

**November 5, 2023**



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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

## All Saints Sunday

**10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

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### Processional

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Greet one another with the Peace of Christ*

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

### Preparation for Worship

Michelle Obama

We've got a responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to help those who come after us.

### Prelude

*Little Prelude in G minor*

J. S. Bach

### Introit

*Come To the Table of the Lord*

### Call to Worship

Revelation 7:9-17

One: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

**All: They were crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,**

One: One saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

**All:** And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

**One:** They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

**All:** For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**\*Hymn of Praise #417**  
*(music at end of bulletin)*

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

### **Call to Confession**

**One:** In a world at war, it is a challenge to believe that a day will come when there will no longer be hunger or thirst, no more tears or death. God is able to heal our doubt and grant us faith, so let us come with confidence into the presence of the Holy asking forgiveness for our doubts and receiving the gift of faith for our future.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All:** God of Eternal life, we gather in gratitude for all the Saints throughout the ages. We grieve for those lost in conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine. We are called blessed when we mourn, but we struggle to find comfort in your promises to us and to those who have gone before. Forgive us and give us faith to honor and remember generations past by working with this generation to build a future of faith hope and peace.

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

One: See what Love the Creator has given us that we should be called the children of God. Our heavenly parent loves us, forgives us, and is with us throughout our lives here and throughout eternity.

People: **Hear the Good News, in the name of the Risen Christ we are forgiven and given new life.**

## \*Gloria #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## Anthem

*Praise Him!*

Craig Courtney

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Praise God in His sanctuary;  
Praise God for His mighty acts;  
Praise Him in the firmament of His power;  
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him!*

*I will extol the Lord, my God,  
And I will bless His name forever,  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
The Lord is righteous and holy.*

*The Lord is gracious and kind,  
Full of compassion and slow to anger;  
His tender mercies are over all His works;  
The Lord is good to all.*

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!*

*Praise God in His sanctuary;  
Praise God for His mighty acts;  
Praise Him in the firmament of His power;  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

As we read your Word, teach us, Lord, your ways, so that we may follow you all the days of our lives. Direct us in your paths so that we can find delight with our walk with you.

### **Scripture Reading**                      Matthew 5:1-12                      N.T. Page 4

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                      Blessings of the Past, the Present and the Future

Rev. Larry Vilaro

## Remembering the Saints

### Prayers of the People

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

### Call to Offering

#### Offertory

*A Quiet Moment*

Tom Birchwood

#### \*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

**Lord of life and history, your faithfulness and dedication to our ancestors is an example to us. May we follow that example, and be faithful to you and to the generations to come, in living out your blessings.**

#### \*Communion Hymn #517

*We Come as Guests Invited*

*(music at end of bulletin)*

#### Call to the Table

Isaiah 25

**One:** On this mountain our Lord will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; Death will be swallowed up forever.

**All:** **The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted , and we were saved. Let us rejoice and be glad in this salvation.”**

**One:** Today we will feast at the table of the Lord. We will be surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before.

**All:** At this table there will be no barriers of race or class. Even time itself will be conquered by eternity at this table, for we shall all celebrate the heavenly marriage supper of the lamb.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**One:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*The outer ring contains wine, the inner rings contain grape juice.)*

### **Response of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks for the bread we have broken and the cup of blessing we have shared. We give thanks for the blessings of the past, your care for us in the present, and the hope you grant us for the future.**

### **\*Closing Hymn #391**

*(music at end of bulletin)*

*Take My Life*

### **\*Blessing**

### **\*Amen**

### **\*Postlude**

*New Faith, New Life*

Franklin Ritter

## **THANK YOU**

Pastor: Rev. Larry Vilaro  
Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Lector: Marta Narus  
Greeters: Sandy and Jerry Thormann  
Head Usher: Pete Halper  
Coffee: Charlie and Gwen May  
Flowers: Ellen Bauerle

## **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 Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here!

### **Deacons**

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.

### **Pledge Reminder for 2024**

If you haven't already submitted a pledge for 2024, there is still time to do so. Either mail your commitment to the office, 420 Melrose Avenue, 95062; or place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

### **Downtown Historical Walk is Back! December 11, 2023, 8:30am**

After we toured the businesses, art and history of the downtown area several people mentioned that they missed it or would like to repeat. The walk is on, weather permitting. The Tabby Cat where we met last time is closed. We can meet at the Honey Bee Market Bakery and Coffee Shop (1005 Cedar Street) at 9 AM on Saturday November 11, we can carpool from the church at 8:30 AM



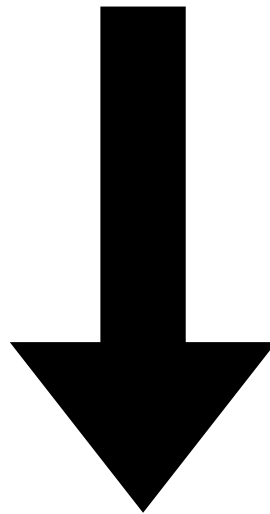
### **Happy Hour, November 16, 4pm**

We meet for a happy hour on the third Thursday of every month. The location this month is at the Crepe Place. 1134 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz.

### **Book Club, December 11, 2023, 2pm, Fireside Room**

There will not be a book club meeting in November. The next meeting will be December 11 at 2pm. The books being discussed will be “A Christmas Carol” as well as "The Life and Times of Bob Cratchit”.

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for Hymns



# Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 417

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and  
2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of  
4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er  
to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est  
With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter  
Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and

help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

# We Come as Guests Invited

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WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN 7.6.7.6 D

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975

Johann Steurlein, 1575

1. We come as guests in - vit - ed When Je - sus bids us dine,  
2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing From Christ the grace we need,  
3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, One sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

His friends on earth u - nit - ed To share the bread and wine;  
And in our hearts be - liev - ing On Him by faith we feed;  
Our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing Re - newed in bread and wine:

The bread of life is bro - ken, The wine is free - ly poured  
With won - der and thanks - giv - ing For love that knows no end,  
Re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en By to - ken, sign, and word,

For us, in sol - emn to - ken Of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
We find in Je - sus liv - ing Our ev - er - pres - ent Friend.  
The pledge and seal of heav - en, The love of Christ our Lord.

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## Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.  
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in  
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -  
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.  
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;  
 It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
 It shall be Thy royal throne,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee,  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.