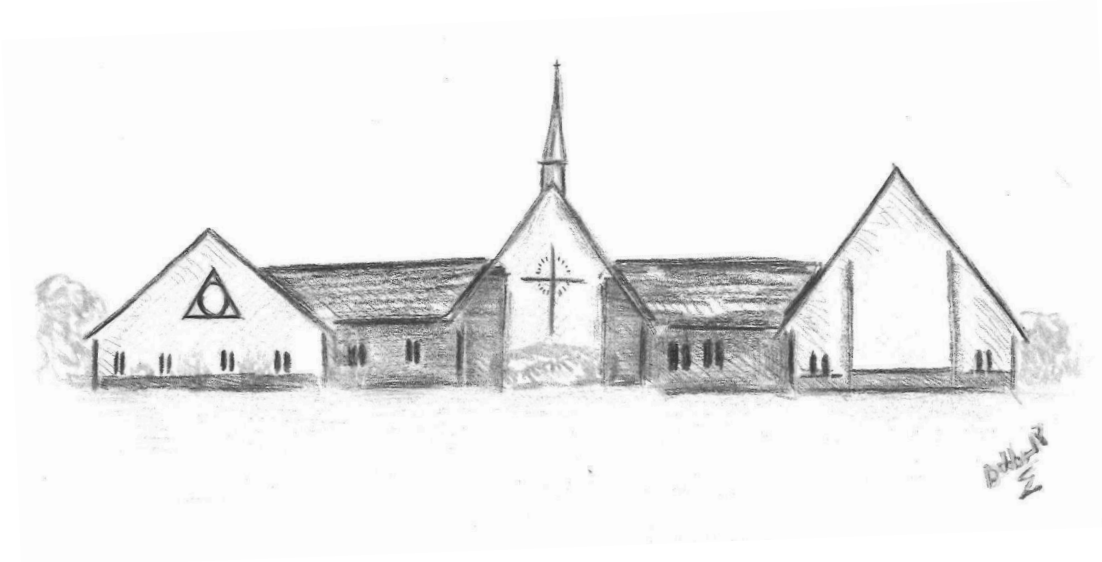


Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

Families

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

ELW 388

Be Not Afraid

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody starts on a G4 note and ends on a G4 note with a fermata.

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, consisting of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff with the same melody and accompaniment.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

W&P 388

Blessing, honor, and glory

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C Am⁷ G/B C F/A G/B

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C G/B C/E F G^{sus} G C/E

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am⁷ G Em⁷ C/E F Am G C²/E

Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F² Am⁷ G Em⁷ C/E F Dm⁷ G^{sus} G

Seat - ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

²G^{sus} G C Am⁷ G/B C F/A G/B

God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C F/A G/B C/E F G C/E F C

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16

- L ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- C ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- L ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- L ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- C ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- L ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- C ⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- L ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- C ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- L ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -
lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

P The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

(Gospel Continues on Next Page)

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

L Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

L Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Diane & Joan.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Bryson, Rick, Steve, Bob, Frank, Paul, Ray, Peggy, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Margie, Chrissy, Cindy, Tom, Susan, Karen, Jim, Tony, Carol & Melissa.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Merciful God.

C receive our prayer.

L Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 70. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -".

Chord symbols for the first staff: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7.

Chord symbols for the second staff: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb, Bb.

- P Please be seated.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

$\text{♩} = 65$ C

G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

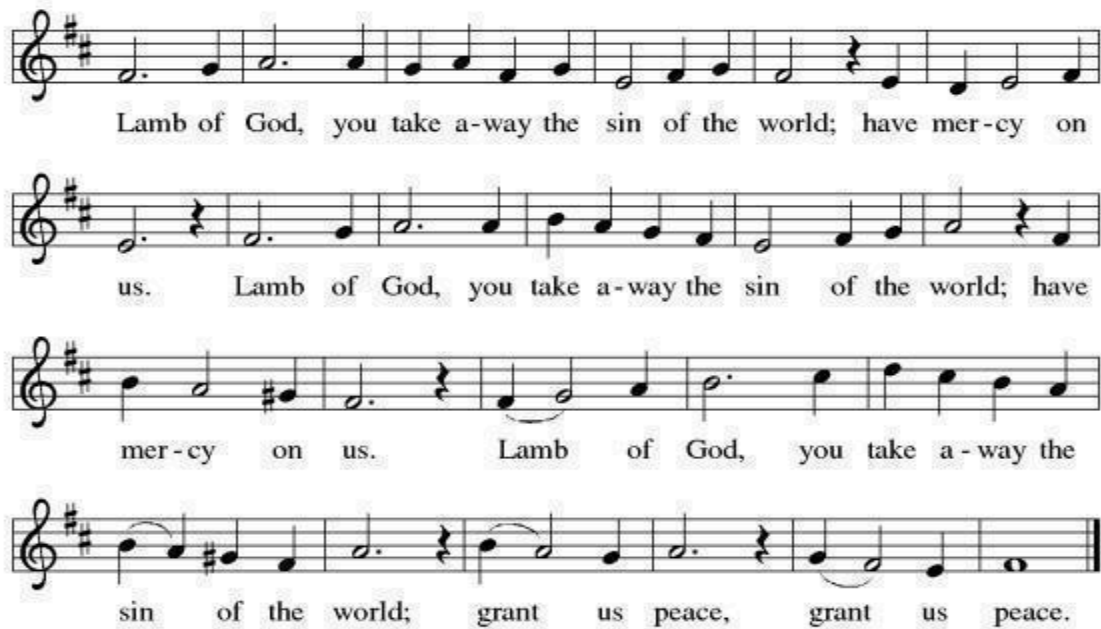
LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW 367 Vs 1, 2 & 4

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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This Week at Trinity

Tuesday April 14 - 12 noon PB&J sandwich making

Thursday April 16 - 1 pm TAG game group

Looking Ahead

Thursday April 23 -10 am TAG Crafts

Friday May 1 - Bingo

Sunday May 3 -11:15 am Congregational Meeting

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Serving Today 4/12	
Lector	Becky Shadle
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Ushers	Peter & Lynne Schell
Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour
Building Opener	Rick Cole
Altar Guild	Ann Dungan
Counting Team	JoAnn Sorom, Trish Graves, Betty Kratz
Serving Sunday 4/19	
Lector	Anne Waskiewicz
Greeter	Emma Birkmire
Communion Assistants	Lynn Chialastri & Judy Flanigan
Ushers	Linda Stone & Lori Peltier
Coffee Hour	Ann Dungan/Kristin Stoeber
Building Opener	Ann Dungan
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
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