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Welcome to Worship



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Prelude and Procession *It is Well with My Soul*
by Nigel Williams

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Introit

Surely the Presence

Choir

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Deb O'Connell

God calls us to love with all our heart, soul, and mind.

God calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We come to worship the God who first loves us,

and who calls us to share that love with the world.

***Opening Hymn** GH #533 *They'll Know We Are Christians*, vs. 1-3

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

Deb

God of love, we confess that we do not always love you with our whole heart, or our neighbors as ourselves. Fear and anger can lead us to hurting and hating; bitterness can lead us toward revenge. We forget that every person is your beloved, and that we, too, stand in need of grace. Forgive us, heal what divides us, make us instruments of your reconciling love, for the sake of the world you hold dear.

Time for silent prayer

Words of Grace and New Life (*responsively*)

Deb

As Scripture promises, “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.”
In Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and welcomed into the life of God’s love. We are free to begin again, loving God with all that we are and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria #576**

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 Children

Children are invited to go to Sunday School

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

Presbytery’s Unity Candle: We pray for El Estero Presbyterian Church, Monterey, and Rev. Dr. Wayne Shen.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn GH #529

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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 Love Never Ends, by Allan Robert Petker Choir

*Though I speak in every tongue, both of Heaven and of earth,
Without love, my sounds are noise.*

*Though I see ahead in time, understanding how and why,
Without love, I am but wind.*

*All speaking will cease, all knowledge disappear,
All faithfulness will fall away.*

But love, perfect love, never ends.

*Though I give of all I have, and I sacrifice my life,
Without love, I am but gone.*

*Love is patient and kind, love endures all things,
Love rejoices in good, love rejoices in truth.*

*Lacking pride and conceit, love is caring and strong.
And love, perfect love, never ends.*

Prayers for Ears that Hear (unison)

Deb

God of truth,

open our ears to your voice

and our eyes to what we have not yet seen.

Show us our blind spots.

Give us the humility to question our assumptions,

the courage to look again,

and the wisdom to recognize your goodness

even when it challenges what we believe. Amen.

Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

Deb

When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching. Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.””

If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

Meditation on “Moment by Moment”
by James Conely

Nicki

***Doxology PH #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 (*unison*)

Diane

Generous God, receive these gifts and our lives in gratitude for your abundant love. Guide us in the stewardship of the gifts you provide, that we may love you wholeheartedly and share your love with our neighbors. Amen.

*Hymn GH #468

Bring forth the Kingdom, vs. 1-3

*Blessing and Charge

Diane

*Amen

Choir

Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him! by Mary McDonald

Nicki

*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

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Deb O’Connell

Flowers: Barb Christie

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeter: Jolynn Carrington-Khoury

Coffee Hour: Barb Christie

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!



Today we welcome **Sigfrid Garman**, Associate Director of Fund Development at **Hospice of Santa Cruz County** where she has worked for the last five years. Sigfrid was born in Norway and has strong ties to family there. She has a bachelor's degree in art history from University of Oregon, and a teaching credential from San Jose State University. She is an active member of the Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotary.

Celebrating All Saints Day Sunday, November 1. This is a time when the church remembers and gives thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us. We will celebrate communion that day, the sacrament whose mystery connects us to past, present, and future saints at Christ's table. This year, we will create a special table inspired by the Mexican tradition of the *ofrenda*. You are invited to bring a photograph or small memento of someone you wish to remember.

Our Session unanimously passed a motion to apply to become an **Earth Care Congregation**. If you would like to help form a sub-committee to support this effort, please contact Ron Weaver.

The Board of Deacons relies on the generosity of members and friends of the congregation to provide financial support for their endeavors. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews to designate your contribution to the work of the Deacons. Thank you!

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.

- Richard Robinson: anticipating the birth of another granddaughter, and safe pregnancy for Christina.
- Joey Kerns, Nicki's son: grateful that he has found employment in his field.
- Pope Leo: recovering well from lung surgery.
- Westview Presbyterian Church in Watsonville and Pastor Dan Hoffman: gratitude for their special ministries to the unhoused through the tiny homes project.
- Peace and safety in all corners of the planet: Ukraine; Bend, Oregon; Southern California; Palestine; Sudan; France.

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
Office Admin: Nicole Donovan	Custodian: Hortencia Martinez

Committee Leads

Clerk of Session , Ellen	Outreach , Larry
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