

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

REFLECTION: "O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things." – Psalm 98:1

PRELUDE: "Variations on "Adoro te Devoto" –
Charles Callahan

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Leader: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Leader: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the
Table to know the joy that comes when we love one
another the way God loves us.

People: We abide in joy because joy abides with us.

Leader: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

**People: We come to make our home with God and one
another, bound together by love and enlivened by
joy.**

***OPENING HYMN: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158**

***OPENING PRAYER:**

**God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful
love for this world continues to astound us. In these last
days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought
Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend,
and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your
household and for trusting us with your marvelous work
to draw all people into the spacious home of your love.
Amen.**

***ACT OF PRAISE: "Blessed Be the Name" #63**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson Acts 10:44-48

Epistle Lesson First John 5:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gospel Alleluia #2043**

***Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31**

MESSAGE: "Love One Another"

**ANTHEM: "Day by Day, Thy Mercies. Lord Attend Me" –
Oskar Ahngelt**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

As concerns and celebrations are shared the Pastor offers a
Bidding Prayer ending with the words, "God, in your mercy"
to which the congregation may respond by saying "Hear our
prayer" after which all will pray responsively the following:

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

For all people, in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and
the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the
truth.**

For our Bishop, Pastors, Deacons and Laity.
For all who serve God in the Church.

These prayers we offer in the name of and for the sake of
Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN: "The Gift of Love" #408**

INVITATION: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love
him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON:

**Easter is such a wonderful season, Lord. Hope springs
anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the
warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made
new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we
want to stay in this euphoria forever. But you have called
us to go into the valley, to those who need to hear of your
love and to feel your caring presence. In his words of
hope, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses. We
have heard these words before, but far too often, we
have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite
believe that we are capable of actually living our whole
lives in your love. So we act in ways that are often
neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time
pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It
is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness
to your transforming love. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord.
Turn us around. Help us to face our weakness and your
forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins, and place us again on
the paths of peace. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet
sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of
Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

A: Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with your spirit.
(The people pass the peace)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” – Paul Manz

***PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

***DOXOLOGY** #94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy.

Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (musical setting A)
#17-18

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER THE RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** #557

***BENEDICTION:**

Leader: Beloved, may God bless you with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of you, that you may find the complete, total, and everlasting joy that comes when we abide together with God who is Love.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE: “Postlude in G” – F Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Linda Phillips, Tuckerman Ferris, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Sarah Pena, Linda Murphy, Sarah & Libby MacQuarrie, Laurie Wilson, Mark, Joanne Smith, Jeanette, Mary, Millie Ward, Bridget, Rev. Higgins, John, Jean, Ritchie, President Carter, Peace in Ukraine, June, Ray & George, Marj Stark, John Douglass, Sandy Gray, Barbara Towski, Jean Ebb, William Drury, Shirley Teague, Nancy Higgins, Sharon & Ivey Dunbar-Link, Philippa & Luke Ottevanger, Sue White, Betty Spencer, Betty & Bob, Lillian Gillis, Nancy Tiskis, Dree, DeeDee, Ostrom Family, Pat Gagnon, Pamela Drury, Susan Ellis, Luke & Philippa, Debbie Campbell.

JOYS AND CONCERNS for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Matt at mjwissell@gmail.com or texted to 978-430-2749 (please leave your name as well as your request).

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you would like a visit from Pastor Matt, please notify him at mjwissell@gmail.com or call his cell phone at 978-430-2749. You may also contact the church office at htumchurch@gmail.com or 978-777-7408.

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EVENTS

Sunday

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am
Followed by fellowship coffee hour

First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry

Monday

Tuesday

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

Friendship Ring: First Wednesday of the month (off-site)

Thursday

Children's Music 4:30pm
Family Dinner 5:15pm
Bell Choir 6pm
Choir Rehearsal 7pm

Friday

Saturday

The Gathering – 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30am-Noon
AA 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATES

May 12 – Mother's Day
May 19 – Children's Sunday
May 19 – Church Spirit Wear Day
May 26 – Peace With Justice Sunday
June 16 – Father's Day
June 23 – Matt's Farewell Party
(more info to follow)

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