



## 4th Sunday after Easter

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

Jaron Marcus, Piano

### GATHERING

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

Prelude

Brad Stipcak, Organ

### CENTERING WORDS

*Think about a situation where you have experienced a surprising transformation.*

Welcome and Announcements

Jace Raines

Introit

“Seek Ye First”  
Karen Lafferty  
Trinity Heritage Choir  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

**Glory to God forever. Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

*Time for silent confession.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sung Response (GTG 591)

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

THE WORD

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

Sermon on the Steps

Pat Thomblison

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

John 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

*People: Praise to you, O Christ.*

Anthem

“The Lord is My Shepherd”  
Allen Pote  
Trinity Heritage Choir  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

**36** Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. **37** At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. **38** Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." **39** So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. **40** Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. **41** He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. **42** This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **43** Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

A Surprise in Disguise  
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Doxology Hymn No. 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Amen.**

Congregation  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Prayer of Dedication

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.**

**SENDING FORTH**

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

\*Hymn No. 729

Lord, I Want to be a Christian  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response GTG 246, v. 5

“Christ is Alive”

\*Postlude

Jaron Marcus, Piano

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:  
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider  
Jace Raines, Liturgist,  
Pat Thomblison, Sermon on the Steps  
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music  
Jaron Marcus, Piano  
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