

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

10:30 AM MAY 5TH, 2024



THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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GOD CALLS THE PEOPLE TOGETHER

(* Indicates those who are able, please stand. **Bold** print indicates responsive reading.)
(W = White Hymnal; R = Red Hymnal)

GATHERING MUSIC

Erik Collins

WELCOME

Rev. Lucus Keppel

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, John Rayment

Tender God, make us lovers of humanity.

Compassionate friends of all creation.

Gracious God, hear us into speech,

Speak us into acting

And through us

Re-Create the world. Amen.

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (v1-2, 4)

R-366

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Elana Levy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Elana Levy

Holy and Beloved God, all of humanity are your children. We know that your heart is saddened when your children suffer, when your children are displaced, when your children are persecuted. You hear cries for justice from some of your children – and prayers that you keep things exactly as they are from others. Help us to see and speak to each other, instead of ignoring the pleas from our brothers and sisters, siblings and friends. Guard us against the fear that fills our world, and instead, be our constant companion, leading us to

act in love, and speak out with your prophetic voice against injustice, violence, and inaction.

A moment of silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Elana Levy

No matter how often we forget God's presence, or choose to follow our own paths and dreams. God calls out to us to return to the path, remembering that God has already forgiven us, and that Jesus is waiting for us with open arms.

May we love God and each other as much as God loves us!

Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

"Be Not Afraid"

R-243

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

PASSING THE PEACE AND WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

Rev. Lucus Keppel

The peace of Christ be with you...

and also, with you.

Let the children come to me, and do not stop them.

For it's to such as these that God's Kingdom belongs

GOD SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist, John Rayment

STORY FROM THE BIBLE

John 15:9-17

Liturgist, John Rayment

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

John Clawson

After the children's sermon, children up through kindergarten age may leave with Donna Bridenstine.

Praise the LORD!

The LORD's name be praised!

ANTHEM "Dream a Dream" Trinity Choir
Ed Robertson

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 10:44-48 Rev. Lucus Keppel

SERMON *Make a Home in Love* Rev. Lucus Keppel

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith (1977) Rev. Elana Levy

God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything. We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ... Even though evil has emerged within God's creation, we may work and play in it and explore it with wonder and joy.

Evil is whatever works against the loving purpose of God for human beings and all creation. Natural forces may have evil effects. Sinful human choices produce evil results. Evil may become institutionalized in our social structures...

In Christ, God shared our agony over evil and broke the back of its power by bearing the worst it could do. God works continually to overcome evil. In the end it will be utterly defeated. Therefore we have courage to endure evil, to learn from it, and combat it...

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the

truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves...

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now, he is Lord. Amen.

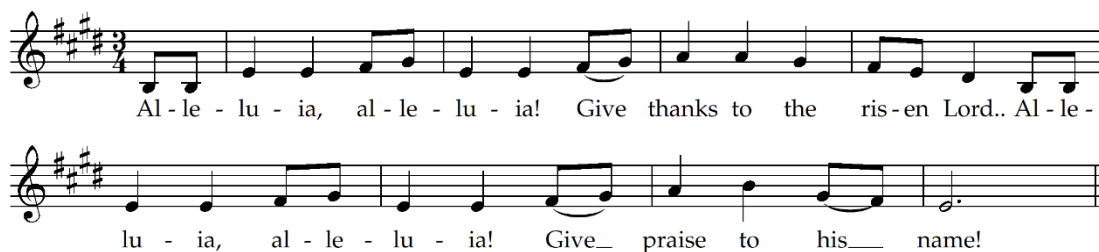
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Rev. Elana Levy

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RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (refrain) R-240



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give_ praise to his_ name!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Elana Levy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lucus Keppel

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 and ever. Amen.

*HYMN

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

R-500

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (from A Declaration of Faith (1977)) Rev. Lucus Keppel

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every time and every age, O God, it is good and faithful that we give you thanks for your mercy is sure and your steadfast love endures forever. In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus, who sets us free from death and leads us to life eternal.

And so, with all creation, with all the needy and hungry ones, with all those who have enough and plenty, with creatures large and small, with sun and moon and stars, and with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

**Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor**

and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. By your power and love you continue to deliver your people from bondage, thwart the designs of evil, show the way through the wilderness, turn hardship into righteousness, and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe. You came among us to feed and heal and teach, to confound the haughty, to confuse the deceivers, to challenge the wrong-hearted, and in all these things, to give hope to those who long for peace.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life. You give us words when we have none; you fill us with vision when we have the most need; you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour. Be our guide and teacher, today and always. Come now, O Prince of Peace, Spirit of Love, Breath of Life. Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew, and teach us to proclaim with her, “I have seen the Lord!”

In the unity of the Holy Trinity, in gratitude for this great day of resurrection, we praise you, God of all that is, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Revs Lucus Keppel & Elana Levy

On the night he was arrested, Jesus took the bread.
He gave thanks, and blessed it, broke it and said:
“This is my body broken for you. Take and eat.
And remember me in all that you do.

When the meal was over, Jesus took the cup,
He poured wine and blessed it, and lifted it up:
This is the new covenant poured out for you; take, and drink.
And remember me in all you do.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” (v1, 4-5)

R-316

GOD’S PEOPLE ARE SENT OUT

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Lucus Keppel

May the light of God shine through the darkest places of your life. May the call of Christ resound through your being. May the love of the Holy Spirit connect you always with fellowship and community. In the name of God, go in peace and serve the LORD!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"We Will Walk with God"

R- 742



We will walk___ with God, my broth-ers; we will walk___ with God.



We will walk_with God, my sis-ters; we will walk_with God. We will go re - joic-ing



till the king-dom has come. We will go re - joic-ing till the king-dom has come.

POSTLUDE

Erik Collins

Resources:

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Call to Worship by Carter Heyward, from “Saving Jesus from Those Who are Right” (1983/1999)

Great Thanksgiving and Prayer After Communion from the Book of Common Worship (2018)

OUR STAFF

Rev. Lucus Keppel & Rev. Elana Levy, Co-Pastors
Erik Collins, Director of Music
Donna Bridenstine, Childcare
Brian Williams, Administrative Assistant

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Class of 2025	Cindy Strasheim	Kate Hanson	Kim Campbell
Class of 2026	Craig Hanson	Nancy Cain	(open)

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