

# Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Affirmation Sunday

April 16, 2023

9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

\*Songs of Praise      “Sing a New World Into Being”      Words on Screen  
(tune: Hymnal #400)  
“Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives”      Words on Screen  
(tune: Hymnal #103)

\*Greeting

Leader: We come together in a spectrum of hope and love.

**People: We come together, in our excitement and our uncertainty, for the new world we are creating.**

Leader: With open arms, with pride and joy, we welcome people from every nation and ethnic community. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, straight, old, young, people of all abilities, people with questions, and people with answers – ALL are welcome here.

**People: No one is an outsider or an outcast. No one is excluded.**

Leader: God loves us ALL!

**ALL: WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT! ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

Confession and Pardon

**People: Gracious, loving God, we open our hearts to you. We confess that there have been times when we have turned away from you. There have been times when we have hurt and rejected our neighbors. Sometimes it has been difficult to love and accept ourselves. Forgive us for our racism, sexism, homophobia, and economic elitism. Give us the courage to stand up for the dignity and rights of ALL children of God. Make us willing to change our lives in response to your call to love our neighbors and create a world of peace and justice for all of your beloved. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.**

Leader: Friends, God hears our confession with an ever merciful and loving heart and forgives us over and over again. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Let us rejoice in this good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

**ALL: GLORY TO GOD! AMEN.**

Children’s Message

Hymn      “We Are the Church” (verses 1-4)      Hymnal #558

Prayer Song      “Make Us One”      TFWS #2224

Prayers of the People/Our Lord’s Prayer

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Scripture Reading      Galatians 3:23-29

\*Hymn      “In Christ There Is No East or West”      Hymnal #548  
(sing to the tune of Hymnal #549)

Sermon      “All Means ALL”      Pastor Chad Gilbertson

\*Hymn      “Love Astounding”      Words on Screen  
(tune: Hymnal #150)

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Spirit of openness and affirmation, we dedicate these gifts to the ministry of love and acceptance in the world. May we ever seek to use all of our resources to create a world and a church where ALL are welcome and honored, loved and fully known. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who welcomed everyone to his table. AMEN.**

Litany of Affirmation      Words on Screen

Announcements/Blessing

\*Benediction (unison)

**May the God of us ALL bless and fill us with hope, strength, joy, and peace as we go forth to do the work of love in the world. We will never forget that as we open our hearts and affirm our love, God is with us, now and forever, and Jesus walks beside us on our journey. AMEN.**

\*Hymn      “A Place at the Table” (verse 5 and refrain)      W&S #3149

Postlude

### Worship Leaders

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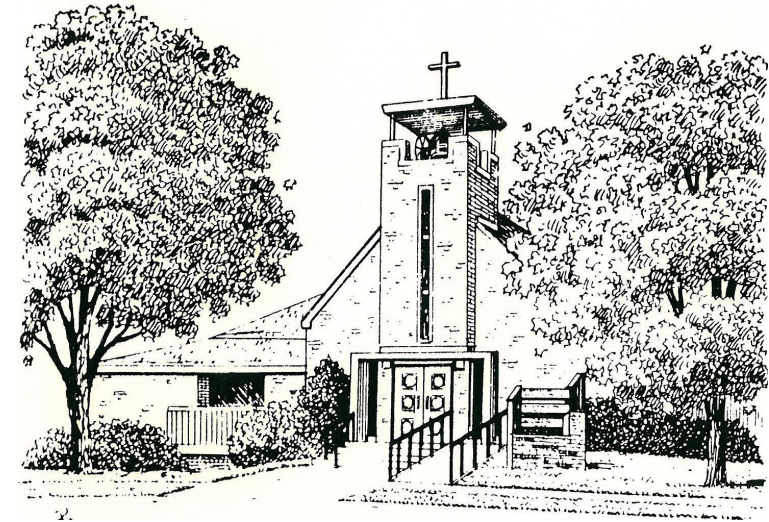
### This Week:

Monday, Apr. 17	9:30am 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Apr. 18	1:00pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Lakefront Bible Study Quilters Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Apr. 19	8:30am 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Apr. 20	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Saturday, April 22	8am-12pm	Artisan Bread Workshop
Sunday, Apr. 23	9:30am 10:30am	Worship/Live-Stream Sunday School (after worship)

### Prayer Requests:

Tracey Deren—cousin, Ashley, undergoing a treatment trial for Huntington's Disease  
Rene Meyer—prayers of thanksgiving for her husband, Kevin's, successful heart surgery  
Brenda Harder and Don Oram—prayers for a new granddaughter arriving soon  
Bill Dueffert—health concerns  
Jodi Boller—prayers for her family upon the death of her father, Benjamin Darrow, at the age of 93

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