

Offertory Anthem:

“O Love”

text by George Matteson (1842-1906)
music by Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thy ocean depths its flow richer, fuller be. O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, O I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(see insert)

Music During Communion:

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

TFWS# 2052

***Hymn:**

“Christ For the World We Sing”

UMH# 568

Benediction

Postlude:

Sortie from “Eucharistic Suite”

Leon Boellman

Music Notes: The composer of the offertory anthem, Elaine Hagenberg, has had her works performed across the Americas, Europe, Australia and Asia. She has been a featured clinician at All-State Chorus festivals and at conferences of the American Choral Directors Association. Her compositional style is influenced by her connection to nature, beauty and spiritual reflection.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Sam Crawford, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Altar Flowers: In memory of Elsie H, from her family

Altar Ministry: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Communion Servers: Vera Baker, Hope and Fred Lewis, Wendy Regan

Fellowship Hour: Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and volunteers

Liturgist: Cyndi LeDoux

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Sophia G, Donna G, Courtney H, Dave J, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Arlene M, Carlos M, Pat N, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Shawn R, Jen R, Jim 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 – Communion

May 3, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) & 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.** *Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

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

“In our time all it takes for evil to flourish is for a few good men to be a little wrong and have a great deal of power, and for the vast majority of their fellow citizens to remain indifferent.” – William Sloane Coffin

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Elevation from “Eucharistic Suite” Leon Boellman (1862-1897)

Introit: “Christ is Risen”

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Love's redeeming work is done. All Creation sings His praises,
Christ the resurrected Son. Sorrow gone, sweet joy abounding, God's great pow'r is on display,
Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Love and Light have won the day.*

***Call to Worship:** – *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.*

Leader: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

People: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn:** “Christ Is Alive” UMH# 318

***Unison Prayer of the Morning:** – *Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley on the Worship Ways (UCC)*

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.

***Response:** “Now the Green Blade Riseth” (vv. 1 & 3) UMH# 311

Verse 1: Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Verse 3: Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Anthem: “I lift My Eyes to the Hills” Ps. 121, music by Kenneth Potter
I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? It comes from the maker of Heaven and earth. He will not let you fall. He who watches over you, neither slumbers nor sleeps. The Lord watches over you. The Lord is your shade at your right hand: The sun will not harm you by day, the moon will not harm you by night. The Lord will protect you always. The Lord will keep you from harm. The Lord will protect you from harm. The Lord will be wherever you go! Both now and forevermore.

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: “Hear our Prayer, O Lord”
Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

***Hymn:** “To God Be the Glory” UMH# 98
(Please note: No Chapel Kids on Communion Sunday.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: John 14: 1-14 (NRSV) pp. 102-103

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Troubled Hearts” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Offertory Prayer: - *Written by Rev. Renee C. Jackson and posted on the Faith Foundations*

Gracious and Loving God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we’ve heard your voice. In Christ’s name.