Kingdom” Lloyd Larson