



Sixth Sunday of Easter



TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LABYRINTH
Meditation after Postlude

“TO DO ALL THE GOOD WE CAN.”

*Our Mission is grow passionate disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of our world*

- *Timeless:** Connection with Ancient-Modern expression of worship
- *Traditional:** Traditions of Trinity and Methodist Heritage
- *Transforming:** Spiritual Education and Spiritual Formation

April Ushers — Team #4
Danny Trusty, Janet Wempe, Gwen Tooley,
Linda Henderson & James Humbane

WELCOME TO TRINITY

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE.

Philip Hooper

Trinity United Methodist is distinctively Christian, yet we believe God is larger than our theology and tradition. Our aim is to grow passionate disciples of Jesus for the transformation of our world.

*Whatever your thoughts on church,
whatever your beliefs on God,
you are welcome at Trinity*

CALL TO WORSHIP BELLS



CENTERING WORDS

Rev. Kate

Sing praise with all of creation. Sing praise with all of humanity.

Sing praise together, for all of our songs come from one God, creator of all.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song,
a song of love for all.

Sing of the Spirit of love,
the Spirit who loves us all.

Sing of God's abiding love,
that we might love one another and all of the world.

Sing a new song,
a song of love for all

Opening Hymn

The Faith We Sing--#2050 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

- 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

- 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain...of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

- 3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flower, until I know.

OPENING PRAYER

Todd

The Lord be with you,
and also with you

Let us pray:

Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship.
Whisper your song of love in our hearts,
that love may flow through every word we hear,
every thought we think,
every word we speak
and every song we sing.
Spirit of power and grace, abide in us,
that we may abide in your love
and proclaim your song of love for all. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION

Todd

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

David King

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

PSALTER

Psalter #818 *Psalm 98* (response #1)

R: Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth.

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and holy arm
have gotten the victory.

**The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

R: Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!**

R: Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it!

**Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.
The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

R: Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

David King

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Hymn

100 *God whose love is reigning o'er Us*

1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

2. Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

3. Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too; Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you. Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

4. Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be. Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

5. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

* GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

* Musical Offering

* MESSAGE

Withholding

Rev. Kaitlin Moore

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, the power and the glory for ever. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Response to the Message

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**DOXOLOGY—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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts
and on all of us gathered here,
that we may abide in your love
and that your love may abide in these gifts.
In your loving name, we pray. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

#261

Lord of the Dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you

and give you His peace. Amen

POSTLUDE



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LABYRINTH

Some of you may have been to a church or a retreat center that had a labyrinth on the grounds. Walking the labyrinth is a way of praying with the body that invites the divine presence into an active conversation with the heart and soul. The labyrinth is a sacred pattern that leads you on a prescribed path to its center and back out again. As we walk along, we are invited to take note of our journey, the twists and turns, as they mirror our personal spiritual walks. We invite you to embark upon this journey of prayerful wandering, but you certainly don't have to wait until you are standing at the opening of an actual life-sized labyrinth. Follow these steps and trace the labyrinth with your finger in order to focus your thoughts and open yourself up to the presence of God.

First Movement: Releasing (Confession)

Place your finger at the opening of the labyrinth. Pray silently prayer of confession. When finished, slowly move your finger forward along the labyrinth. Move at your own pace toward the center. Let the words of the prayer stay with you. Quiet your mind as you move through the labyrinth. Make room for emotions and stirrings that arise. What needs to be changed, forgiven, cleared, confronted, or healed in your life? Offer these situations to God as you move forward.

Second Movement: Receiving (Centering)

When you reach the center, rest your finger there for a moment before you read a scripture reading for the day. When you are ready, read the passage slowly, as if you have never read it before. Center on Gods Word and be open to what God reveals to you through the reading. Return you finger to the center of the labyrinth and reflect on the passage and what it holds for you.

Third Movement: Returning (Intercession)

As you prepare to leave the labyrinth, place your finger at the same opening in the center where you entered. Now lift up your intercessory prayers for the day and when finished, begin to move your finger back along the same path on which you entered. Let the intercessory prayers stay with you, and add to them as you make the turns and move along the pattern back out of the labyrinth. Be mindful of people and circumstances in the world that are in need of your prayers. Hold each one in your heart for a part of the journey outward.

When you have finished...

As you lift your finger from the labyrinths end, offer thanks to God.