

*CLOSING HYMN #81

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Onward, Christian Soldiers by Arthur Sullivan arr. Donald Marsh*

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Connie Williams
Ushers	Edna Campbell, Linda North, Praises Nyamusa
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 *Are Ye Able, Said the Master by Harry Mason
arr. Lani Smith*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT #203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!
Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.
Walk in the paths of God’s commandments
with delight.
Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.
With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

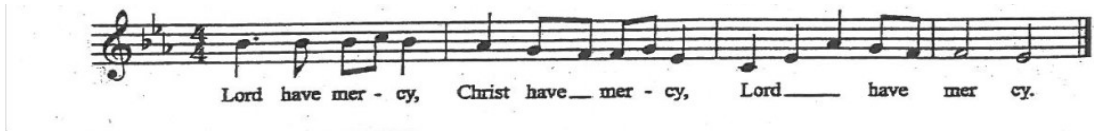
*OPENING HYMN #766 (verses 1-4) *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

CALL TO CONFESSION
Our sins weigh us down, and we struggle to live in freedom and joy. When we turn and return to the God who loves us, God finds pleasure. We turn now, confessing our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

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

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ. Gathered in Christ’s name, surely he is among us, full of grace and truth.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me by Thomas Lynch arr. K. Lee Scott*

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 #188 *(verse 1)* *Jesus Loves Me*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus’ name we ask it. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON *Who Do You Say I Am?* *Rev. Kate Mauch*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #321 *The Church’s One Foundation*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God’s commandments.
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us praise God’s name with dancing and music; let us bring to God what we have been given so that needs are met and the gospel is proclaimed.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *Just As I Am by William Bradbury arr. David Smither*

*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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

***HYMN #766** (*verses 1-4*)

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

The Church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have, we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through ev'ry selfless deed.

***HYMN #321**

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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Glorious things of thee are spoken
Zion city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire Appear
for a glory and a cov'ring
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love
Well supply thy sons And daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows, their thirst to assuage
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.