

CeLTic Evensonz
TRINITY United Methodist Church
APRIL 25, 2021, 5 P.M.



Welcome and Announcements

Eileen Gilmer

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Newton

A Prayer for the Evening

Keith Lee

O God, our light and our salvation,
shelter us in your love.
O God, our stronghold,
protect us from danger.
We come with shouts of joy
to worship you this day.
We come with song and music
to celebrate your love.
We come with longing
to seek your presence.
Be with us now, O God,
as we sing your praises. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Lee

As we gather this evening, we gather in hope.
Waiting, we listen for God's word for us.
Let your hearts and spirits be open.
We are and ever shall be, Easter people.

Wesley Covenant Prayer

Neil Hough

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Musical Response

Alleluia

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

Gilmer

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Music for Meditation *Nettleton (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)* Trad. American

Message *Behind Us, With Us, Ahead of Us* Eileen Gilmer

Music for Reflection *Ye Banks and Braes (Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown)*
Trad. Scottish

Reading Hough

Like the sun settling
in a splash of color on the horizon
and the tides dancing in time on the shore
and the moon playing hide-and seek
on the edge of morning,
light slips beyond our sight,
hope ebbs and flows

in soft-voiced syncopated rhythm,
and then
in the darkest hours
light reappears in a crooked smile
surrounded by stardust
and reminds us
that magic still exists
and that miracles are real
and that life goes on.
Maybe that is why the human heart
never stops hoping,
even if just in the deepest,
most secret pocket of our souls,
that, against all odds,
despite all evidence to the contrary,
good and truth and love and light
will always triumph
in the end.

L.R. Knost

Blessing

Lee

You are invited to walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. **Amen.**

Postlude

Miracle of Miracles

Bock & Harnick



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