

*CLOSING HYMN #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Crown Him King of Kings by Sharon DaMazio arr. Carol Tornquist*

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Connie Williams
Ushers	Ginny Kramer, Edna Campbell, Linda North
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow slips which are on the table in the narthex and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

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2nd Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross by Lowell Mason
arr. Brent Edstrom*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

INTROIT #252 *Day of Arising*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!
God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.
God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.
In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.
For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.
For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

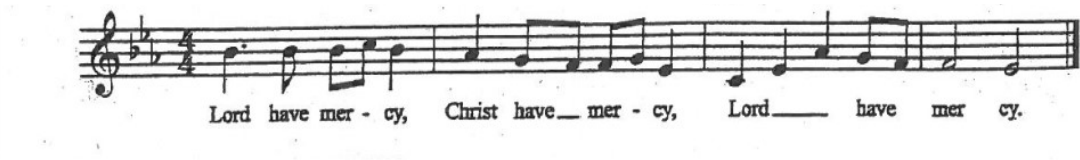
*OPENING HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

CALL TO CONFESSION *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*
Our lives are the windows through which we see the world. And our windows have attracted a lot of dirt which blocks us from seeing clearly with our faith. So with our confession, let us wipe them clean allowing us to restore our vision of the path we need to walk on.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*
O God, you never stop trying to work with us, always making your Spirit available. And we continue to keep finding our own ways to do things with results that compromise the coming of your kingdom. We have ignored your commandment to love one another as we love ourselves. We love ourselves a lot more than our neighbors! And now our world is ingloriously divided between the “haves” and the “have nots.” As long as we belong to the “haves”, we don’t worry about it. So please forgive us and give us the courage to stand up to the wrongs that plague our society. For the sake of Jesus, who gave his life for us. Amen.

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON
If God was vindictive, we would all be condemned. But we are God’s children and we are loved in spite of our disobedience. So let us accept forgiveness with gratitude and keep our windows clean in the future...again, for the sake of Jesus who gave his life for us. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Risen Indeed! by Larry Shackley*

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT *Children’s Sermon*
(The children will be dismissed to Children’s Church after the Children’s Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-29

SERMON *Embrace Your Doubt* *Rev. Tom Dunlap*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #257 *The Risen Christ*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *John W. Vannorsdall*
“I wait for the Lord who was before I began to be, who knows the world from its beginning and is not afraid of its great size and empty places.
I wait for the Lord who in a great parabola of grace enters the atmosphere of time and space, is bound to the cross by the weight of human sin, and swoops down into hell of all time’s making ...and arches up again through Easter’s tomb.
I wait for the Lord who doesn’t boil and cool again, like water on the stove, whose love is lasting.
I wait for his promised time when we shall beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.
We may wait a long time, but we know for whom we wait. And our waiting is the most important thing we have to contribute.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope ...”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
Sisters and brothers, we have no good apart from God. Therefore let us keep God at the forefront of our minds and give generously from all that we have been given, that others may also receive from the fullness of God.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *There is a Green Hill Far Away by George Stebbins*
arr. Gail Smith

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls re-joice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

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At the Dedication of
Seth Nyamusa
April 16, 2023

Valentine and Valarie, if it is your intention to present this child, Seth, to the Lord, and to pledge yourselves to bring him up in the nurture and teaching of the Lord, please answer “we do” to the following promises:

Do you here this day recognize this child as a trust from God and give heartfelt thanks for God’s blessing? “We do.”

Do you here this day dedicate this child to the Lord who gave him?
“We do.”

Do you here this day pledge as parents that you will bring up this child in the nurture and teaching of the Lord? “We do.”

Do you here this day ask God’s blessings upon his life, to guide, guard, and direct him through all his years? “We do.”

To the Congregation:

Do you here this day acknowledge that this child is a trust from God; giving heartfelt thanks for God’s blessings and committing yourselves to pray for this child, seeking to strengthen his faith in Christ with each opportunity God may grant you? “We do.”

Statement of Dedication:

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate you, Seth Nyamusa, to God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

Prayer:

O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor, we pray on Seth, as his life begins.

Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

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***OPENING HYMN #475**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Tune: Nettleton

***HYMN #257**

The Risen Christ

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
From garden tomb through darkened city street,
Unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear
And speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
Breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
Whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
New grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
The bread for those who fail to understand,
Reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
Enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
With those oppressed in this and every land,
Till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
Restored in Christ to true humanity.

***CLOSING HYMN #260**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were over,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
You, within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.