

**May 25, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*



*St. Paul Meeting Lydia of Thyatira by Edward Irvine Halliday.  
(1902-84) Oil on canvas.*

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## Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

*Be Thou My Vision*, by Vickie Hancock Wright

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

## Preparation for Worship

God's Spirit is like the wind, asking us to listen and see where she is leading. When our plans falter and our paths are blocked, God is already at work, preparing the next way forward. The Spirit gives dreams and visions—not always with clarity, but with invitation. She provides companions for the journey and opens hearts in unexpected places.

## Introit

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

Trinity Choir

## Call to Worship (Responsive)

Russ Hobbs

Come, people of God, the Spirit is moving still.

**We gather with listening hearts, ready to be surprised.**

God calls us not always where we planned to go.

**Yet the way opens, and grace goes before us.**

Let us worship the God of visions, who leads, who calls,  
who opens hearts.

**We worship with wonder, in trust, and in hope.**

## \*Hymn GH #539

*Gather Us In*, vs. 1,2, and 4

GATHER US IN

## Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (One)

Russ

Friends, the Spirit of God goes before us—guiding our steps, closing doors that are not ours to walk through, and opening hearts to new life. Let us come now in trust, drawn by that same Spirit, to a time of confession—a prayer for forgiveness and healing, so that we may be renewed for the journey ahead.

## Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Russ

**Gracious God, you call us by visions and stirrings, by closed doors and unexpected encounters. But too often, we resist your Spirit's nudging. We cling to our own plans and do not listen for your voice. Forgive us, O God. Heal us where we are broken, and redirect us where we have**

gone astray. Lead us again by your Spirit, that we may be part of your unfolding mission of mercy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. *(Take time to offer silent prayers.)*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Russ

Hear the good news: God opens hearts and homes. God forgives, heals, and sends us. In Jesus Christ, we are freed and made new.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Gloria**

***Gloria Patri et Filio***

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***Gloria, gloria, gloria Patri et Filio,  
Gloria , gloria, gloria Spiritui sancto.  
(repeat)***

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

### **Message for the Children**

*(After the message, the children are invited to go to class with their teacher.)*

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: Taiwanese American, San Jose, Rev. Tin-Ying Lee

### **Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**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.**

### **Minute for Mission**

Pentecost Offering

TBA

### **Anthem**

*A Prayer for Healing*, by Joseph M. Martin

Nicki

*For the healing of the world, Lord, we lift a fragile prayer.  
Kneeling, pleading, Lord, we yearn, speak Your peace to our despair.  
In the shadows of this time, shine on us Your light divine.  
Help us trust Your grand design.  
Lord of life, Lord of grace, Lord of all we pray to You.*

*For the healing of this wrong, Lord, we whisper in the night.  
We are listening for Your song, sing until the morning light.  
In the silence help us hear, Words of hope and promise clear.  
Teach us not to live in fear.  
Lord of life, Lord of grace, Lord of all we pray to You.  
For the healing of the heart, Lord, we seek Your touch of grace.  
Let your work of mercy start; Help us find our hiding place.  
Humbly, Lord, we lift our cry, Wounded sparrows seeking sky.  
Teach us once again to fly.  
Lord of life, Lord of grace, Lord of all we pray to You.  
Amen.*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Diane

Spirit of the Living God, just as you guided Paul and his companions—stopping them, redirecting them, and leading them to new places—so guide us now. Open our hearts as you opened Lydia's, that we might receive your Word with joy, and be led by your Spirit into new understanding. Amen.

### **Reading**

#### **Acts 16:6–15**

Diane

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis.

From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women

who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.  
One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon** Rev. Diane Ford

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** *Menuet*, by Jean Henry D’Anglebert Nicki Kerns

**\*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** Diane  
Gracious God, you guided Paul and his companions through confusion, closed paths, and uncertainty— yet always closer to the place you were calling them. We offer these gifts— our time, our talents, our money— not knowing all the ways you will use them, but trusting that your Spirit is still leading. Bless what we give and how we live, that your good news may find its way into every heart, every home, every place of need. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

**\*Hymn PH #319** *Spirit, vs. 1, 3, and 4* SPIRIT

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**\*Amen** Trinity Choir

**\*Postlude** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, by Lloyd Larson Nicki Kerns

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\*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.  
*PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;  
GTG - Glory to God Hymnal*

## **Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”**

Pastor, Rev. Diane Ford; Music Director, Nicki Kerns  
Lector, Russ Hobbs; Usher, Pete Halper  
Greeter, Jolynn Carrington-Khoury  
Flowers, Marta Narus; Coffee Hour, Pete Halper  
Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Chad 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!



### **Online Church Service**

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

### **Pride Parade, June 1**

Trinity Presbyterian Church will once again be hosting a booth, along with Aptos Methodist, at the Pride Festival in downtown Santa Cruz. Come visit us after church!

### **Monday Night Lectionary Study, June 2**

All are invited to the Monday Night Lectionary Study Group. This group meets every Monday in the Fireside Room from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Explore the upcoming Sunday sermon Scriptures and reflect and share how God's words impact our lives. For questions, contact Debbie Bates at [debates44@aol.com](mailto:debates44@aol.com)

### **Sweet Pea, June 7 & 21**

Interested in learning to quilt or looking to get back into it? Grab a sewing machine and join Sweet Peas! Next meeting is on June 7 in the Youth Room from 9 am to 4 pm.

### **Family Fun Fest, June 14**

Enjoy food, activities for all ages and abilities, and music by Love Creek on June 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Family Fun Fest, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 420 Melrose Ave. in Santa Cruz. In partnership with Urban Works, festivities include cupcake walk, fishing for prizes, ping pong, shuffleboard, face painting, and more, beginning on Trinity's lawn on Poplar Ave. and continuing at campus venues indoors and out.

### **Trinity's 87th Birthday Potluck, August 10**

Save the date for a special potluck celebration in honor of Trinity Presbyterian's 87th birthday. Join us on Sunday, August 10, 2025, for good food, fellowship, and birthday cake!

### **Sunday Bin Helpers Needed**

We're looking for volunteers to help put out the trash, recycling, and green waste bins on Sundays. This task can be shared among a group of willing individuals—perfect for those who want to lend a helping hand in a small but important way.

### **Teen Tech Assistant Position**

Trinity is seeking teenagers (ages 13-18) to assist with the operation of our computer for filming services, managing audio equipment, and handling handheld microphones, along with a few other minor tasks. For more information, the listing can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office by the applications.

### **Presbytery's Unity Candle moves in San Jose!**

Today, we remember and pray for the community, ministries, and staff of Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church with Rev. Tin-Ying Lee.

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

- Sandy – prayers for our neighbors, Dan and Lisa, whose dog is not doing well. Prayers for healing for the dog, Walter.
- Jeff – We went to the AFC (Association of Faith Communities) Gala last night and it was very inspiring. Prayers for our unhoused neighbors.
- Karen – continuing support for the Santa Cruz Welcoming Network, a community network dedicated to welcoming and supporting asylum seekers and other refugees. Right now there is a need for temporary housing (July) for a family of three.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports/Sponsors**

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo: Jeffery and Christi Boyd

Indonesia: Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Riskakotta

Mexico/US border: Craft Giron, Mark Adams, and Miriam Maldonado Escobar

Boy Scout Troop #618 ❖ Association of Faith Communities (AFC) ❖ CASA

Caring 4 Kids (Survivor Healing Center) ❖ Friends Outside ❖ Habitat for Humanity

Housing Matters Immanuel House (Synod of the Pacific)

Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Mission ❖ Rebele Family Shelter ❖ Santa Cruz al Salvador

Santa Cruz Pride Parade ❖ Shower the People ❖ Sweet Pea Project

Urban Works ❖ Wings ❖ Welcoming Network

**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday -Thursday 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

**Choir Practice:** Sunday, 9:00a.m.

**Trinity Church Officers**

**Session**

**Ellen Bauerle**, Clerk of Session

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