



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021  
Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Come Now is the Time to Worship”  
Brian Doerkson  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

*We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.*

Prelude

“Prelude on WONDROUS LOVE”  
Charles Callahan  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

*How do we discover the risen Christ in our midst?*

Welcome and Announcements

Vicky Walters

Responsive Call to Worship

In the wilderness, water brings life.  
Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.  
In the Word of God, the good news gives light.  
Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.  
In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.  
Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.  
Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.  
Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

Prayer of the Day

Unison

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new  
in water and Word,  
feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.  
Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.  
Teach us to love what you have commanded  
and to prune what does not nourish your creation,  
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.  
We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the  
promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore  
us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake  
of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie (You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy)

Ashley Young

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness”  
Ashley Young

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation  
is the center of worship.*

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

1 John 4: 7-21

7 Dear friends, let’s love each other, because love is from God, and  
everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. 8 The person who  
doesn’t love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how the  
love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so

that we can live through him. 10 This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

11 Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other.

12 No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. 13 This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. 15 If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. 16 We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. 17 This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love because God first loved us. 20 Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! 21 This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Second Lesson

John 15: 1-8

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. 2 He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. 3 You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. 6 If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it

will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.*

Recognition of 2021 Graduates

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Meditation on ‘FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”

Charles Callahan  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Doxology

Ashley Young - only

\*Prayer of Dedication and Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*This morning we will celebrate communion as we worship.  
If you are worshiping remotely and wish to partake of this sacrament,  
please have elements (juice, bread, etc.) ready.*

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion Meditation

“Divinum Mysterium”  
Charles Callahan  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

*Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

“Now Go in Joy”  
Ashley Young, Soloist

\*Postlude

“As the Deer”  
Martin Nystrom  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:  
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider  
Vicky Walters, Liturgist  
Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music, Organ  
Jaron Marcus, Piano  
Ashley Young, Soloist  
Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual  
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