



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday April 28, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mission Awareness Sunday
We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. (John 15:4)

Prelude: Psalm 126: Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping will return with songs of joy,
Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

*Processional Hymn: *Come sing, O church, in joy!* **#757**

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Aquiline Yow

L.: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

P: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

L.: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

P: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, and productive.

L.: If we abide in Jesus, then Jesus will abide in us.

P: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

L.: We want to show God our love when we worship,

P: And be God's servants in the world.

L.: Let us worship God!

Choir Introit: God and God Alone

Joel Raney (b. 1956)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debt*s)

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: **Rescuer**

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer

We are free from sin forevermore

*Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer*

There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter
The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

*He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer
We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer*

He is beauty for the blind man
Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary
Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

*He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer
We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer*

**So come and be chainless,
Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption, for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary (REPEAT BRIDGE)**

*He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer
We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds
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CCLI Song # 7094920

Benjamin Hastings | Bryan Fowler | Rend Collective

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

Zhenyi Li

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

³⁰ **Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord**

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

New Testament: John 15:1-17

NT p. 109

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo: Mother Theresa's Prayer/Make Us Worthy, Lord Norman Warren
(1934-2019)
sung by Verna Nunez
Rev. Dr. H. Vais

Sermon: Being Connected

*Hymn: *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

#760

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Lift high the cross*

#643

We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

****if you are able, please stand***

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshipping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You

are invited to fill out a pew card.

**** **We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Alternatively for children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.**

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude
at the end of the service!*

*If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank you!*



Sunday School Classes!

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time. **All children grades 1-6 are welcome.**



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Today is Mission Awareness Sunday and we are grateful for the donations to the Food Bank. Your generosity makes a difference in our community.

Thank you for your support!

Flowers

The flowers gracing the sanctuary this morning were placed there by Lorraine McBride in loving memory of her mom, Dixie McBride who devoted her life to promoting the mission of the church.

Dixie passed away on Mission Awareness Sunday,
April 28, 2013.



Reception of New Members

In the coming weeks we will be receiving new members.

If you wish to become a member, please contact the church office or speak to Rev. Heather.



Saturday, May 11, 2024
9:00 am to Noon

Please join us for our **Annual Spring Cleanup**.

This is a special year with our 175th Anniversary, and we would like to have the property looking its best for May 26!

We need help with hedge trimming, weeding and general clean up.

If you have gardening tools, please bring them along.

No special skills required - everyone can help. Thanks

The Board of Managers

Summary of TPC Finances *First Quarter 2024*

Revenue	\$89,158
Expenses	<u>\$80,205</u>
Net Gain	\$ 8,953

Overall, we have had a good start to 2024. The Board will continue to monitor the finances and will report back to you again after the 2nd quarter.

Respectfully,
Bob Gargano
Treasurer

TPC's 175th Anniversary Year!

The year 2024 marks our congregational 175th Anniversary.

There will be many great opportunities to celebrate.

Please circle **Sunday May 26th** on your calendar for our Anniversary Celebration.

May 26th is also our **Great Day Capital Campaign**.

Our project this year is to raise money for the restoration of the Manse.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday April 28, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – The Fifth Sunday of Easter & Mission Awareness Sunday

Tuesday April 30, 2024

10:00 am

ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall

Thursday May 2, 2024

7:30 pm

Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Sunday May 5, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service



Hey TPC Senior Youth!

Don't forget our

Paddles-n-Pizza Night!



Pickle Ball, Ping Pong, and (P)Badminton!

When? Thursday May 16

Time? 7:00 p.m.

Wear active wear and bring clean running shoes.

R.S.V.P to Abel or Rev. Heather

Come out and have a ball!

Hymn

Come sing, O church, in joy!

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

Refrain:

***In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!***

Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream!

Refrain

Let courage be our friend,
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified!

Refrain

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
o'er the ages long!

Refrain

Hymn

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness,
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

O Saviour, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
oh tread the city's streets again;

Till human hearts shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.

Hymn

Lift high the cross

Refrain:

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

Refrain

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Refrain

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain