
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024 + 11:00 am Worship

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Minuet from Gothic Suite

Leon Boellmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Beaver

CALL TO WORSHIP

Henry Weaver

One: Church, let us gather as one,

All: to support each other and love one another, to get to know people and make friends.

One: God invites us to this place to recall stories of God's faithfulness,

All: preserving the lives of God's people in the ark, leading God's beloved out of Egypt, feeding the hungry, and healing the sick.

One: God invites us to this place to be people of action in the world,

All: gathering here, in youth groups, and in mission around the world, helping those in need, exercising kindness, laughing easily with one another, and grieving with care.

One: God invites us to this place; we don't need to fear or be dismayed anymore.

All: Let us give thanks to our strong God, who holds our right hand and speaks peace where there is fear. Let us worship our Lord together.

+OPENING HYMN

#14 For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Libby Gray Hall

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Fantastic, compassionate God, we come to you in humility, before the God who created us and the whole world, to confess our sins. You give and forgive, even when we say mean things and do things halfway. You love us, though we often compare ourselves to others, make a mess of your Earth, and trash talk people in sports. We are distracted from your presence, uncertain and afraid. We need help in everyday life, to pray more, to love one another despite differences, and to know you better. We all have different stories; we don't know what every person in this room is going through, but we know you will help us. In the name of Jesus, who sees our hearts even when our minds wander. Amen.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Now I want to share good news! If we are in Christ, God is making us new people; our old lives are gone and our new lives are already started. All of us are forgiven, so don't feel sad about the past, but know how exciting our future is in Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FOREST GREEN

A world in need now summons us to labor, love and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

(may be found as stanza 2 of Hymn #712)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

THE QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

Bunny Gossett King, daughter of Bailey and Blake King

Smith Edward Riley, son of Katie and Chris Riley

+WELCOME

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

O loving God, unto thy care we give again this child of thine, baptized and blessed with faithful prayer and sealed with love's victorious sign.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 14:22-33

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ellie Bond & James LeMon

(pew Bible, NT p. 16)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tanner Short

SERMON

Anne Clark Byars

Katherine Farr

Mason Maynard

Catherine Quillian

Helen Slawson

George Williams

KATHERINE FARR'S SERMON

When I read the story of Jesus walking on water, my attention usually goes to Peter. Matthew writes that Peter boldly steps out of the boat and begins to walk toward Jesus, but begins to sink when his eyes are taken off of the Lord by the monstrous waves. Terrified, Peter calls out to Jesus to save him, to which Jesus replies with, "Why did you doubt me?"

There are two lessons that we can learn from Peter. The first one is that there is no reason to doubt God because we can trust that Jesus will always be there to pull us to the surface when we are sinking. No matter how much you are struggling or how deep of a valley you are walking through, Jesus will be there to help you if you call out to Him, just as He did for Peter. The second lesson that Peter teaches us is that we sink when we stop focusing on the Lord. There's a lyric in the song Oceans that says, "I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves." This particular lyric reminds me of what Jesus wanted Peter to do. He wanted Peter to remain focused on Him despite the wind and waves. In the same way, we should remain focused on Jesus in every season of our lives.

How often do we let the distractions in our lives take our eyes off of the Lord? All of us have distractions that steal our focus, whether it's school, work, social media, or anything in our day to day life. However, it's important to prioritize our relationship with Jesus and to stay rooted in the Word because that's what nourishes and sustains us. Unless we walk this life with our eyes fixated on Jesus, we will constantly be sinking beneath the waves and storms of this life. Keeping our eyes on Jesus creates a firm foundation beneath our feet, regardless of what season we're in. We can trust that He will always be there to help us and pull us to the surface.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Maddie Stancil

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Rebekah LeMon

PRESENTATION

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM & ANOINTING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (2024 TRINITY CONFIRMATION CLASS)

We believe in a loving and forgiving God whose unconditional love extends to all people. Our faith teaches us that God is omnipresent, guiding and protecting us through life's journey. We find reassurance in the words of the Bible, affirming that God strengthens, helps, and upholds us with a righteous right hand. We believe that God provides challenges to help shape our individual paths, allowing us to form our unique journeys. Our faith in Jesus as the Son of God is unwavering, understanding God's role as a teacher and savior who forgives our sins. The Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—exists as one divine structure, guiding and surrounding us with divine presence. The Holy Spirit is the guiding force within us, much like water enveloping a swimmer in the ocean. The Holy Spirit nudges us to do what is right, encouraging us to follow the path of love, kindness, and understanding. Our faith leads us to love mercy, treating everyone with kindness and acceptance, mirroring God's boundless love for all. We strive to spread this love to those in the dark, offering support and understanding to those who need it. We

recognize the importance of faith in shaping our identities, guiding our actions, and connecting us to something greater than ourselves. Our shared journey of faith is a source of strength, guidance, and interconnectedness in the presence of our loving and ever-present God.

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SALZBURG

When the sacred vow is made, when the hands on them are laid, come in this most solemn hour with your strengthening gift of power. Give them light your truth to see; give them life your own to be, daily power to conquer sin, patient faith the crown to win.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS Jean Shults

OFFERTORY Allen Pote

Psalm 139

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do. When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through. Before a word is on my tongue you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day. Where can I flee from your Spirit? Where can I go to run away? If I go to heaven or live in hell you are there. Search me, O God, and know me; try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

+DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION Louie Gump

+CLOSING HYMN
#300 *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION Seniors

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
Psalm XIX Benedetto Marcello

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WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity, and there are worship bags available at all entrances. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds D102

Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) D106

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Trinity Youth have been learning about different movements of the liturgy over the past few weeks, and have been diligent to compose the liturgy this morning. We are grateful for the thoughtful, vital words they bless us with. Bulletin artwork by Noel Baskin.

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Emily Beaver
Director of Family Ministries

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon
Senior Pastor

Jean Shults
Director of Middle School Ministries

Tanner Short
Trinity Fellow

Bonnie Holliday
Clerk of Session

Mary Riley Fleming
Elder

Elaine Poindexter
& Forbes Stancil
Acolytes

MUSICIANS

Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and Director of Music and Arts*

The Youth Choir of Trinity Church

Noel Baskin
Louie Gump
Libby Gray Hall
Julia Holladay
Caroline LeMon
James LeMon
Ella Bleu Matthews
Leighton Maynard
Kinsley Powers
Max Powers
Catherine Quillian
Margaret Quillian
Ben Reese
Anna Speer
Owen Speer
Maddie Stancil
Jack Stewart
Walton Sullivan
Zach Wall
Catherine Williams
Connor Willingham

YOUTH

Ellie Bond
Louie Gump
Libby Gray Hall
James LeMon
Maddie Stancil
Henry Weaver

SENIORS

Anne Clark Byars
Katherine Farr
Mason Maynard
Catherine Quillian
Helen Slawson
George Williams

CONFIRMANDS

Cannon Adams
TJ Black-Holmes
Rebecca Curran
Henry Edmunds
Blanchard Farr
Harrison Flores
Mary Adelaide Gump
Walker Jackson
Caroline LeMon
James McGilvary
Molly McGilvary
Charlotte Moseley
Max Powers
Caroline Saxon
Zach Wall
JD Wickland
Tate Wildman

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Carol Singers and son Tom Singers to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stewart Singers and Carol and Stewart's grandson, Robbie McArdle. Today's arrangement was created by the Trinity Presbyterian Flower Guild.

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By: Noel Baskin

