

# Trinity United Church

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

May 24th 2020

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Ascension Sunday**

Please stand as you are able where indicated (\*)

## **WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD**

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting the Christ Candle

♪♪ \*Introit: "New Every Morning", verse 1—**VU #405**

### \*Scripture Sentence/Greeting/Call To Worship *Romans 5:5*

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts:  
Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

*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!**

*Children of God, come and worship!*

**We are led by the Spirit of God.**

*Our Redeemer accepts us and invites us  
to gather as people of faith.*

**We come, as we are,  
ready to receive the Good News.**

*This is the day that our God has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

**Thanks be to God.**

♪♪ \*Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"—**V #315**

### \*Litany of Approach

*Jesus, you are the Living Stone,  
chosen by God and precious.*

**We desire to be like you,  
living stones, built into a spiritual house.**

*Let our time of worship  
open us to your presence and transform us  
into a holy priesthood.*

**In your name. Amen.**

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\*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

♪♪ \*Hymn: "Walk with Me"—**VU #649**

**Scripture Reading:** 1st Peter 1:13 - 2:12

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

**Sermon** “Credo, Fourth Series, Part III:  
The Church Holy”

*But you are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
a people for his own possession,  
that you may proclaim  
the excellencies of him who called you  
out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

--1st Peter 2:9

**WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS  
OF THE GOSPEL**

♪♪ \*Hymn: “I Have Called You by Your Name”—MV #161

**Pastoral Prayers**

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

♪♪ **Offertory**

♪♪ \*Dedication: “Grant us, God, the Grace”—MV #191

**\*Litany of Dedication**

*Loving and gracious God:*  
**We are grateful for Christ’s life,  
death and resurrection.**

*We are grateful for his presence,  
bringing us to fullness of life in the Spirit.*  
**Accept these gifts we offer in his name.**

*Through them, we pray that others  
might come to know  
the power of your Holy Spirit:*  
**For their lives and for the world.**

*Through Christ!*  
**Amen.**

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**WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD**

♪♪ \*Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”—VU #211

**\*Sending Forth**

*God of power:*  
**May the boldness of your Spirit transform us.**

*God of new beginnings:*  
**May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us.**

*God of attentive faithfulness:*  
**May the gifts of your Spirit equip us.**

*To serve and worship you now and always.*

**Amen.**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

♪♪ \*Closing: "I Wish You The Blessing—Oldham/Klusmeier

**Postlude**

<b>Minister:</b> Rev Foster Freed <b>Music Director:</b> Alison Dalton
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