

Trinity Presbyterian Church

April 19, 2026



GATHERING

We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Gathering Music

"Touch the Earth Lightly" Hymn No. 713 vv. 1, 3, 4

Carol Thomas

Jaron Marcus, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Burris

Call to Worship

Welcome to God's new day!

Everywhere we look we see new life!

In seeds and buds, in smiles and touch, we discover God's energizing presence.

Death can never be the last word

God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is present among us today.

Praise God for new life within and among us this day!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 14 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Confession

God of Perfect Rest, we confess before you and one-another that we have failed to love you and our neighbor fully, and that we have tried to cover our sins by our own power. We have run busily from one activity to the next, one possession to the next, one achievement to the next, and one love to the next, all to avoid admitting our need for your grace. Uncurl us from our self-obsession by the love of your Son. Forgive our sins, help us to accept your love, and guide us on right paths for the sake of the world you so deeply love. Amen.

(Time for silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

*Sung Response Hymn No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Sermon on the Steps

Kay Deever

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 104

I am awestruck, Holy One
at this beautiful and boundless universe—
cultivated over eons with love and care.
Your creative intent envelopes the world like a cloak.
I see it shining in the heavens, hear it whispering in the winds,
feel it crackling in the fire.
For you energized the dust of the universe
— the galaxies, the stars, the planets, right
down to this jewel of an earth.
You are wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the waves of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.
You paint the earth with your holy spirit,
each stroke and color with purpose, place and song.
You put a restlessness in our hearts that leads us to seek you always.
Therefore, I will sing your songs all my days
and care for all you have created
and keep my heart ever open to your Love.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Cold December Flies Away”
arr. Bret Heim
Heritage Choir

Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Affirmation of Faith

from A New Creed (1968)
United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Video

*Doxology Hymn No. 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Hymn No. 250

“Hymn of Promise”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn No. 589 (sung twice)

“Alleluia”

*Postlude

Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Susan Burris, Liturgist

Kay Deever, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

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