

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Worship 10:30 AM

Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

“Here in This Place” (*Renew* #14)

Marty Haugen

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

People: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!

Leader: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

People: Let us feel the presence of God’s grace and love!

Leader: O Holy Spirit, lead us on in worship;

People: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory.

All: Amen.

****Hymn (insert)**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates — Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

Prepare

Call to Confession *Please be seated.*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like the disciples who played it safe, we too often stay in the shelter of the boat. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride.

Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ’s redeeming love that we may find restoration for our souls, peace with our enemies and the hope of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**Congregational Response “Christ Arose!” Robert Lowry

**Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! — *And also with you.*

Listen

Children’s Message

Anthem “A Joyful Life of Praise” Joseph Martin

Prayer of Illumination

First Gospel Reading *John 14:8-14 (NRSVU)*

Psalm Reflection Video *Psalm 100*

Second Gospel Reading *Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVU)*

Sermon “RISEN: Why Easter Matters!”
Stop Playing it Safe!

Respond

Hymn (# 249 vss. 1 & 2) “Because You Live, O Christ” VRUECHTEN

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

**Easter Doxology “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
**O Jesus, King of gentleness, do all our inmost our hearts possess,
And we to you will ever raise, the tribute of our grateful praise.**

Pastoral Prayer (*Please be seated.*)

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 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.

Choral Benediction “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” (*Renew*, #295)
Para. James Quinn/American Folk Tune/Harm. R. Schulz-Widmar

Benediction

Christ is risen! — *He is risen, indeed!*

Postlude

**Please stand as comfortable and able.

Leaders in and for Worship Today

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Brian Norris
Organist/Pianist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Bill Kennedy, Michael Fues, Debbie Newkirk
Greeter	Judy Hughes
Ushers	Sarah Blanton, Bill Young
Childcare Volunteers	Chris Sheriff

AFTER-WORSHIP RECEPTION: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for light refreshments and conversation with church friends.

TWO SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES: For the first time in many years, Missouri Union Presbytery will host the Co-Moderators of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reverends Tony Larson and CeCe Armstrong, for four days in May. In addition to the May 19 meeting of the presbytery, several special events have been planned during their visit so that more members from our churches can meet and interact with the Co-Moderators:

Saturday evening, May 16, 5:30-8:00 p.m. – All women in the presbytery are invited to gather at First Presbyterian-Columbia for dinner and conversation with Co-Moderator Tony Larson. There is no charge for the meal, but reservations are mandatory and must be made by noon on May 6. Please use the link sent out in the Friday email or contact the church office. Carpooling from Trinity can be arranged as needed.

Monday, May 18, 2:00-7:00 p.m. – **Trinity** will host Rev. Larson and Rev. Armstrong. In the afternoon, they will lead a workshop called “Discernment, Leadership, and Call”. The event will conclude with dinner. For this event, there is a \$15.00/participant fee, and once again, reservations are required and must be received by May 6 at noon.

Church Meetings and Activities This Week: (A calendar of all events taking place at Trinity is available on the church website.)

Today:

1:30 p.m. - Pastor Nominating Committee meets in Rm. 12

Monday, April 27:

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship and Finance Committee (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 28:

7:00 p.m. – Technology Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 29:

7:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal in the Choir Rm.

Friday, May 1:

1:30 p.m. – Mahjong Group - Rms. 2-4