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Call to Confession

One: Adoni, we come to this time in the service, humbled by your unfailing love: a love we haven't earned, a love we haven't reciprocated, a love we haven't appreciated, but a love that embraces us despite our shortcomings. God, guide us, calm us, and fill us with your spirit so that we can step out of sinfulness and into your light.

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal Splendor, Light of Light, and God of Gods, You have shone upon us, and we have seen your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Bathed in your light, our faith and our life are shown to be shrouded and tarnished. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet, in your great mercy, you forgive what we have been. We pray that you will now amend what we are and direct what we shall be, that we may henceforth walk in your light, delight in your will, and reflect your radiance, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

All: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

One: You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

All: You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria**

*Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in One.*

*Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in One.*

*As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen.*

Anthem

Creation Will Be At Peace

Anna Laura Page

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.*

*The wolf will lie down with the lamb,
The cow and bear will feed,
Their young will play together,
A little child will lead.*

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.*

*The leopard and goat will graze,
The lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more;
A child will lead them all.*

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

One: Loving God, Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open us to Your word for us this day. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 13:5-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

In Search of a Four Leaf Clover

Rev. Ryan Althaus

***Hymn #306**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayers of the People

*After each petition please say, “God of Life and Hope”
and all respond, “Hear our Prayer.”*

Lord’s Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory

Album Leaf

Gordon Young

***Doxology #591**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We give thanks for all we have received, O God: gifts of love and time, money, and abilities. Into these bowls and into this place, we return a portion of these gifts. Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. Amen.

***Hymn 538**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

***Blessing**

***Amen**

***Postlude**

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

**We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

THANK YOU

Guest Pastor: Ryan Althaus
Pastor & Lector: Larry Vilaro
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Greeters: Arnie, Natalie, & Mabel Serigstad
Usher: Pete Halper
Flowers: Karen Wichelmann
Coffee: Ron & Linda Weaver

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. After worship, please join us for coffee, tea, and juice in the Fellowship Hall. We are glad you are here!

Online Church Service

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube. If you want edited sermons complete with dates, sermon titles, bulletin covers, and volume enhancements, check out our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypressc.org>

Pastor Larry's Contact Information

Due to technical difficulties, Pastor Larry is using his personal email, lvilaro@earthlink.net, rather than the trinityscpastor email address.

Candy Collection for Easter Egg Hunt

The Deacons are collecting candy for the church Easter Egg Hunt. To ensure the success of this event, they kindly request donations of small, individually wrapped candy. You can bring your contributions to church next Sunday or drop them off at the church office during office hours from Tuesday through Thursday.

Men's Fellowship Continental Breakfast, March 23rd

St Andrew Men's Fellowship has invited our Trinity men's fellowship for a delightful breakfast gathering this Saturday, March 23rd, at 9:00 AM. For those in need of transportation, a convenient carpool will depart from the Trinity parking lot at 8:45 AM. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow members and share in a morning of camaraderie.

Lenten Study Supper, 5:30pm

Our Lenten Study continues on Thursday 21st in the Fireside Room. We will share a simple potluck dinner of soup, salad, and bread. This will be followed by the Lenten Study Series, "Jesus Sees Women," which focuses on Jesus' interactions with women. If you plan on coming to this week's supper, please fill out the form on page eight and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

We Welcome Rev. Ryan Althaus

Rev. Ryan Althaus is the San Jose Presbyterian Hunger and Inclusivity advocate and leader of Sweaty Sheep — a local ministry rooted in the utilization of recreation as a means of uniting our diverse community of faiths, abilities, and labels. Ryan is also an advocate of mental health awareness and destigmatization, and this passion has motivated his management of a 14-person sobriety home in Santa Cruz. Additionally, he hosts a bi-weekly radio show, "The Kooky Side of Crazy," Thursday evenings on KSQD 90.7FM. Known affectionately as Captain Mango among his salty sailing fellowship, Ryan is also the Minister of Interfaith Relations of the Santa Cruz Unitarian Fellowship and an active board member of the National Presbyterians Disability Inclusion Network. You can learn more about his programs, listen to past sermons, find links to his writings, and more at www.sweatysheep.com.

Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.

- Steve and Diane Arndt: he is recovering from brain tumor surgery; she is his principal caregiver and driver.
- Adam O’Connell: grateful for progress in recovering from wrist surgery.
- Roy, friend of Dan Rutan: peace and courage as he journeys along a corrected medical treatment path, after the trauma of the original misdiagnosis.
- Nicki Kerns: anticipating a “thumbs up” decision for a knee replacement surgery.
- Young People in Our Community and Beyond: avoidance of substance abuse.
- People in War Zones: courage, perseverance, and safety.
- Trinity’s Choir: thankful for the meaningful contributions to worship.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo: Jeffery and Christi Boyd
on the Mexico/US border: Craft Giron and Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar
The Covenant Network of Presbyterians ♦ Faith Community Shelter
Wings ♦ Rebele Family Shelter ♦ Habitat For Humanity ♦ Friends Outside
Immanuel House ♦ Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Mission ♦ Sweet Pea Project
Alcoholics Anonymous ♦ Santa Cruz al Salvador
Court Appointed Special Advocates
Boy Scout Troop #618 ♦ Cub Scout Troop #618

Please fill out the form below. Tear off and put in the offering plate.

Yes, I/we will be attending the Lenten Gathering Thursday evening,
March 21st, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Name(s): _____

I/we will bring (soup, salad, bread. No desserts, please)

376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D

Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Fairest Lord Jesus

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CRUSADERS' HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850; alt.

Silesian folk melody

In Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heav - en can boast.

538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7

Attr. John Fawcett, 1773

Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774, Conyer's *Collection of Psalms*

Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

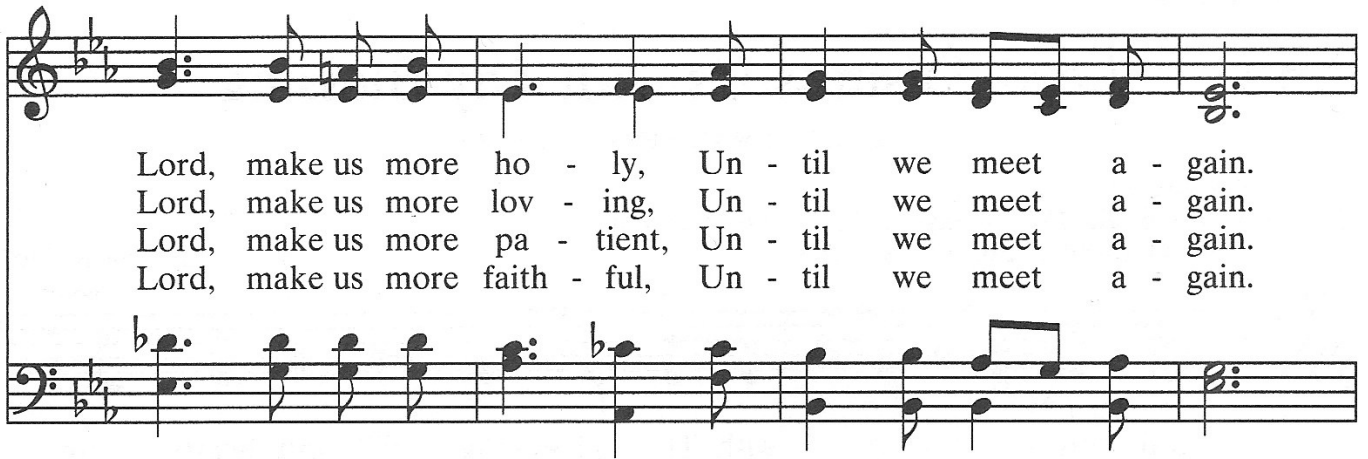
Sicilian melody

1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's
 3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

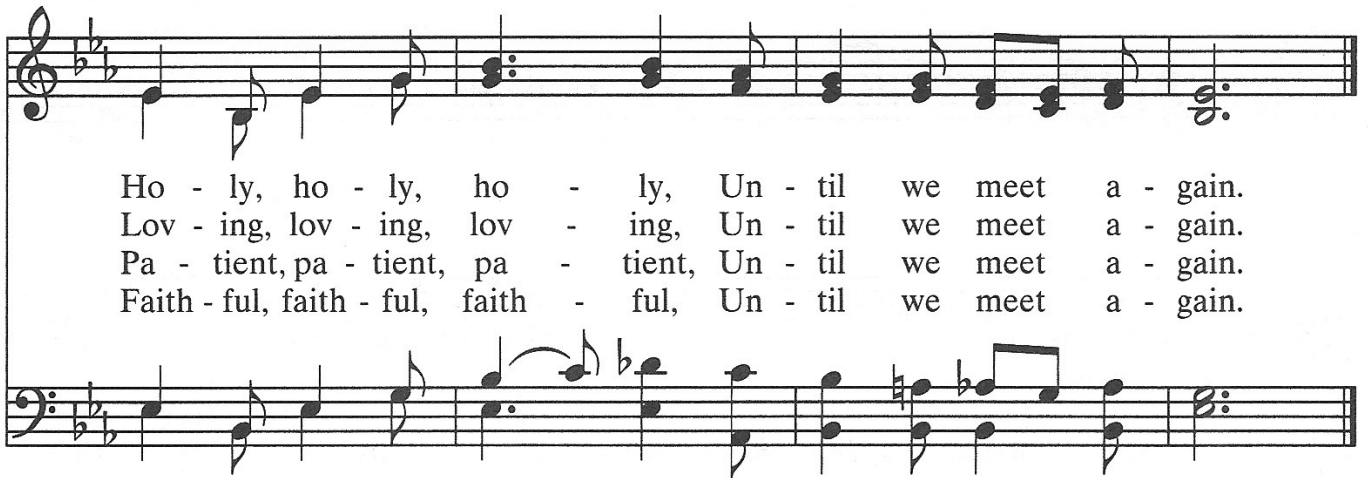
joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found;
 May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.



Lord, make us more ho - ly, Un - til we meet a - gain.
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, Un - til we meet a - gain.
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, Un - til we meet a - gain.
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, Un - til we meet a - gain.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Un - til we meet a - gain.
 Lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, Un - til we meet a - gain.
 Pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, Un - til we meet a - gain.
 Faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, Un - til we meet a - gain.