

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

9am Contemporary Worship

*Table Blessing

***Prayer after Communion:** P: Let us pray. **C: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

***Benediction:** P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **C: Amen**

*Sending Song: *We Are Marching* WP 48

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

Xhosa:

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'
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Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'
Siyahamba O-o
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'
Siyahamba O-o
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

***Dismissal:** L: And now may Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who has satiated all your needs and caused you to drink from the waters of eternal life, lead you forth to love and serve God and God's people with great joy. Go in peace, serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

WELCOME TO TRINITY! This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook and YouTube, with full sanctuary video coverage of all leaders and worshippers.

Communion: All are invited to take part.

Please fill in the Blue Form inside this bulletin so we may record your attendance, know your desire to be involved in our activities, receive your prayer requests and record your contact information.

Easter Greeting: P: Christ is Risen! **C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Amazing Grace (Virginia Harmony)*

arr. J. Shrader

**Please stand as you are able.*

*Call To Worship

P: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

C: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

P: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

C: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, and productive.

P: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

C: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

P: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

C: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

*Gathering Song: *I Call Your Name* BB35

1 Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Ancient of Days, Giver of faith, Lord, I need You.

2 Worthy, Lord, You're deserving Of all I am;
I lay me down. Lord, I need You.

Chorus: I call Your Name; Lord, You reply.
You bring Your Kingdom And stand by my side.
Giver of Life, More than I need.
Father, You're everything that's precious to me.
There is no one like You, Lord, in all the earth.

3 Creation waits in anticipation For Your return;
Let it be soon. Lord, we need You.

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

(silence for reflection)

P: Holy One, **C: You know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Instill in us a love so strong that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.**

P: Friends, Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven! **C: Amen!**

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Message Song: *Abide* BB 48

1 The cross ever before me The things of earth dissolve
Oh Lord, oh Lord, abide in me With ev'ry passing hour Your presence all I need
Oh Lord, oh Lord, abide in me.

Chorus: Oh my strongest desire my passion my fire
Holy Spirit alive in me
Oh this soul that You made sings forever Your praise
Holy Spirit abide in me.

2 Even when my faith is weary And darker clouds roll in
Oh Lord, oh Lord, abide in me
In the face of fears be closer And my Father's voice be near
Oh Lord, oh Lord, abide in me **Chorus**

Bridge I will stay surrendered in Your presence
Steadfast in Your love
With my heart abandoned one with Heaven
Abide in me oh Lord

Sermon:

Pastor Kerri True

A Time of Silence for Meditation

***Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession:** *Each prayer concludes:* Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

***The Peace:** L: The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

Offering: *In the Garden*

C.A. Miles, arr. Hayes

***Offering Prayer:** P: Let us pray **C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

***The Table:**

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

C: We come to eat at God's table.

***Words of Institution**

***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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

To receive communion, come forward using the center aisle. A communion assistant will place the bread in your hands. Then take an empty cup to be filled with wine or grape juice. If you would like the assistant to hold the cup for you while filling it, just point to the empty cups rather than taking one. Wine is in the silver chalices, and grape juice is in the tan chalices. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the silver tray on the pedestal. Children are welcome at the Table to receive the Sacrament or a blessing, as parents indicate. If your mobility is limited, notify us and assistants will bring the elements to you. Please note that Christ is fully present in each element, so you can take only the bread if you wish.

Communion Song: *Who You Say I Am* BB 6

Verse 1 Who am I that the highest King, Would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

Chorus 1 Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Verse 2 Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

Chorus 2 In my Father's house, There's a place for me, I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Bridge I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am, You are for me not against me

I am who You say I am **(Repeat)**

Repeat: **Chorus 1** **Chorus 2** **Chorus 1**