

CAMPUS CLOSED: To help slow the spread of the coronavirus, the main Trinity Campus will be closed to the public. Please join us online or Suddenlink channel 4 on Sundays at 10:45 for worship.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: A devotional will be posted each day during this time of campus closure. You can find them by going to the following link: www.trinityruston.org/devotions. They can also be found on our Facebook page.

LUNCH ON US VOLUNTEERS: Every Monday we serve bag lunches to the hungry from the Presbyterian Church. This ministry is primarily staffed by our older adults. While our older members reduce their social interaction, we need younger, healthy volunteers who are willing to come out and serve or to donate loaves of bread and bananas. Please contact Marie Burns ASAP at mburns@trinityruston.org to sign up.

GROCERY DELIVERY: Trinity would like to offer grocery delivery to our senior adult members during this time of public health concern. If you are interested in receiving grocery delivery, please email Marie Burns to sign up; mburns@trinityruston.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date for Vacation Bible School: June 1-5, 2020! If you would like to volunteer, contact Mandy Smith, 278-4477 or Megan Walpole, (404) 680-0415.



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 12, 2020

MOMENTS OF MEDITATION

"On the third day, behold the King.
On the third day, death has no sting.
On the third day we're forgiven and reconciled." -Matt Maher

"The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."
-Basil C. Hume

PRELUDE

Deborah Guillory, Organist
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

NOTES ON THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Leslie Stephens

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ has broken the bonds of death!

People: We are witnesses to amazing good news!

Leader: Turn from your weeping and mourning. Put aside your fears and the ways of death.

People: We are being raised with Christ to a new quality of life.

Leader: The surprises of the resurrection continue into our own day.

People: The Risen Christ meets us here, bringing us new life and hope!

OPENING PRAYER

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light. Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus. We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. This we pray through the Resurrected One, Jesus the Lord and Light of Life. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
Hymnal, No. 302
verses 1-4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he

ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (The Apostle's Creed)

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Alleluia, He Lives!"

Chancel Quartet

**WE WORSHIP THROUGH OUR PRAYERS
AND OUR OFFERINGS**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Stephens

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hymnal, No. 707
"Hymn of Promise"

verse 1

OFFERTORY MOMENT

Rev. Leslie Stephens

OFFERTORY

Marissa Nugent and Garrett Brown
"The Prayer"

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Leslie Stephens

***HYMN OF THE GOSPEL**

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymnal, No. 304

Matthew 28:1-10

Dr. Darrell Coats

***SCRIPTURE**

SERMON

"Don't Be Afraid of the Future"

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"He Lives"

Hymnal, No. 310

Rev. Leslie Stephens

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**All who are able, please stand.*

Deborah Guillory, Organ