

W CELEBRATION OF ORSHIP

4th Sunday
of Easter
May 3, 2020

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Adam Ravain

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Mitch Guse

God is with us in this always.

Too often our cares and our worries keep us at a distance from God.

God, speak a word of comfort to Your troubled people.

Help us hear You, Lord God, in the quietness of these moments.

*Hymn No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Shannon Guse

Prayer of Confession

Healing God,

We have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it. In Your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation.

(Silent confession)

Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord.

Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by Your mercy, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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***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.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

Scripture Lesson

Lamentations 3:19-24

Brad Clayton

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*Great Hymns of Our Faith:
Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

Offering

Great is Thy Faithfulness
arr. Jack Shrader

Peter Pursino

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*)

Mitch Guse

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Trinity Whitley

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 Out Into the World

*Hymn No. 694

Great God of Every Blessing

*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

*Congregational Response

Amen

Hymnal p. 601

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Coming up:

(for full details please visit www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events)

- ♦ **This Week at Faith.** Due to COVID-19, we are not currently having any in-person meetings at Faith. Updates are posted on the website and by email as they become available. The church staff are working from home; please feel free to contact them via email or cell phones.
- ♦ **Sunday School Online.** While we are not meeting in person, did you know we are offering Sunday School classes on line? Check out the links each week in the email *This Sunday at Faith* as well as on our website under *Faith Online*.
- ♦ **Midweek Prayers Online, Wednesday, 7 p.m.** In a time of so much distance, let's come together. Folks will be asked to share their rose and thorn for the past week. We will lift up prayer concerns for our community and close in prayer together. Link to meeting: <https://meet.google.com/bew-mpgu-kaj>. Feel free to invite anyone you know who may be interested!
- ♦ **Video Messages from our Pastors.** Trinity and Brad are recording short (around 2 minutes) videos to share with the Faith Family. These videos, dubbed *Simple Faith*, will be published on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday this week. You can access them via our Facebook page as well as from the *Faith Online* page of our website: faithpcusa.org/faithonline.
- ♦ **What's Going on in Your World?** Would you like to talk with Trinity? Share your concerns, reflect and pray together. Sign up for a 30 minute window on Mondays and Wednesdays between 1 and 3 p.m. to chat on the phone or video conference at this link: <https://calendly.com/pastortrinity/pastoral-check-in?month=2020-04>.
- ♦ **Youth Activity.** Be sure and check the youth calendar at faithpcusa.org/youth for links to ongoing youth activities!
- ♦ **Vacation Bible School is June 15-19.** It takes a lot of adult volunteers to make VBS a success. To view the volunteer opportunities and to register as a volunteer, visit faithpcusa.org/vbs.
- ♦ **Graduating?** If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, we would love to include that information in our Baccalaureate Service. Please send the following information to Shannon Guse (shannon@faithpcusa.org): name, parents' names, school attended, post-graduation plans, school awards and/or accomplishments, statement to the church, and a photo.

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$413,389
Received YTD: \$458,663
Spent YTD: \$391,464



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