Trinity United Church

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Trinity United seeks to provide a scent-free environment. Thanks!

April 26th 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

Please stand as you are able where indicated (*)

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Scripture Sentence/Greeting/Call To Worship Revelation 1:18

Jesus said: "I am the living One.
"I was dead and now I am alive for evermore."

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit: Be with you all!

And also with you!

This is the season of Easter:

The celebration of resurrection.

The festival of hope:

The promise of new beginnings.

The dance of faith:

The song of joy.

The music of gladness: The hymn of love.

We come in worship!
Thanks be to God!

II *Hymn: "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"—VU #179

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*Litany of Approach

God of power, God of people, you are the life of all that lives:

Energy that fills the earth,
vitality that brings to birth,
impetus in making whole
whatever is bruised or broken.

In you we grow to know the truth
that sets all creation free.
You are the song the whole earth sings,
the promise liberation brings.

Now and forever. **Amen!**

*Response: "Open Our Hearts"—MV #21

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you all! And also with you.

Please share that peace with one another.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God!

<u>Sermon</u>

"Credo, Third Series, Part VII":

Seated at the right hand of the Father"

But of the Son he says:
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness
is the scepter of your kingdom."

--Hebrews 1:8

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

*Hymn: "Jesus is with God"—Wren/Klusmeier

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Lifegiver,

Source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name

echo through the universe!

The way of your justice

be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us:

and teach us to offer forgiveness

as freely as we yearn to receive it.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

♬♪ Offertory

JJ *Dedication: "What Can I Do?"—MV #191

*Litany of Dedication

You, O God, are the Easter One:
You are the holy source of resurrection.
You are the dancing spirit of life.

We offer these gifts in gratitude for hope returned.

For the mystery of your grace!
For the promise of resurrection.

Through Christ! Amen.

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD

*Hymn: "All Praise to Thee"—VU #327

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*Sending Forth

God of Easter:

Send us forth to live the power of resurrection.

That we and all creation:

Might be one with the living Christ.

To whom with you and the Spirit, on holy God: Be honour and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Go forth now, to love and to serve our God.

Thanks be to God!

★Closing: "May God's Sheltering Wings"—MV #214

<u>Postlude</u>

Minister: Rev Foster Freed Music Director: Alison Dalton