*Trinity United Methodist Church*

March 26th, 2023 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

Rev. David S. Vallelunga, Pastor; Kathy Eckart, Guest Organist;

Mary Wahl , Liturgist; Christina Wong, Zoomologist

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

CALL TO WORSHIP *sung to PASSION CHORALE*

**Today our story takes us to ancient Bethany,**

**with Lazarus, and Martha, and deeply grieved Mary;**

**when Jesus goes to meet them, their Lazarus has died,**

**today we learn the lesson: Life cannot be denied!**

**With praying, and with singing of solemn songs of praise,**

**our deepest needs we’re bringing, our gratitude we raise.**

**Our thoughts and our petitions this day are heaven-sent,**

**and seeking their fruition, we’ll keep a holy Lent.**

THE GOSPEL BEGINS John 11:1-45, selected verses Liturgist

HYMN # 273 “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”

**Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.**

**Jesus’ grace brings healing from our deepest gloom,**

**resurrected hope still draws us from the tomb!**

**Just like Lazarus, we step forth into Life;**

**resurrected spirits conquer earthly strife!**

**Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (10:30) Pastor Dave

 OUR LORD’S PRAYER *(Following the prayer, the children may leave for Sunday School.)*

THE GOSPEL CONTINUES John 11:1-45, selected verses Liturgist

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

SONG # 420 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

*SILENT PRAYERS PASTORAL PRAYER*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

THE GOSPEL CONCLUDES John 11:1-45, selected verses Liturgist

HOMILY “The Risks of Resurrection” Pastor Dave

LENTEN DOXOLOGY and BLESSING OF THE GIFTS Liturgist

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

CLOSING HYMN # 2115 “Christ is Risen”

**Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,**

**as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.**

**Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;**

**let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!**

**Christ has risen for the people whom he loved and died to save;**

**Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.**

**Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.**

**He whose word inspired creation is not silenced by the tomb.**

**Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night,**

**sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright.**

**They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign**

**till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.**

**Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change**

**all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.**

**Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been –**

**evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen!**

BLESSING *With the confidence of resurrected new life, we are propelled forth into this world of death and despondency. May our spirits and our actions bring healing this week to those who are not yet able to step forth and be released from their tombs. Amen!*

POSTLUDE