TRINITY
United Presbyterian Church

SANCTUARY SERVICE — APRIL 18, 2021

This morning marks the Third Sunday of Easter, and we joyously continue our celebration of the glorious Day of Resurrection. Jesus' triumph over sin and death breaks all our chains, and we are all welcome to the wonderful salvation-through-faith that he offers.

When we live in the love of God, we begin to pay attention
to others the same way that God pays attention to us.
-John Ortberg

Today we also continue in our *Community Alive!* series by looking at the topic of respect. As we further embrace our role in a Christ-centered community, we must always remember that no matter our differences, we each are created in the image of God. His mercy extends to all of us, and our respect towards one another should mirror that in our acceptance, honesty, and vulnerability.

As we worship this morning, may we thank God for all members of our Christ-centered community, each skillfully and wonderfully made. Let us embrace every opportunity to offer our support and be supported by our fellow believers as we all walk our journey of faith.

Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Organ Prelude: *The Day of Resurrection* M. Helman

Welcome and Call to Worship

***Congregational Songs of Resurrection Victory:**
1) *The Day of Resurrection* J. M. Neale, et al
2) *Living Hope* B. Johnson, P. Wickham

***Prayer of Exaltation**

Sacrament of Baptism (10:40)**:** Aveline Sofia Dorta, Daughter of Michael and Lauren Dorta
Charlotte Weil Meskell, Daughter of Brian and Amanda Meskell

Congregational Response (10:40)**:** *Jesus Loves Me* A. B. Warner, et al

Opportunities to Live Out Our Identity in Christ // Your Tithes and Offerings at Work

Choral Affirmation: *The Image of God* C. Courtney

In the beginning God shaped and formed you. You are skillfully and wonderfully made.
You are the image of your Creator. In every part of you his likeness is displayed.

Life flows from life and love from loving, gifts of the Father by nature and by grace;
a heart made glad, a soul unshaken: unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise.

For his own purpose, God shaped and formed you. You are his; you have a place within his plan.
You are the image of your Creator. Your past and future are secure within his hand.

Life flows from life and love from loving...

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1:26-28 Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

A Message for Living: ***"It's All About Respect"*** Dr. Doug Rumford, Lead Pastor
Community Alive! How to Make Life-Giving Connections #2 *(see Sermon Notes on back)*

Prayer for Renewal and Help

Bereavement
For Ron Oldenkamp and family in the death of his mother, Irene.
For Matt Bell and family in the death of his father, Chuck.

***Hymn of Inclusion:** *Help Us Accept Each Other* F. Kaan, et al

***Closing Words, Charge and Benediction**

Organ Postlude: *Help Us Accept Each Other* M. Burkhardt

*All who are able, please stand

"IT'S ALL ABOUT RESPECT"

Genesis 1:26-28

Doug Rumford

SERMON NOTES APRIL 18, 2021

1) God has given human beings inherent value by creating us in God's image (*imago dei*) (Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 8:5).

2) What happened to the image of God when humanity rebelled and sinned (Genesis 9:5-7; James 2:1; James 3:9)?

The image cannot be lost, nor can it be reduced, but it's ethical direction can be reversed. -Professor Meredith Kline

3) What happens to the image of God in salvation (2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:8-11)?

4) Live a respect-full life (John 3:1; John 4:9; Matthew 19:13-14; Mark 10:17-22).

5) Application: Accepting and affirming a person's value can help them accept and affirm Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

For sermon reflection questions to use in small groups or personal study, visit (trinityconnection.com/small-groups)

Worship Leaders
Doug Rumford Lead Pastor
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Cece Carrillo Pulpit Assistant
Sharon Lancaster Baptism Elder (10:40)
Sandy Rosales, Nancy Coonis, John Rhynerson, John Dowdell Chancel Quartet
Althea Holdcroft Flute
Katrina Liao Piano/Vocals/Director
Natalie Martinez, John Rhynerson Vocals
Phil Pacier Electric Guitar
Stephen Moore Acoustic Guitar
Daniel Ujifusa Drums
Jack Pruitt Electric Bass
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