



TRINITY GRACE
CHURCH

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Sundays

Coffee Fellowship 10:15 am

Worship Service 10:45 am

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April 14, 2024

Welcome to Sunday Worship Service

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Trusting that You are There"

**** Indicates to please stand if you are able**

WELCOME AND GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "Turning Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen Howarth Lemmel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We live in the radiance of your glory.

All: Our worship comes from the gladness you have put in our hearts.

One: We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation.

All: Oh, hear the joy of our praise for your grace and mercy.

**** Opening Hymn #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"**

CALL TO PRAYER OF THE DAY

As a community of faith, we gather each week to share in worship.

God joins us in this time as we praise God's ongoing works, as we celebrate God's still-speaking voice, as we confess our humanity.

God of grace, there are many times when we wonder just where you are and we worry, what are we doing wrong. Help us to trust that as your beloved children, you are there with us, you are there sustaining us, you are there . . .

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Savior, you keep showing up for us in unexpected places.

When we face uncertainty, you are there. When we worry about our tomorrows, you are there. And even in the doubt-filled lonely hours, you are there.

Hear our prayer of thanks for your constant love, which convinces us to sing aloud, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine."

Amen.

(Let us take a moment for silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: everyone's made in God's image, and God's love and forgiveness is everlasting

All: We believe; help our unbelief. Wherever we are on our journey, we are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

**** PARDON RESPONSE #579 "Gloria Patri"**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (if children are present)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES 1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he^[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children,^[b] let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURES Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus^[a] himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."^[b] ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.^[c] ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,^[d] ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah^[e] is^[f] to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses^[g] of these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Fear, Doubts, Disbelief and Wondering" Rev. Dr. Mike Johnston

** HYMN #282 "If Thou But Trust in God to Thou Thee"

** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God . . . we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus the Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God – preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to believe the gospel message.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equal in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem all of creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves as forgiven and beloved so that we may love God and love neighbor. All the while binding us together with all believers in the one body of Christ. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to unmask idolatries in church

and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced and to work always for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.**

DEDICATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" George C. Stebbin

** OFFERTORY RESPONSE #592 "Doxology"

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

** PASSING OF THE PEACE

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

** HYMN #255 "Now Praise the Lord!"

** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Spirit Song" John Wimber

TIME FOR DISCUSSION

2024 SESSION MEMBERS

Building & Grounds – Howard Redfearn
Fellowship – Sally Vickery
Finance – Jerry Johnson
Worship – Sonja Corbin (Godeken)

Clerk of Session – Tom McGuinness
Mission & Outreach – Janet Bailey
Thai Church – KC Sathid

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Mission Statement: Centered in Jesus Christ, we are an open, welcoming family of faith.

Vision Statement: As faithful followers of Jesus we offer an inclusive sanctuary for people who wish to deepen their faith through inquiry, study, worship, and service. We are committed to treating all equally and serving the community through loving action.

PRAYER LIST

Beth Littlejohn – fighting cancer (Trich's sister-in-law)	Sharon Wiedeman (Trich's friend)
Doyle Redfearn (Patricia's FIL, needing more surgery)	Christine C. (Trich's friend)
Steve Haley (cancer & chemo)	Ken Christopherson's Family (Ken passed away)
Brenda Clark (Mackenzie Hien's mother)	Carole Norwood (had a bad fall)
Robin Chester – Thyroid issues (Peggy's Son)	Chou Chou (Ron's wife) (Get green card & come here)
Jean Tinkle (brother passed away)	Sharon B (Mike's friend (diagnosed with breast cancer)

*But truly God has listened;
He has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Psalm 66:19*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM OPERATORS

April 14th – Sonja Corbin (Godeken)
April 21st – Karl Zernechel
April 28th – Sonja Corbin (Godeken)

WELCOME VISITORS

We are so happy to have you join us for worship today! We would greatly appreciate it if you would take a moment and fill out the page in the Fellowship Folder.

BIBLE STUDIES / FELLOWSHIP

“The Chosen” viewing, meets the first Wednesday of each Month at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary
Community Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Education Building
Knitting, Crocheting & Hand Crafts Fellowship meets every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Library
“17 Minute or Less” Bible Study meets every Sunday at 10:15 AM in the Library

FACILITY USAGE

TGC Food Pantry meets on the first and second Monday of each month to bag food for distribution and the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00 – 7:00 PM to distribute food to our local families.

Mansfield Group meets every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM for their AA Meetings.

Thai Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday at 11:00 AM

ONLINE GIVING

Online - Download the Vanco app, then search for our church or use the invite code CY7E6N. Select your fund and amount, enter the payment method, choose whether to cover the processing fees, and complete your donation by clicking “Submit”. If you have any questions, please contact Melody.