

## **Announcements**

-The council has determined that based on current circumstances, our church building will be closed through June 30. In June, the council will consider our situation to make decisions for July. Our congregation's health and safety matter. Online worship and connections continue. More details will be available in the June newsletter. Contact Pastor Beth or a member of council with questions.

-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](mailto: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**

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

**GREETING**

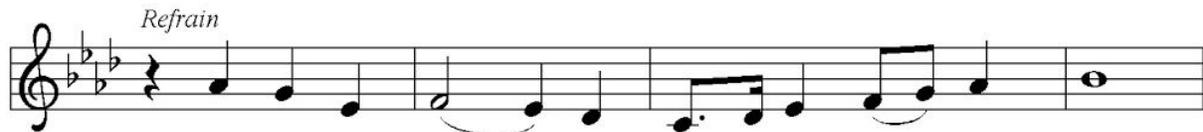
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, when we ask for too little, you give us the name of Jesus Christ for our own. Amaze us anew with your generous power. In the name of Jesus Christ, turn us from our wickedness to your grace.

**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.

*Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

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

**WORD**

*Acts 3:1-15, 26*

*Early on, the believers were all Jews who recognized Jesus as the promised savior Messiah. They continued to worship sometimes at the Temple in Jerusalem, alongside Jews who did not believe in Jesus. There, a beggar asked Peter and John for money. Peter gave him something else: healing that changed the man's life from birth. The man and witnesses praised God.*

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in

the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses...When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

## SERMON

When you set expectations, do you set them high or low? Do you stretch for something that seems impossible or do you keep it realistic?

The man at the Beautiful Gate set his expectations low, or maybe he'd say "realistic." He asked for money, since in the world of the New Testament, a disabled man would be unable to work or receive any income aside from what he begged for. His family, if he had any, might have provided for him as far as they could, but it's probable that all they could do was drop him off at the gate to beg. Peter, through the power of Jesus' name, gives the man far more than he could have expected: healing. A beggar hoping for crumbs received a feast.

Peter uses the encounter to tell the crowds that healing a man is no great feat for a God who raised a man from the dead. If they expect too little, they cannot see what God is able to do.

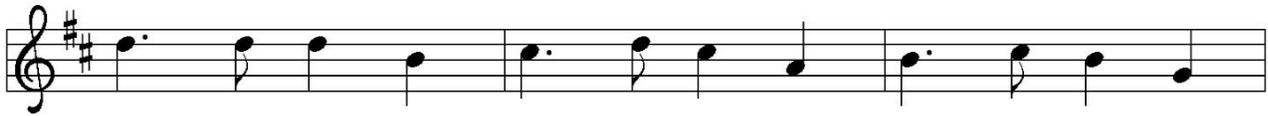
What do you expect from God? A clear conscience and an uneventful life? Quick resolutions to your more troubling problems, but not much else? Maybe we expect too little from God or limit God's power by our too-small imaginations. God transformed Peter from a nobody fisherman to a miracle-working church leader. Nothing is too hard for God.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,  
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen  
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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 our creator, we thank you for giving life to us and the world around us. Care for agricultural and meat production workers, that our food supply may be adequate to feed all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our author of life, write our stories according to your will. Turn us from our wickedness to follow your ways. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our healer, we pray for you to make us well. Restore the hurting. Bind up the broken-hearted. Heal the sick. Sustain caregivers. Heed all who cry out to you for wellness. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our teacher, we give you thanks for our high school and college graduates who have worked through closed buildings, online coursework, and delayed celebrations. Bless them on their next journeys just as you have on this journey, now completed. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**hear our prayer.**

God of our ancestors, we praise you for all who have died in faith and live in you. Keep us faithful to you, that we too may one day see you face to face. On this Memorial Day Weekend, we thank you especially for those who have lost their lives in service to our country. 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, get in touch with a high school or college graduate to congratulate them for their hard work and accomplishments.*

## **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!**

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.