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# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Welcoming Community of  
Compassion & Faith*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025

## PRELUDE

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

arr. Mark Hayes

## WELCOME TO TRINITY

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

Hymnal № 304

## OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you prayed for unity among your followers.  
Draw us into the oneness that reflects your love and sacrifice.  
Break down the walls of division that separate us,  
and teach us to live in the path of self-giving love, justice,  
and reconciliation.  
Make us a sign of the healing and hope you offer  
to a fractured world. Amen.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*After each petition ending "God of Resurrection,"  
please respond saying: "hear our prayer."*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Hymnal № 33

*Jake William Jaronczyk; Adrian Jaronczyk and Kristin Lordahl, parents*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Nima Sudhakar

**SENDING SONG**

*Go With Them, Lord*

Go with them, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev - ery com-ing day, that

in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

**PSALTER**

Psalm 150

Hymnal № 862

**SCRIPTURE READING** I Corinthians 1:18-31

**SERMON**

“The Word of the Cross” Rev. Dr. Brian C. Smith

**HYMN**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Hymnal № 301

**TRINITY WILMETTE THIS WEEK**

Garrett Heersche

**GIVING OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**Invitation and Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory**

*Beneath the Cross*

arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day. Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One, who suffered there for me; and from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess, the wonders of His glorious love, and my own worthlessness. Amen.

**Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal № 95

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*In the Cross of Jesus*

Hymnal № 295

**BENEDICTION and CHORAL AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Rondeau*

Jean Joseph Mouret