



Enfolded by
LOVE

April 21, 2024

WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity Reformed UCC, where all are welcome, especially those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, rich, middle-class, poor, LGBTQIA+ (or not), living nearby or far away. No matter where you were born, what language you speak, your skin color, ethnicity, culture, ability, or disability, we welcome you. We love crying newborns, active toddlers, kids, youths, adults, and seniors, and people who are thick, thin, short, tall, or in between. We welcome you whether you can sing high, sing low, sing only in the shower, try to sing, or if you cannot carry a tune in a bucket (our pastor can't either). You're welcome if you are a first-time visitor, have been here before, are a member, or if you do not really know why/what/who brought you here. We welcome you if you attend church weekly, sometimes, rarely, never, or if this is your first time ever. We welcome you if you are baptized, aren't baptized, don't know, or don't even know what that means. We extend a special welcome to you if you have been hurt by the Church and hope you will find nothing but love here. Please know that we welcome you with all your questions, doubts, beliefs, disbeliefs, and unbelief.

In short: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey: You are welcome here.

Period.

WEEKLY SERVICES



ONSITE

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

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NEW OR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for choosing to worship here today.

We are blessed by your presence.

If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to be contacted, please let one of the ushers know and/or fill out one of the visitor cards located in the pews.

YOUNG DISCIPLES

We love children! Our greeters have activity pads to keep little ones entertained. Please let us know if you need to use our nursery - we're happy to show you the way. Please also consider enrolling your child in our Sunday School, which meets September-June on the 2nd & 4th Sundays from 10:30-11:30AM.

We look forward to seeing you and your family!

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne E. Schwarz-Green

Administrative Assistant: Vacant

Voice & Bell Choirs: Cindy Golden

Organist: Alicia Hoffmann

Choir Accompanist: Mike Ruhl

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 14 & 28

COFFEE & CONVERSATION SUNDAY

April 21 after worship

COUNCIL MEETING

NEW DATE – 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

May 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM



Plant Sale Fundraiser

Order Forms are in the lower vestibule and online at www.collegeville.church or via the QR code.

Orders and payment due May 5.



Thank You

Flowers: In Remembrance of Trinity's Faithful Departed.

Greeters:

Head Usher:

Leda Peterson

Reader:

Judy Fryer

Our Easter paraments, created for Trinity by Amy Overholtzer, feature a white and gold sunrise. The sunrise symbolizes the new day that has dawned through the Son's rising on Easter morning.

PRAYER BOX For the week of April 21st, 2024

Please include the following individuals/causes to your daily prayers this week and also let us know if prayers need added or removed:

Special Requests: Steve T & Larry • Cliff P. • Betty and daughter Melissa (friends of Lisa K.) • Richard (brother-in-law of Debbie S.) • Gloria Z. (mother of Tim Z.) • Sue (colleague of Chris W.) • Glenn DeWane • Judy S. (request by Sherry W.)

Ongoing Prayer Needs: Don & Joan R. • Beth Z. • Jackie H. (daughter of Angela S.) • Hubie B. • Leslie H. • Ruth F. • Audrey S. • Mike (brother of Heather W.) and friend Jer • George D. • Jenni (daughter of Lisa & Jim K.) • Father of Jim K. •

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Henry D. (great-nephew of Lynne P.) has returned to school and is doing well.

Order of Worship

April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

MIKE RUHL

OPENING WORDS

PASTOR SUZANNE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NCH #252 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US Vs.1, 2, 3

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
C: **He lays down his life for his sheep.**
L: Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
C: **He knows us, and we belong to him.**
L: Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
C: **He speaks, and we listen for his voice. Let us worship our God!**

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

- L: God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.
ALL Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Moment of silent contemplation, confession, and prayer.)

KYRIE (RESPONSIVE) NCH #750 (LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, CHRIST..., LORD...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

HYMN NCH #455 I AM YOURS, O LORD Vs. 1-3

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

- All: Good Shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24 , John 10:11-18

SERMON **EASTER HAPPENED: NOW WHAT? - CALLED TO CARE**

***HYMN** **NCH #400** **CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION** **ALL VERSES**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PRAYER RESPONSE **(BLUE HYMNAL, UNDER PEW, #501)**

Sung Response: **Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;**
Hear our prayer, O Lord; And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: How does God's love abide in anyone who has the goods of the world and sees a brother or sister in need, yet refuses to help? With love for God and neighbor, let us offer our lives to the Lord.



(YOU MAY PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE OFFERING PLATE. OR GIVE ONLINE USING THE QR CODE)

OFFERTORY **CHANCEL CHOIR** **FOR WHERE LOVE IS, THERE IS GOD** **LEE/WAGNER**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** **(BLUE HYMNAL, UNDER PEW, #506)**

Sung Response **We give Thee but Thine own, What'er the gift may be.**
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THANKSGIVING**

All: **Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

All: **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 the glory, forever. Amen**

***CLOSING HYMN** **NCH #42** **O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING** **ALL VERSES**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: This service has ended, yours has begun. Now go in hope, in peace, in joy; go to love and serve God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **NCH #812** **THREEFOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE **Improvisation** **MIKE RUHL**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)

John 10:1-29

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;
 1 Ie-su no ke Ka-hu-hi-pa, Ka-hu-hi-pa ma'i-ka'i e,
 2 We are yours, in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Let us al-ways seek your fa-vor; let us al-ways do your will;

in your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
 Ei-a ma-kou ka 'o-ha-na ke ho'o-lo-he a ha-hai:
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
 Je-sus Christ our on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
 E a-lo-ha, e a-lo-ha, a-la-ka'i a ha-nai mai,
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still;

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
 E a-lo-ha, e a-lo-ha, a-la-ka'i a ha-nai mai.
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Ps. 119:94

Fanny Crosby, 1874; al

1 I am yours, O Lord, I have heard your voice, and it
 2 O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -
 3 Con - se - crate me now to your ho - ly work by the
 4 There are depths of love that I can - not know till I

told your love to me; But I long to rise in the
 fore your throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with
 power of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a
 cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I

Refrain
 arms of faith, drawn to you e - ter - nal - ly.
 you, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend! Draw me
 stead - fast hope; let your will be done, not mine.
 may not reach till I rest e - ter - nal - ly.

near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, to the cross where you have died;
 near - er, near - er

Draw me near-er, near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, to your pre-cious, bleed-ing side.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease
 4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given

The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

John 10:11-18

“Enfolded by Love”

Today is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday. In an increasingly urban culture, Shepherd can be a difficult metaphor to grasp. But, for some ministers, the metaphor of shepherd is very powerful, precisely because their work with livestock helps inform their ministry.

When she was asked what about ministry and shepherding crosses over, Catherine Foote (who describes herself as retired from ministry, but still shepherding) checked in from England, where she had traveled to participate in sheep dog trials.

“Ha!” she wrote, “Well, that would be just about everything! But I would say it has kept me aware of the everyday, ordinary diligence and joy of ministry. Sheep need to be fed, every day. Watered, every day. Tended, every day. And if I stop to notice, the work brings me joy, every day.”

Although she’s not a shepherd, Jackie Hibbard of Dancing Spirit Equine Facilitated Learning and Coaching and associate pastor at community UCC Boulder works extensively with animals and their connections to humans. She checked in about her work with horses. “Horses have helped me learn so much about myself and my leadership style. I could talk about this for paragraphs, but two simple learnings are: they help me know when I’m not being clear and when I’m not fully present. I am a better minister and listener, because of what horses have taught me.”

Think about the relationships you have had with animals. How have those relationships deepened your relationship with God and with your sense of calling and vocation?



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