

Trinity-Grace United Church
ORDER OF SERVICE - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5TH, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT: Pie Jesu – rom the Requiem of Andrew Lloyd Webber (Solo)

CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING RESPONSES

All:

**God of life, we come to you this morning
 raised up with Christ from all the tombs of our lives,
 but we confess we still need your help to be free.
Still, we are lamed by old wounds,
 wearied by the weight of guilt and sorrow,
 confused by all the contradictory pressures of our lives.
Heal us, O God. Raise us up.
Roll away the stones, and lead us out to new life.**

HYMN: “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” (VU 374)

1. Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being face to face,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain.
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to space.

PRAYER FOR RELEASE AND RENEWAL

Leader:

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone; everything becomes fresh and new.

All:

**Glory to God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the world, in the church, and in our lives.**

(Silence is held)

Response: "Halle, Halle, Halle" (VU 958)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

SHARING PEACE

One: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

We take a moment to greet each other and share a sign of peace.

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

~~PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING~~

EXPLORING THE WORD

- Holy Jeopardy

RESPONDING

HYMN: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (VU 563)

During the hymn, the offering box is brought forward

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones,
You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

Oh Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
By your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possessions,
My boat carries no gold and no weapons,
You will find there my nets and labour.

Refrain:

Oh Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
By your side I will seek other seas.

3 You need my hands full of caring
Through my labours to give others rest,
And constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain:

Oh Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
By your side I will seek other seas.

4. You, who have fished other oceans,

Ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
My loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain:

Oh Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
By your side I will seek other seas.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Trinity-Grace is grateful for the many ways we are gifted and called to contribute to God's mission through this faith community.

Prayer of Dedication

Leader:

Let us dedicate the offerings we bring this week in prayer:

ALL:

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY

We share announcements, insights, joys & concerns.

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND CONCERN (The Prayers of the People)

Periods of silence will be left for you to offer your own prayers

THE PRAYER OF THE DISCIPLES (The Lord's Prayer) Paraphrase VU 916

All:

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo
Through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
By peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
By all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN: "Psalm 91 On Eagle's Wings" (VU 808)

1 You who dwell in the shelter of our God
Who abide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust."

Refrain:

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear.
Under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of my hand.

- 3 You need not fear the terrorS of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by the day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

4. For to God's angels is given a command
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

SENDING & BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE: "Amen"

VU 974

All:

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen!
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POSTLUDE

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