



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GROWING TOGETHER. WELCOMING ALL.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER    MAY 15, 2022

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEDITATION

O God, thou faithful God  
J. S. Bach

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One:     Lord God, open unto us light for our darkness.  
Many:    Open unto us courage for our fear, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow.  
One:     Open unto us strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion,  
            forgiveness for our sins.  
Many:    Open unto us love for our hate, your self for ourselves.  
All:      Lord, our God, open unto us!

### † GATHERING HYMN

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 401*

[Here in This Place](#)  
GATHER US IN

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from your point of view. We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt, all the while hiding ourselves for fear we too would be found wanting. We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love - and we forget, or never really knew, that all you touch is holy. So when we exclude others, we exclude you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love. Forgive us, God. May we be made holy in truth, loving as you love, clean and unclean alike.

### TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

# KYRIE ELEISON

Lord Have Mercy



## † WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

## † THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –  
And also with you!

## † GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 581*

[Glory Be to the Father](#)

GLORIA PATRI

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11: 1-18

## SERMON

*Who Are We to Hinder God?*

Dr. Steve Lindsley

## WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

## † HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 300*

[We Are One in the Spirit](#)

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We believe that, in a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God and empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

## A MOMENT FOR OFFERING AND MEDITATION

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.  
For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR Code to the right.



## OFFERTORY

### † [DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### † PRAYER FOR OFFERING

## WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

### † SENDING HYMN

*Glory to God, Hymnal No. 340*

[This Is My Song](#)

FINLANDIA

### † BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

O God, Thou faithful God  
Bach

† *All who are able are invited to stand.*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman, Rev. Jodi Martin, liturgist; Dr. Chris Gilliam, director of music; Michael Rowland, organist; and Trinity Choir.

*For those in need of hearing assistance, our Sanctuary is equipped with a “loop system” that broadcasts the audio into your hearing aids using t-coil technology. Alternately, headphones can be accessed in the Narthex.*

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## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Our church family actively seeks to welcome all and to acknowledge and embrace the rich diversity of God's human creation. Come as you are. We do not seek to change you; rather, to provide space for you to grow in your unique faith journey. We believe that it is impossible to live out Christ's purpose, as individuals and as the church, without being fully open and inclusive, following the example Christ set for us. At Trinity Presbyterian Church, we believe in: Growing Together. Welcoming All. Please fill out our digital [Connect Card](#) to learn more about our church!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPRING PICNIC** - Come for the games, the ice cream truck, and the complimentary lunch! If anything, come for the fellowship! Come and enjoy a picnic with Trinity on May 22 following our Confirmation Sunday Worship. As part of Trinity's Spring Picnic following Worship on May 22, we will celebrate Rebecca Heilman's upcoming marriage to Douglas Campbell

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – A Food Truck Party! “On a Roll with God!” June 13-16 at Trinity from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. VBS is open to the community for children in K-5th grade. The WDS camp is open to Toddlers – TK. VBS & the Weekday School camp are open to neighbor kids, and grandkids too! Register at <https://bit.ly/3pUxMth>.

**TRINITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR**- This fall the Christian Formation Ministry Team will offer our children TK-5th grade an opportunity to participate in our children's choir program on Sundays. Please fill out a short survey at <https://bit.ly/3LoXn6u> if your child or grandchild can participate in the choir.

**TRINITY'S GARDEN IN NEED OF GARDENERS** - It's that time of year again! Trinity is in need of gardeners for the summer. Sign up to care for the garden (weeding, harvesting, and even taking veggies home for your table). Reach out to Carol or Gary Sugg or Rev. Rebecca Heilman with any questions or concerns. Hope to see you in the garden!

**MONTREAT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** - The mountains are calling, and Trinity is answering! We are so excited to hold our beloved Montreat Retreat again, October 14-16. Join your Trinity family for this wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship and spiritual renewal. The Montreat web page is now “live”, and registration is open! Go to <https://bit.ly/3w63SWn> to learn more.

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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