

✦ Easter Sunday ✦
April 1, 2018 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude *Worthy Is The Lamb
Thou Art Worthy* Handel
Leatherman

◆**Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

**People: The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has
become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:**

Pastor: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!
The LORD's right hand is lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

**People: I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
The LORD has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

Pastor: Open the gates of the righteous;
We will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

**People I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.**

Pastor: The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

**All: The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.**

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #258) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

◆Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

Kingdom Kids

WORD

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9
John 20:1-18
Acts 10:34-43

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #242) *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Message "Redemption from
The God of Second Chances"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #265) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ,
even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love.
We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should
unfold, forgetting that life in your realm
shatters those expectations.**

**Forgive us when we go through our daily routine,
forgetting to look for the Risen One.**

**Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing
our friends than it is about encountering you
and our Resurrected Lord.**

**Open our eyes and our hearts, O God,
to the full awareness of your presence with us,
in each and every moment of our lives.**

**We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive!
Alleluia and amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

The testimony of all the prophets
is united in this message of good news:
Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness
of sins through his name.
Rejoice, for your sins are already forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *Special Music*

John Mohan

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

◆ Affirmation of Faith (BH #878)

◆ Words of Institution

◆ Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #243) *Thine Is the Glory*

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude *Special Music*

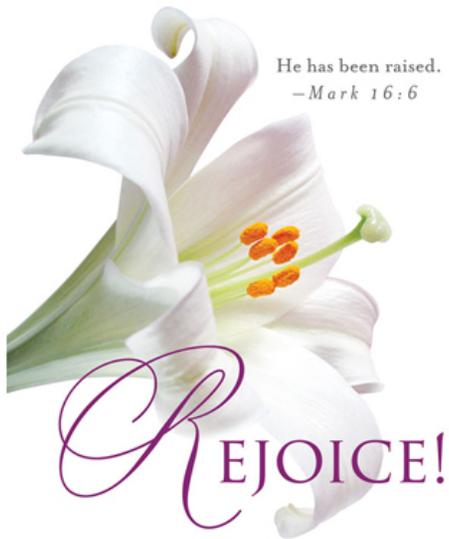
John Mohan

◆ **Indicates those who are able should stand.**

Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
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He has been raised.
-Mark 16:6

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Char Dunk-Sladek, Dorothy Kerner, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

Thank you to John Mohan and Paul Kozak for the special music this morning.

Calendar for the Week:

Today: *Easter Sunday - World Mission Offering*

10 A.M. Worship

10-11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade

NOTE: No Confirmation Class, High School Youth Group or Adult Sunday School today

This Week:

Tues.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool

Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study

Thurs. 7 P.M. Church Board meeting

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship

10-11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade

11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group

11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

3-5 P.M. Youth Group at Trinity

April 8 – Nursery Helpers: Heidi Weszely

Greeters: Richard & Priscilla Swanson

Announcements:

Easter Offering for World Missions

Today, Easter Sunday, is "World Mission Offering Sunday" for Trinity and all Covenant Churches. This has been a long-standing practice in the "Covenant" because we have always been "mission friends". Please use the enclosed envelope for your gift for World Missions, which enables our missionaries to do the work God has called them to do. Your gift is appreciated.

Central Conference Celebration

We need 2 members from Trinity to be delegates to attend our Central Conference Celebration. This year's Conference is at Glen Ellyn Covenant Church, 277 Hawthorne St. in Glen Ellyn, IL, from April 26 – 28, 2018 (Thursday-Saturday). This is an opportunity to meet and connect with other Covenant churches in our area, be informed about our shared ministries, and to hear about new initiatives in the Central Conference. Please contact Pat Klutcharch **today** if you are interested. Grace and peace to all of you.

April Adult Sunday School

On April 8 and 15 Mary Chase-Ziolek, Professor of Health Ministries and Nursing at North Park University and Seminary will be here teaching on "Faith and Food" and how the food we eat each day connects us intimately with others, creation and God. The class will explore dimensions of faith and food, looking at hospitality, stewardship and justice. This is Mary's first time teaching at Trinity so if you haven't attended the Adult Class before try to join us in welcoming her. This topic may be a first for the Adult Class so don't miss it!

On April 22 Greg Goetz will be back teaching our class and more information will be shared later on his topic.

April 29 we will welcome back Deborah Penny, Assoc. Director of Contextual and Life Long Learning, North Park Seminary, who will share her experiences co-teaching at Statesville. The article in the Covenant Companion about the writings of inmates and the class she taught is a glimpse into the lives of those incarcerated. Be sure to attend!

Again, join us for what promises to be a very interesting month of subjects and teachers. The class starts at 11:30 and goes until 12:15-12:30.

Youth Group (ages K-6th grade)

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday, April 8 from 3-5 P.M. and have a baseball opening day theme. We'll be playing Home Run Derby and other baseball themed games and activities. We will also meet on April 22 – activities TBD.

Musichorale – Spring Concert

Our own Gloria Vitro, a Musichorale member, invites everyone to the Musichorale's 71st Spring Concert – "Celebrate Music! A Choral Tribute to Song". The community choir from the southside of Chicago began in 1947 as the Lindblom Alumni Accapella choir with 25 members. They have grown to include more than just alumni welcoming anyone who loves to sing. Their spring concert is *Sunday, April 15, 3:20 P.M.*, at Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 College Drive, Palos Heights. Contact Gloria for tickets at 708-261-3441.

Attention Graduates

If you have a graduate in your family this year, please let the church office know so we can publish it in the May Messenger.

Today's Scripture:

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" ³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴At this, she turned around

and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). ¹⁷Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the Disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



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