

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind.

***Give us such wonder, love,
and gratitude that we may sing praises to you***

and joyfully honor your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Call to Confession

Sin and shame confuse and lead us astray.

The risen Christ welcomes us with redeeming love.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, son of the Living God, how many times have we betrayed, abandoned, and denied you? You welcome and forgive us, nonetheless. Let us not be driven away from you in shame or hide from you fearing full exposure. Welcome us once again, forgive us and redeem us. Amen.

Silent Confession

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Christ transforms. Christ redeems and renews. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Our Response

Softly and Tenderly

***Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.***

Refrain:

***"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"***

***Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn

CHRIST THE KING / ASCENSION

150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Spanish folk melody
Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824
Harm. David Evans, 1927

Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra - cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Prayer of Illumination: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. That as the scriptures read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Scripture Lesson

2 Kings 4:1-7

Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves. ² Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She answered, "Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil." ³ He said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not just a few. ⁴ Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels ; when each is full, set it aside." ⁵ So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." But he said to her, "There are no more." Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said "Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest."

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Sermon – A Mother, her Children, and the Neighbors – Commissioned Pastor Jean Biggar

A Litany for Mother's Day

L:Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

C:Thank God for mothers!

L:Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

C:Thank God for my mother!

L:For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

C:Thank God for the mothers of the past.

L:For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

C:Thank God for the mothers of today.

L:For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

C:Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

L:For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

C:Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

L:For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

C:Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

L:For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

C:Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

C:We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do, as we worship you, O God. Amen.

*Hymn

LIFE IN CHRIST

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Be Thou My Vision

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Ancient Irish poem
Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Call to Offering

How may we participate in the new life in Christ? By sharing abundantly our common life--- our resources of time and trust and treasure, our life with each other our life in the world. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

L: Go into the world in peace!

C: And take peace to a world that desperately needs it.

L: Go into the world in faith!

C: Trusting God to lead you, trusting people to receive you into.

L: Go the world with hope!

C: **With God's presence before you and God's grace to carry you.**

L: Go into the world with love!

C: **Serving those in whom Christ lives and seeking peace and justice for those for whom Christ died.**

L: Go in peace, faith, hope, and love each day.

Postlude

Liturgist: Sharon Davis

Head Deacons: Linda Baines & Megan Davis

Commissioned Pastor: Jean Biggar

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God to those struggling with mental health issues. Given by: Coy Family