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## HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

**Humoresque**  
*by Antonin Dvorák*

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you  
All: And also with you

**\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Did you hear?  
The tomb is empty!  
Christ is alive!

**People: God's love has set us free from death's cold tomb.**

Leader: Come! Let us praise God

**People: Through wiggles and squirms,  
joyful noise and deep laughter,  
we are God's Easter people!**

**\* Gathering Song**

**Christ is Alive**  
*Glory to God #246, v. 1-5*

**\* Invitation to Confession**

**\* Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**God of Surprise,  
We confess that we take ourselves too seriously –  
we lose sleep attempting to fix problems outside of our control,  
we spend our lives toiling, believing our work alone,  
can repair what you have already redeemed.  
We get overwhelmed by the pain and suffering of the world,  
overlooking your presence  
that points to the promise  
of healing and transformation.**

**Forgive us O God.  
Open our hearts to the startling,  
upside-down and transforming ways  
in which you work.  
Let Easter's laughter bubble up in our midst,  
heal our hearts with your joy,  
and guide us ever closer to you and your love.  
Through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.**

**\* Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Siblings in Christ –  
There is nothing to fear;  
the tomb is empty,  
God's love has made a way -  
to new, abundant life.  
Believe the good news  
that we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen**

**\* Passing The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,  
People: **and also with you**

*Please share the peace of Christ with those around you*

**\* Song of Praise**

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**  
*Glory to God #582, v. 1-2*

**Time with Children**

**Rev. Mel Smith**

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Anthem**

**"The Sun Whose Rays Are All Ablaze" from The Mikado**  
*by Gilbert and Sullivan*

**Second Scripture Reading**

**John 20.19-29**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "The Absurdity of It All..."

**Rev. Mel Smith**

**Song of Response**

**Hark! The Herald Angel Said**  
*Glory to God #247*

Hark the herald angel said,  
"Why seek Jesus with the dead?  
He's not here, as you can see,  
gravecloths lie where he would be.  
On your way now, tell the folk,  
Jesus has cast off death's yoke.  
All of us he wants to see,  
on the hills of Galilee.  
Hark the herald angel said,  
"He is risen from the dead!"

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father,  
Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and glory forever. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Offering**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

**Pomp and Circumstance No. 1**  
*by Edward Elgar*

**\* Doxology #**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
*Glory to God #607, v. 1*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**God of joy, you surprise us –  
turning our weeping into laughter,  
and our mourning into dancing.  
Receive these gifts,**

may they be used to proclaim the joy of your kin-dom  
and the abundant life you bring for all of creation.

Amen

\* Song of Service

**Joy to the World**  
*Glory to God #134, v. 1-4*

\* Commission and Blessing

Postlude

**“Infernal Galop” from *Orpheus in the Underworld***  
*by Jacques Offenbach*

**Please join us in the Chapel for Fellowship after the service**

Participants in Today's Worship

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Director of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Liturgist** – Pat Gibbons

**Pastor** – Mel Smith

**Soloists** – Evan Babel, Madeline Black, Janelle Pierce

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss and John Roman

**Ushers** – Christy Schindler, Otto Schultejans, Jennifer Higgenbotham

**The Trinity Choir:**

*Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)*

*Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)*

*Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)*

*Bass – Nigel Holloway, Bob Wagoner*

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing [admin@trinityucity.org](mailto:admin@trinityucity.org) or contacting the church office.

## **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR April 24, 2022**

*We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.*

*We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.*

*We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the  
Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.*

### **Scholin-Weems Scholarship Fund**

The Scholin-Weems Scholarship application is open. Please go to our website to fill out the application.

Deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday, May 1st. We will notify scholarship recipients near the end of May and recognize them in worship on June 5th.

## **Trinity Women Spring Luncheon**

Saturday, May 7 11:30-?

Please bring either a salad or dessert to share.

It will be so much fun to get together with one another again. Hope you can make it.

Questions, email Sandy Norkaitis, [slnork@charter.net](mailto:slnork@charter.net) or call at 314-863-7699

**The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry.** We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

**Trinity is "broadcasting" our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on.** Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

**While we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us.** Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Pastor the Reverend Mel Smith. You also can email her directly at [melanie.smith@trinityucity.org](mailto:melanie.smith@trinityucity.org)

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### **Session**

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith,  
Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

### **Deacons**

Anna Gardner-Andrews, DeAnne Brown, Stacey Carman, Cricket Gordon, Jennifer Higginbotham,  
Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Joanne Roman, Christy Schindler