

LORD's Day Service – May 7, 2023

Preparation for Worship: *Zephaniah 2:3*

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

* *Entrance* Songbook, #1
Opening Acclamation

* *Call to Worship* Psalm 148

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Minister: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: Rejoice! Do not be afraid!

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest!

* *Hymn* Psalter, #148
From Heav'n O Praise the LORD

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Call to Confession Habakkuk 2:9, 12, 15, 19, 20

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

Most merciful God, Who are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, we come before You in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our multiple transgressions of Your righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, Who desires not the death of a sinner, You are ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners. Look upon us in mercy; make us deeply sensible of the great evil of our sin; and forgive us our debts for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen! (*Silent prayer*)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 32:1, 2, 5

The Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!

Minister: It is right to praise You, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, our Savior; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, singing:

The Sanctus Songbook, #79

Hymn Psalter, #32C
What Blessedness for Him Whose Guilt Has All Forgiven Been

Let us pray: **O God, Whose Son Jesus is the good Shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him Who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; Who, with You, and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Zephaniah 1:1 – 2:3
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 5:5-11
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* John 21
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Yahweh Hides"

Let Us Stand and Proclaim the Mystery of the Faith! **Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ is coming again!**

Hymn Songbook, #56
O God of Earth and Altar

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Petitions & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

* *We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God*

* Hymn

Songbook, #13
At the Name of Jesus

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

Matthew 5:3-5

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us*

2 Corinthians 13:14

* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him*

Psalter, #72D

Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Trinity Presbyterian Church CREC
Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

May 7, 2023

CHRIST IS RISEN!

**HE IS RISEN
INDEED!**

In the name of the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ welcome: to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; and to whomever will come.

We assemble together each Lord's Day as a gathering of God's children with each other, but primarily, as a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present with us by His omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. Christ is the Mediator by whom alone we can come unto God. He is the head of the church. He rules over public worship. In corporate worship – when God meets with His people, Christ with His bride, the Spirit with His temple – we receive God's grace through the Word and sacrament, and we respond to Him with thanksgiving, faith, and love.