

September 20, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship



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Prelude and Procession

Elizabeth Bunch

Adagio cantabile from Sonata, Op. 13, by Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Introit

O Sing to the Lord, Brazilian folk song

Elizabeth

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Michael Christie

Come, let us worship the God whose ways are not our ways.

**Come with all that we carry: our questions and our hopes,
our weariness and our wonder.**

Here, there is grace enough for all.

Here, God's love makes room for us.

**Come, let us worship and open our hearts
to the surprising ways of God.**

***Opening Hymn PH #461** *God is here, vs. 1, 2, 4*

Opening Prayer

Diane

Hymn GH #461

You are Mine, vs. 1 & 2

Presenting Trinity Staff Members

Debbie Bates

Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation (*unison*)

Michael

Generous God, whose kingdom turns our ways of measuring upside down: forgive us when we hold tightly to what we think we have earned, when we compare ourselves with others, and when another person's blessing feels like our loss. Heal what is wounded in us, and reconcile us to one another. Teach us to receive your abundance with gratitude and to become generous as you are generous. Amen.

(Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life (*responsively*)

Michael

Hear the good news: God's grace is not a limited supply. Another person's blessing does not diminish our own. God's love is not earned by being first, nor withheld from those who come late. There is enough grace for all. **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria PH #576**

Gloria, Gloria (sing twice)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Diane

"The Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

Word with the Children

Diane

Children are invited to go to Sunday School

Prayers of the People - God of Life and Hope, Hear our Prayer

Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz, and Urban Works.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Diane

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

A Joyful Song to the Lord by Karen Crane and Jennifer Klein

*Let ev'ry creature great and small proclaim God's holy name.
The mountains sing and the rocks cry out a jubilant refrain.
Sing to the Lord (sing allelu), sing to the Lord (sing allelu).
All of creation join and sing to the Lord.
Sing to the Lord (sing allelu), sing to the Lord (sing allelu).
All of creation join and sing to the Lord.*

*In joyful song, let the chorus sound, creation's anthem raise.
The melody of the universe rings out in glorious praise.
Sing to the Lord...*

*O sing the mighty pow'r of God that fills the earth and skies.
With heart and soul lift up your voice and let your praise arise!
Sing to the Lord...*

*O sing the mighty, sing the mighty,
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord!*

Prayers for Ears that Hear

Michael

God of grace and truth, open our ears to hear your Word and our hearts to receive it. Give us ears that hear beyond familiar words, and hearts open to what you would show us today. May your Word unsettle us, delight us, and draw us more deeply into your way. **Amen.**

First Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Michael

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Offering Our Lives to God

Diane

Offertory

Morning, by Edvard Grieg

Elizabeth

***Doxology PH #593**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*) Michael
Generous God, all that we have is a gift. Receive these offerings, and receive our lives with them. Teach us to give without keeping score, to welcome without asking who belongs, and to share your abundance without fear that there will not be enough. We want to be generous because you are generous. Amen.

***Hymn GtG #100** *My soul cries out with a joyful shout, VS. 1, 2*
(Please see insert)

***Blessing and Charge** Lector

***Amen** Choir

Postlude excerpt from *Sonata 14*, by Franz Joseph Haydn Elizabeth

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

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH – Gather Hymnal; GtG - Glory to God

Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford Guest Musician: Elizabeth Bunch
Lector: Michael Christie Flowers: Linda Weaver
Usher: Jeff Lawton Greeter: Sejin Oh
Coffee Hour: Tim and Mayre Vincent
Audio/Video/Zoom Techs: Chad Bell, Chuck Cobery, Rosie Bell

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you. Please fill out a visitor welcome card and place it in the offering plate during the Call to Offering. After worship, join us for coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



Book Club meets the third Monday of each month. On September 21, we will discuss “How to Read a Book” by Monica Wood. Join us in the fireside rm at 10^{am}.

The PC(USA) World Communion offering. Our Presbyterian denomination uses these churchwide special offerings for ecumenical and interfaith engagements promoting racial and gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and local missions. Please give generously in the envelopes provided.

Trinity's Nominating committee is currently undertaking the annual process of proposing members to serve in various roles which are necessary for the church to effectively carry out its ministries. If you sense a stirring and would like to explore opportunities to serve your congregation, contact any member of the Nominating committee: Barbara Christie, Chuck Cobery, Lee Duffus, Ron Weaver.

Emergency Contact Information. We are asking each member and regular participants to provide basic emergency information for our church records. We hope we will rarely, if ever, need it—but having this information helps us care for one another. **Please provide your legal name and the name and contact information of an emergency contact on the cards provided.**

Save the Date! All-Church Retreat Saturday, October 17, 9 am – 1 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Aptos.

To schedule a visit with Pastor Diane, please email her directly at TrinitySCPastorDiane@gmail.com, or bring your calendar on Sunday morning and she will set a time with you.

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

- George Bunch: thankful for support as he adapts to early stages of Parkinson's disease.
- Mark Linder, the Vilardo's friend at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church: receiving hospice care.
- First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto and Rev. Tom Harris: grateful for their ministry programs, particularly for their support for Palestinian people.
- The family of Ed Sams: support as they process their grief and move forward with their lives.
- Earth Care Congregations: thankful for the dozen congregation members who met with Veronica Ota, the Presbytery's Peacemaking and Justice Advocate, to learn how Trinity might become a certified earth care congregation.

Since 1938, as a congregation in the Presbyterian Church, USA, Trinity has carried on a ministry of worship and service in the Santa Cruz community and has extended itself into the world through participation in regional, national, and international mission programs. You are warmly invited to join us in the challenge of Christian faith and ministry. Should you have questions about church activities, pastoral services or membership at Trinity, please speak with the Pastor.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo, Indonesia, and on the Mexico/US border ♦ Shower the People ♦ Association of Faith Communities ♦ Urban Works ♦ Welcoming Network ♦ Hospice of S.C. County ♦ 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 ♦ Santa Cruz Pride Parade ♦ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) ♦ Scout Troop #604 ♦ Scout Troop #618

Session Elders

Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Chad Bell (2 nd T)	Michael Christie (2 nd T)
Chuck Cobery	Ron Weaver
Mayre Vincent	

Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Nancy Cobery	Barbara Christie	Gigi Giannini
Kim Johnston	Peter Halper (2 nd T)	
	Marta Narus	

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford	Music Director: Nicki Kerns
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Committee Leads

Clerk of Session , Ellen	Outreach , Larry
Admin/Finance , Chad	Personnel , Lee
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