

*CLOSING HYMN #839

Blessed Assurance

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King by Felice de Giardini arr. Larry Shackley*

Congregation remains seated

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| Liturgist | Allison Schuler |
| Ushers | Donna Schuler, Kurt Schuler, Wilson Tayong |
| Director of Music | Davis McKinney |
| Co Pastor | Rev. Kate Mauch |

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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Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Reach Out and Touch by Charles Brown arr. Fred Bock*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

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

INTROIT #231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!
Let the sound of praise ring out.
Come and hear what the Lord has done,
the Lord who has made everything!

*OPENING HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brother and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love .

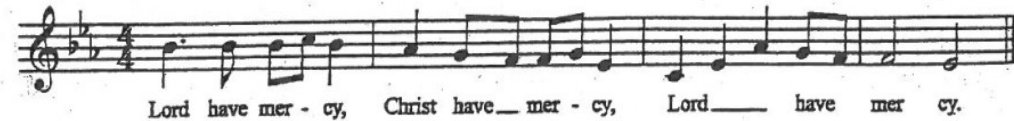
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

ANTHEM

Here's One; Spiritual arr. Tom Fettke

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

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22

SERMON

A Gentle Defense

Rev. Kate Mauch

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN #735

I Need Thee Every Hour

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God, the divine giver, gifts us with life and breath and all that is. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts in return for the goodness and grace of God in Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder; spiritual arr. James Pethel*

*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

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (*verse 1*)

PASTORAL PRAYER—*Responsive*

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

***OPENING HYMN #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***HYMN #735**

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

Refrain)

***CLOSING HYMN #839**

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.