

Announcements

-Lawn mowing! We need your help to mow our church lawn. Volunteers can sign up for a two-week shift. For more information and to sign up, follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4daea922a4fb6-summer2>

-The council has determined that based on current circumstances, our church building will be closed through May 31. In May, the council will consider our situation to make decisions for June. Our congregation's health and safety matter.

-Zoom Coffee Hour: After Sunday worship online, we'll have an opportunity to connect over Zoom. There's also an option to dial in with a regular phone. The conversation will start at 11 every Sunday when we're apart.

On your computer or smartphone:

<https://zoom.us/j/601353237?pwd=YjhXSE5rZ2hPaUg1SlIzMUNMNVI2dz09>

To call in: dial (1) 312 626 6799 When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 601 353 237, followed by #

-If you need pastoral care, have prayer requests, or otherwise need to be in touch with Pastor Beth, please let her know by calling 785-656-2348 or emailing pastor@trinitytipton.org

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in the font of our baptism,
and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
 Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.
 To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, for thousands of years your people have gathered together for teaching, prayer, fellowship, and the breaking of the bread. Extend faith and endurance to us, that we may inherit the legacy of grace shared with the first generation of Christ-followers. In all circumstances, give us glad and generous hearts, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



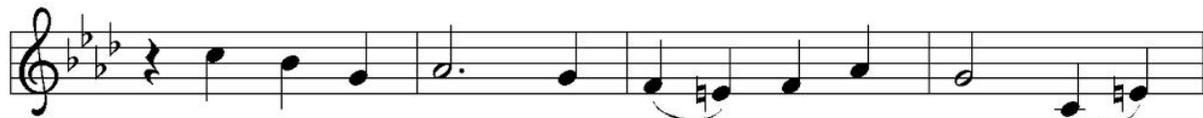
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

WORD

Acts 2:27-37

After witnessing the power of the Holy Spirit to make the disciples speak in different tongues, the crowds listen to Peter's words about Jesus; he proclaims Christ's death and resurrection offering life for all people. The response is remarkable.

Now when the crowds heard Peter's words about Jesus, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising

God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SERMON

When the first Christians began to gather, their gatherings were marked by a few characteristics: teaching, fellowship, breaking bread in their homes, praying, and praising God. Though at first, the Christ-followers in Jerusalem worshipped at the Temple, they quickly moved to worshipping at home. They wouldn't begin worshipping in separate church buildings for a few centuries. The early church was a house church movement, where small groups of Christians would gather in one believer's home for prayer, teaching, and the "breaking of bread" aka the Lord's Supper.

At its core, this is what the church *is*. Followers of Jesus, who devote themselves to teaching, prayer, sharing Christ's meal, and praising God. While we've gotten used to doing those things in buildings that feel holy, designated for worship, the early Christians did it all from home.

As we endure this time away from our church building, separated in our own homes, we may need to spend time reflecting: what is necessary for us to be disciples of Jesus? What isn't necessary? I think many of us are missing fellowship with our church family a great deal these days; we need a safe way to be connected to one another.

Whatever the way forward may be, one thing is certain: the Holy Spirit was present in the early house churches, and the same Holy Spirit is present in your home in these times of separation. God is with you.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Built on a Rock



- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
- 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
- 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
- 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
- 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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PRAYERS

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of wonders, we praise you for the earth you have made. Bless all growing things: plants, insects, and animals, that all your creation may give praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of teaching, we praise you for your word and for all who faithfully spread it. We thank you for pastors and teachers, for podcasters and livestreamers, for writers and editors, all of whom help us to know you better. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of fellowship, we praise you for making us one with all your followers. Where we are divided, unite us. Where we are suspicious, reassure us. Where we are hurting, heal us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, we praise you for medicine and those who practice it. Guide nurses, CNAs, technicians, researchers, janitors, doctors, and public health workers. Watch over the sick, the lonely, the anxious, and the dying, especially those we name aloud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the broken bread, we praise you for providing for our every need. Help us who have much to give generously to those who have little, so that all your children may have enough. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of promise, we praise you for your faithfulness to every generation. Give us faith to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Today, to share the peace, think of someone who isn't a member of our congregation, and reach out to them to see how they're doing. Let them know that you called because your church encouraged you to check on someone you care about.

OFFERING

God has given to each of us- our selves, our time, and our possessions. God gives also the delight of springtime, the comfort of a phone call from a loved one, the reassurance of prayer. What God has given to us, God expects us to share. If you are in a position to make a financial contribution to support our congregation's ministry, you can mail your check to the church; the mail is being checked regularly. Thank you for your support.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small,
but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives.
Let all that we offer be in service to you to the glory of the risen Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said. Live in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

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