

✦ 5th Sunday of Easter ✦
April 29, 2018 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

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

◆Prelude

◆Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous

People: It is fitting for the upright to praise him

Pastor: Praise the Lord and make music to him on the harp

People: Sing to him a new song and shout for joy

Pastor: For the word of the Lord is right and true

People: He is faithful in all he does

Pastor: The Lord loves righteousness and justice

**All: Let all the earth praise the Lord;
let all people of the world worship him.**

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #78) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

◆Invocation

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

WORD

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55:6-11

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Carol Strickland

Pastoral Prayer

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

◆Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Message

**"It is the Lord!"
Dr. Paul Bischoff**

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #267) *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (vs. 1,3,5)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, Christ grant us your peace

Have mercy upon us, O God, blot out our sins

Wash away all our iniquity

Cleanse us from all our sin

We have sinned against you

We beg you, do not cast us away from your presence

Or take your Holy Spirit from us

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

If we walk in the light as he is in the light,

We have fellowship with one another,

And the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just

and will forgive our sins.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #257) *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

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: Marjorie Cassady, Char Dunk-Sladek, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

Today Trinity welcomes our guest preacher Dr. Paul Bischoff. Paul O. Bischoff is Jayne’s husband of 50 years. Paul is retired from the Chicago Public Schools and the Central Conference as a transition interim pastor. He’s worked in the private sector in telecommunications and served with Jayne as short-term missionaries for the Covenant in Germany. His doctoral research is in Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s theology and he’s currently doing Adult Forums in the Chicagoland area with his first book, *The Human Church*, coming out later this year. He and Jayne have four adult children and eight grandchildren in Wheaton where they’ve lived since 1977. They’ve been members of the Glen Ellyn Covenant Church for 38 years.

Thank you to Carol Raines, our guest organist this morning.



(Luke 24:13-35)

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- 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
 - Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary
 - Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian
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Calendar for the Week:

Today:

10 A.M. Worship
10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
11:15 A.M. High School Youth Group
11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

NOTE: NO Confirmation Class

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study
Thurs. National Day of Prayer

Next Sunday: *Confirmation Sunday*

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

NOTE: NO Adult Sunday School or High School Youth Group

May 6 – Nursery Helpers: Sandy Hutchinson, Kristine Schroeder

Greeters: Pat Petersen, Cathy Gardner

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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!

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Announcements:

Easter Offering for World Missions

Today is the last Sunday for your Easter contributions towards "World Mission Offering". This a long-standing practice in the Covenant churches as 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.

Adult Sunday School

Today, April 29 we 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 November 2016 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! Join us in the Fireside Room from 11:30 until 12:15-12:30.

Elizabeth Pierre, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at North Park Seminary, will be leading our Adult class on May 13 and 20. Elizabeth was featured in The Covenant Companion's March-April 2018 issue writing on "When trauma gets personal" and will share what we can do to help survivors, a very timely topic for this age. This will be the first time Elizabeth will be teaching here so give her a warm welcome and attend her class.

Note: No Adult Sunday School on May 6 Confirmation Sunday or May 27 Memorial Day weekend. May 20 is the last Adult Sunday School before summer break.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is May 6, 2018. Trinity's confirmand is Maddie Ford, and 1st Year Students are Ariel Kurzweil, Brooklyn Raines and Satta Raines.

Serving Committee – May 2018 through April 2019

Please be sure to check your mail bin in the hall, the bulletin board, and the May Messenger for the new Serving Committee list beginning May 2018 through April 2019. The new list is also posted in the kitchen and there are extra copies in the office.

Today's Scripture:

Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.

⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for
the sower and bread for the eater,

¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

2 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.



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