

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

10:30 AM APRIL 28TH, 2024



THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us online @ TrinityChurchBixby.org/live

GOD CALLS THE PEOPLE TOGETHER

(* Indicates those who are able, please stand. **Bold** print indicates responsive reading.)
(W = White Hymnal; R = Red Hymnal)

GATHERING MUSIC

Erik Collins

WELCOME

Rev. Lucus Keppel

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 63)

Liturgist, Ben Haughey

God, you are my God.

I seek you with all my heart!

With all my strength I thirst for you

In this dry desert where there isn't any water.

Yes, I've seen you in the sanctuary.

I've seen your power and glory.

Because your faithful love is better than life,

I will praise your name.

I will bless you as long as I live.

I will lift up my hands and worship the Lord. Hallelujah!

*HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (v.1-2, 4)

R-268

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Lucus Keppel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lucus Keppel

Eternal God, we have often been told that nothing in this life is free.

We learn to be wary of things that are too good to be true, of the

motivations of a stranger, of the possibility of goodness. This

cautiousness can keep us safe. Yet, when we enter this sanctuary,

we hear of the Risen Savior who freely gave his life so that we could

be free. We speak of grace that overflows and of love that loves without an agenda. With all of our strength, we search for Christ, but then find it impossible to believe in his love. Merciful God, we believe. Help us to believe.

A moment of silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lucus Keppel

My friends, Jesus lived like us, he died for us, and he rose before us to new life. Our Savior has set us free: why should we fear the snare of sin? Rejoice in the Lord – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

“Be Not Afraid”

R-243

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

PASSING THE PEACE AND WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

Rev. Elana Levy

The peace of Christ be with you...
and also, with you.

*Let the children come to me, and do not stop them.
For it's to such as these that God's Kingdom belongs*

GOD SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist, Ben Haughey

STORY FROM THE BIBLE

John 20:19 - 29

Liturgist, Ben Haughey

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

John Clawson

After the children's sermon, children up through kindergarten age may leave with Donna Bridenstine.

Praise the LORD!

The LORD's name be praised!

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| ANTHEM | “Psalm 117” Timothy Shaw | Trinity Choir |
| READING FROM THE EPISTLES | Ephesians 1:3 - 10 | Rev. Elana Levy |
| SERMON | “Freely Given” | Rev. Elana Levy |

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | (Apostles' Creed) | Rev. Lucas Keppel |
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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

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| *HYMN | “You Are Holy” (x2) | R-596 |
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| CALL TO OFFERING | Rev. Lucas Keppel |
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RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (refrain) R-240

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord.. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give__ praise to his__ name!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Lucus Keppel

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lucus Keppel

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 and ever. Amen.

*HYMN

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" (v.1, 3-4)

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GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT OUT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lucus Keppel

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Elana Levy

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the weary; support the weak and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the source of strength who blessed the ones before us help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing and let us say: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"We Will Walk with God"

F-742



We will walk ___ with God, my broth-ers; we will walk ___ with God.



We will walk _with God, my sis-ters; we will walk _with God. We will go re - joic-ing



till the king-dom has come. We will go re - joic-ing till the king-dom has come.

POSTLUDE

Erik Collins

Resources:

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Announcements

Thanks to all who donated and helped with the rummage sale

4/30 & 5/7 Read The Bible @ 6:00 pm

04/28 – 05/03: Pastor Elana out on study leave

Struthers Pastoral Leave Program at The University of The Ozarks

05/08 Presbyterian Women pot luck at John Knox

5/12 Ascension of the Lord & Mother's Day

5/19 Pentecost

5/26 Trinity Sunday

OUR STAFF

Rev. Lucus Keppel & Rev. Elana Levy, Co-Pastors
Erik Collins, Director of Music
Donna Bridenstine, Childcare
Brian Williams, Administrative Assistant

ELDERS ON SESSION

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| Class of 2024 | Annemarie Kessler | Debbie Straabe | Liz Powell |
| Class of 2025 | Cindy Strasheim | Kate Hanson | Kim Campbell |
| Class of 2026 | Craig Hanson | Nancy Cain | (open) |

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