

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

April 21, 2024

9:30am

Theme: Fruit of a Living Faith

If you have a prayer request today, please fill out the card in your pew rack and hand it to an usher prior to the Prayers of the People.

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Praise “My Hope Is Built” (verses 1,3,4) Hymnal 368

*Greeting

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we come from many houses. Welcome to this household, the house of God.

People: Here we hear words that revive. Here we experience grace that makes our heart glad.

Leader: God offers light to our eyes.

People: Christ brings wisdom to our hearts and minds.

Leader: God’s teachings are sweeter than honey-

People: even honey dripping off the honeycomb!

Leader: They are more precious than gold-

People: even tons of gold!

Leader: Brothers and sisters, welcome to the house of God!

Opening Prayer (unison)

Teacher, Liberator, and Savior, we are in awe of your glorious presence. Your holy wisdom revives and enlightens us. Your vast power releases slaves from captivity and makes mountains smoke. Your salvation comes in knowing Jesus Christ and the power of his resurrection. May our words and our meditations be pleasing to you, awesome God, our rock and our redeemer! Amen.

Anthem “Praise God!” Chancel Choir

Prayer Song “Something Beautiful” Hymnal 394

Prayers of the People/Our Lord’s Prayer

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Scripture Reading Philippians 3:12-16 (The Message)

Children’s Message

*Hymn “To Know You More” TFWS 2161

Sermon “Who You Are When No One Is Looking” Pastor Chad Gilbertson

Response to the Word (unison)

Liberating God, too often we find ourselves living, not in your house of freedom, but in the house of slavery. There we are trapped, ruled, and diminished by oppression, addiction, and harm. There we are robbed of our well-being, joy, and hope. Lead us out of the house of slavery to your house of freedom. Revive us and gladden our hearts in the power that supplies the fruit of a living faith. AMEN.

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Loving God, we gather before you as a grateful people, but also as a longing people. We see your hopes for us and for our world – hopes of freedom, gladness, sweetness, and righteousness – and we yearn to do our part. May our lives and our gifts help to free people who are caught in the house of slavery and dismay. May our lives and our gifts help people discover a living faith. AMEN.

Announcements

*Benediction

Leader: In Christ, you are a new creation; the old has passed away; the new has come.

People: In newness of life we re-enter our everyday world, seeing it through new eyes, seeking the upward call.

Leader: Christ sends us to the least and the lost, that tears may be turned to rejoicing.

People: God’s way is being revealed to us day by day. We seek to walk in it with our brothers and sisters.

Leader: Declare the praise of God before all people; press on toward the perfection of Christ.

ALL: GOD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US! WE ARE GLAD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

*Hymn “Song of Hope” TFWS 2186

Postlude

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This Week:

Monday, Apr. 22	6:30pm 7:00pm	Core Team Meeting Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Apr. 23	7:00pm	Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Apr. 24	8:30am 4:00pm 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity Bell Choir Practice Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Apr. 25	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Apr. 28	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream



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Prayer Requests:

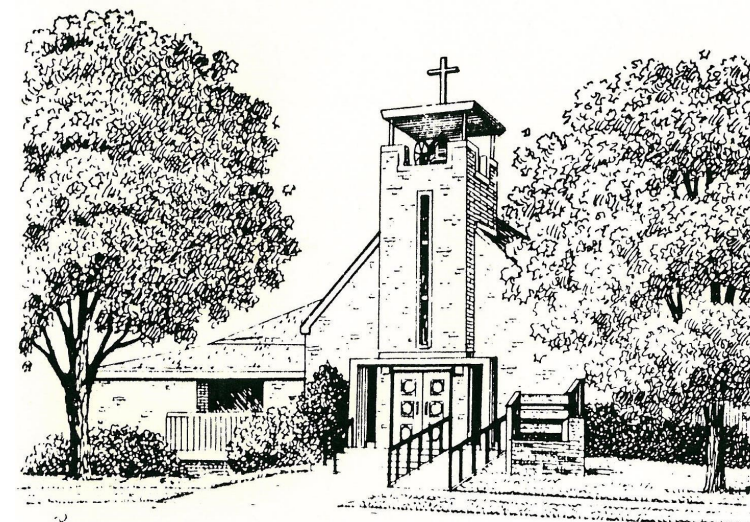
Prayers for the life of Eric Anthony who passed away last weekend.

Mark Butterworth— is dealing with pancreatic cancer and will be going to Mayo for a new opinion.

Prayers for peace for all in the Middle East.

Patty Hubbard—suffered a stroke last week. Fortunately she received quick and effective care and treatment, so damage was minimal. Patty is progressing well in her recovery.

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