

Welcome to
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Sunday, April 16, 2017: Easter Sunday



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC “Via Dolorosa (Arr, Clydesdale)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION IN SONG “The Day of Resurrection” New Century Hymnal #245

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC “We Welcome Glad Easter” (Arr. McDonald)
(Combined Bell & Chancel Choir)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[at this time children who are interested in attending Sunday School may go to the classroom downstairs]

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: God, we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live out. We are dragged down by all manner of death – we let fear and hopelessness suffocate us; we lose sight of your dreams and hopes for us, our families, our communities and our nation. We allow sorrow to wall us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief. We come before you now in a spirit of repentance. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

Just as Christ did not come to condemn us but to liberate us, so too is Christ raised from death not to judge but to celebrate. Cast off the yoke of sorrow and rise up in joy –Christ lives! We live! All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

Alleluia and amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated)

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He has risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Chuck Romberger (Lay Reader)

One: God of glory: in the Easter dawn you raised Jesus from death to life.

As we are united with him in death, so unite us with him in resurrection,
that we may walk in newness of life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Chuck Romberger (Lay Reader)

Gospel lesson: **Matthew 28:1-10**

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE: Pastor Don

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO OFFERING: Chuck Romberger (Lay Reader)

We are witnesses to the power of the Holy Spirit and the glory of God, and now we turn in thanksgiving to share the good news of forgiveness and grace to all the world. Let our gifts be a living testimony to those who most need the healing grace of Christ this morning; let them become cornerstones of faith and joy for the entire world.

OFFERTORY "Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed" (Chancel Choir)

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (words on page 5)

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

COMMUNION LITURGY *during this morning's offering of communion we will follow the liturgy that begins on p. 16 of the black New Century Hymnal. We will follow liturgy A throughout.*

*CLOSING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" NCH#233

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: The risen Jesus is here, in the confines of this sanctuary, as well as in the world beyond these walls.

All: We will seek the risen Jesus on the roads and in the streets, in all the pathways and byways of our lives.

One: Do not seek comfort in the familiar, but dare to risk the unfamiliar –

All: We know that Resurrection makes all things new!

One: Do not cling to all the old, expected notions about God, Jesus, and Spirit, but go forth and celebrate this truly new Good News:

All: Because Christ lives, new possibilities are ever before us!

One: Christ is Risen Indeed!

All: Alleluia and amen!

*SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)

*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

*POSTLUDE

*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit

If you use social media we invite and encourage you to check in online as you attend today's service. Portions of this week's service were excerpted and adapted from **Alleluia! in All the Places of our Lives! Service Prayers for Easter Day** by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley, and from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress.

THE LORDS 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here - to explore your faith, to meet new people, and to strengthen your personal relationship with God. If you are a guest here today, please sign our guest book. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pews and put it in the offering plate.

Sunday Bulletins - Trinity offers a Children's Bulletin and a Large Print Bulletin along with the Regular Sunday Bulletin. We also have adjustable audio devices for better hearing. Each can be found in the narthex.

Bible Discussion Schedule – No Bible Discussion today. We will meet again on Sunday, April 23rd from 1:00 – 2:30 pm for the next UCC 101.

Spring Rummage Sale - Volunteers are needed for our two-day Rummage Sale. Your help is appreciated. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Dates are April 21st. (Friday) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and additional evening hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Plus April 22nd... (Saturday) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). We will have the rummage sale by donation, instead of charging a set price per item. Frozen quarts and pints of homemade soups are available at a set price. Spread the word. Donations of spring and summer items before these dates are appreciated. No furniture accepted. Rummage Sale benefits the church building fund.

*Please place all rummage sale donations in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark Your Calendar—Mother's Day Mother Daughter Banquet, Saturday, May 13, 2017, 6:00 pm. All women are invited. You are either a daughter or someone's daughter. It's an evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. More information to come.



Today is Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017
 10:00 am Trinity Café
 10:30 am Worship – Communion – Helping
 Hands Offering
 1:00 pm Bible Discussion Cancelled for
 the holiday

Monday, April 17
 8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, April 18
 1:30 pm Interfaith Coalition Meeting
 @ TRUCC
 6:30 pm Executive Team Meeting
 8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, April 19
 9:00 am Rummage Sale set-up
 6:30 pm Bell Choir
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 20
 No Activities Scheduled

Friday, April 21
 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Rummage Sale
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 22
 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Rummage Sale

Sunday, April 23
 10:00 am Trinity Café
 10:30 am Worship
 12:00 pm Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm UCC 101

Sunday mornings couldn't happen without the many disciples here at TRUCC. Volunteers are appreciated and needed. If you're interested in serving please see the volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex.

April 23rd Volunteers

Trinity Café: Flora Mitchell &
 Bonnie Crone

Greeters:

Head Usher: Kathy Brown

Lay Reader: Bobbie Poteau

Children's Christian Education:
 Kathy Jones, Sharon Knerr &
 Wendy McKelvey

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Nancy Henry

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Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Chuck Romberger

Ministry of Music

Music Director, Chancel Choir Shannon Edwards

Bell Choir Director: Daniel Molkenthin

Sound Technician

Mark Cote and Charlie Miller

Ministry of Service

Trinity Café: Flora Mitchell & Bonnie Crone

Head Usher: Kathy Brown

Greeters:

Counter:

Children's Christian Education

Christine Macready, Jenny Hooper & Esther Markey

Floral Arrangement

Donated by Sharon Smaling in honor of family Birthdays

April Greeting Cards

Katie Crockett

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ exists to render loving service toward humanity with Jesus as our example. We preach love, teach compassion and social justice, and welcome all into the full life and ministry of the church.