

**March 10, 2024**



*Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. -John 3:20*

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 10, 2024

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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

*A Cry for Mercy*

Henri Nouwen

Listen, O Lord... Every day I see again that only you can teach me to pray, only you can set my heart at rest. Only you can let me dwell in your presence. No book, no idea, no concept, or theory will ever bring me close to you unless you yourself let these instruments become the way to you.

### Prelude

*God So Loved the World!*

John Stainer

### Introit

*As In the Solemn Stillness*

### Call to Worship

Psalm 107

One: O give thanks unto the Lord, for goodness, for mercy that endures forever.

**Many: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom God hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.**

One: Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and they were delivered out of their distresses. And God led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

**Many: Oh, that nations would praise the Lord for God's goodness,  
and for His wonderful works to the children of earth!**

**\*Hymn of Praise #430**

**Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

### **Call to Confession**

One: God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. We are made alive so that we can live fully the life Christ intended for us. Knowing that we often fail and that Christ's great mercy is always greater than our sins and failures, we can, with confidence and hope, confess our faults.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Holy Lord, we often look away from the cross. It is cruel and brutal. We do not or cannot understand how you were subjected to such pain. Forgive us for thinking about it rather than standing in awe of the fact that whatever you suffered, you suffered because of your deep love for us.**

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: By grace, you have been saved. You have been raised up in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages, God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

### **\*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**

*I Believe*

Mark A. Miller

*I believe in the sun.*

*I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.*

*I believe in love.*

*I believe in love even when I don't feel it.*

*I believe in God.*

*I believe in God even when He is silent.*

## **Installation and Ordination of Officers (See Insert)**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

One: Lord of love and light, Nicodemus came to you by night. We often are in the dark and walk in the shadows. As the scripture is read today, illumine our hearts so that we may know more of the mysteries of God's reign on earth and in our hearts.

### **Scripture Reading**

John 3:1-21

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*Nick at Night*

Rev. Larry Vilaro

### **\*Hymn #355**

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

### **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**                      *I Believe*                      Drake, Graham, Shirl, & Stillman

*I believe for every drop of rain that falls a flower grows.  
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night a candle glows.  
I believe for everyone who goes astray,  
Someone will come to show the way.  
I believe, I believe.*

*I believe above the storm the smallest prayer will still be heard.  
I believe that someone in the great somewhere hears every word.  
Every time I hear a newborn baby cry  
Or touch a leaf, or see the sky,  
Then I know why I believe.*

**\*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**

One:        Lord of light and love, when Nicodemus sought you out, you showed him the wonders of your love. You gave him respect and perspective. Lord, we dedicate ourselves to loving those who seek you out now and always. Amen.

**\*Hymn 280**

***Amazing Grace***

**\*Blessing**

**\*Amen**

**\*Postlude**

*Epilogue*

Lani Smith

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

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## **THANK YOU**

Pastor: Larry Vilaro  
Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Lector: Sejin Oh  
Greeter: Tim & Mayre Vincent  
Flowers: Nancy Cobery  
Coffee: Jeff & Patti Lawton

## **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](mailto:lvilaro@earthlink.net), rather than the trinityscpastor email address.

### **Book Club, March 11th**

Join us for our upcoming book club meeting on Monday, March 11th, at 2 o'clock in the Fireside Room at Trinity. We'll be discussing "A Soldier of the Great War" by Mark Helprin, led by Lee Duffus. Whether you're a regular attendee or a newcomer, all are welcome to join in the conversation.

### **Lenten Study Suppers, 5:30pm**

Our Lenten Study continues on Thursdays: March 14th and 21st in the Fireside Room. For both weeks, 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 (March 14th) supper, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

### **Church Hike, March 16th**

Come explore the pastoral setting of our Trinity Church Manse as we walk through Arana Gulch to the Boat Harbor and Lighthouse. We will gather at the Trinity Parking Lot to LEAVE at 9 AM or meet at Santa Cruz Bible Church, 440 Frederick Street entrance path to Arana Gulch, at 9:15 AM.

We will take Arana Gulch upper loop, make a brief stop to see the outside of the Manse on Mentel Street, then proceed to the Boat Harbor & Lighthouse before returning. For those wanting a shorter hike, you can stop back at SC Bible Church and skip the boat harbor. Dress for a cool start, wear a hat, and bring water for a sunny, warmer day.

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

- Brenda Brown’s neighbor, Richard Walton, Sr.: comfort and peace of mind with cancer diagnosis.
- Mark, husband of Ron Weaver’s cousin LeeAnne: comfort and God’s presence for them as he faces degenerative Ataxia disease.
- Dan Lingenfelter: gratitude for successful surgery.
- Mike, Nicki Kerns’ cousin: courage as he writes and records his own eulogy.
- Carrie, Brenda Brown’s cousin: dealing with congestive heart failure.
- Sandy Thormann’s friend Mike’s wife: dealing with cancer diagnosis and seeking acknowledgement of the Lord’s presence in their lives.
- Harry Blanchard: looking forward to feeling well enough to attend worship services.

**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

**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**

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
<b>George Bunch</b>	<b>Kathy Willott</b>	<b>Michael Christie</b>
<b>Ed Sams</b>	<b>Charlie May</b>	<b>Debbie Bates</b>
	<b>Chad Bell</b>	

**Deacons**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
<b>Gwen May</b>	<b>Jolynn Carrington-Khoury</b>	<b>Pete Halper</b>
<b>Lorraine Vilardo</b>	<b>Elizabeth Bunch</b>	<b>Kim Johnston</b>
<b>Karen Wichelmann</b>	<b>Vickie Rutan</b>	<b>Nancy Cobery</b>

**Trinity Staff**

Bridge Pastor: **Larry Vilardo**  
Music Director: **Nicki Kerns**  
Office Manager: **Cailan Darling**  
Custodian: **Hortencia Martinez**

*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 14th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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



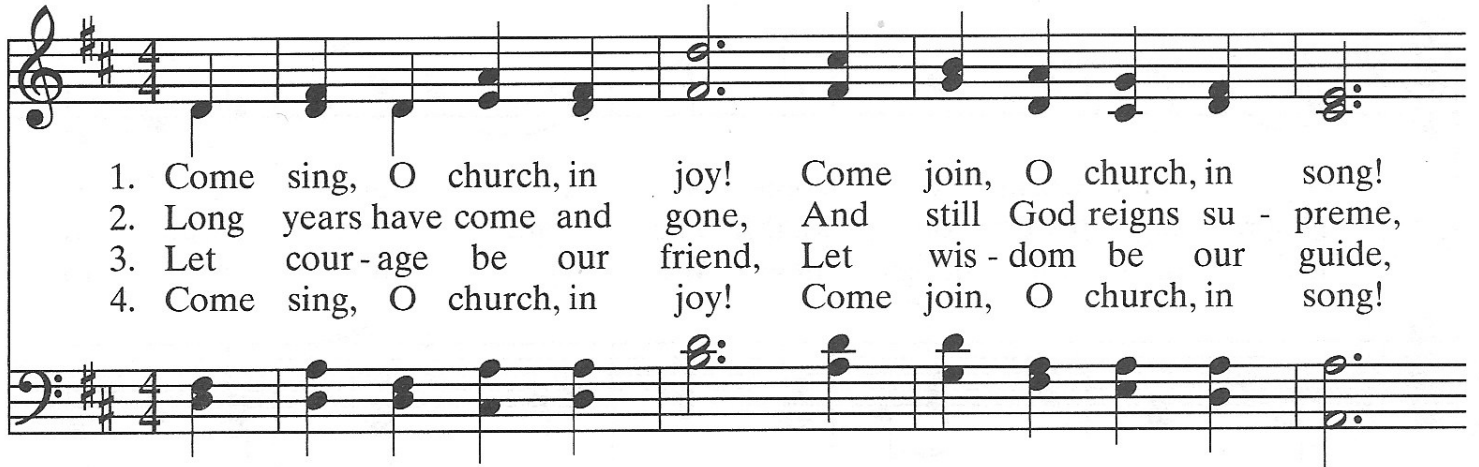
# Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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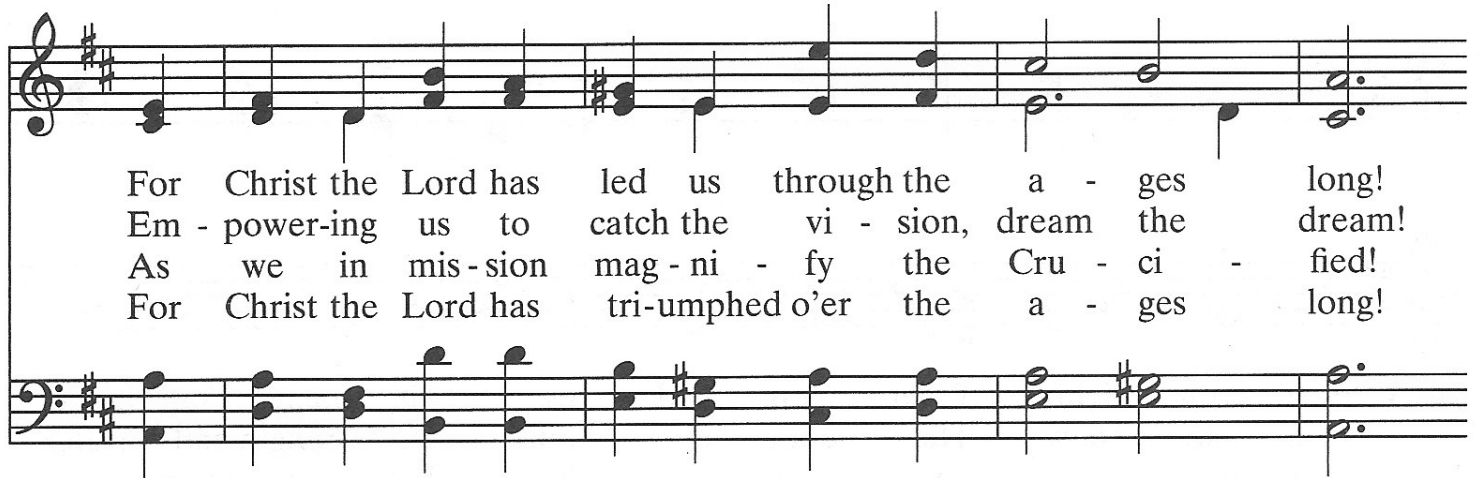
Brian Dill, 1988

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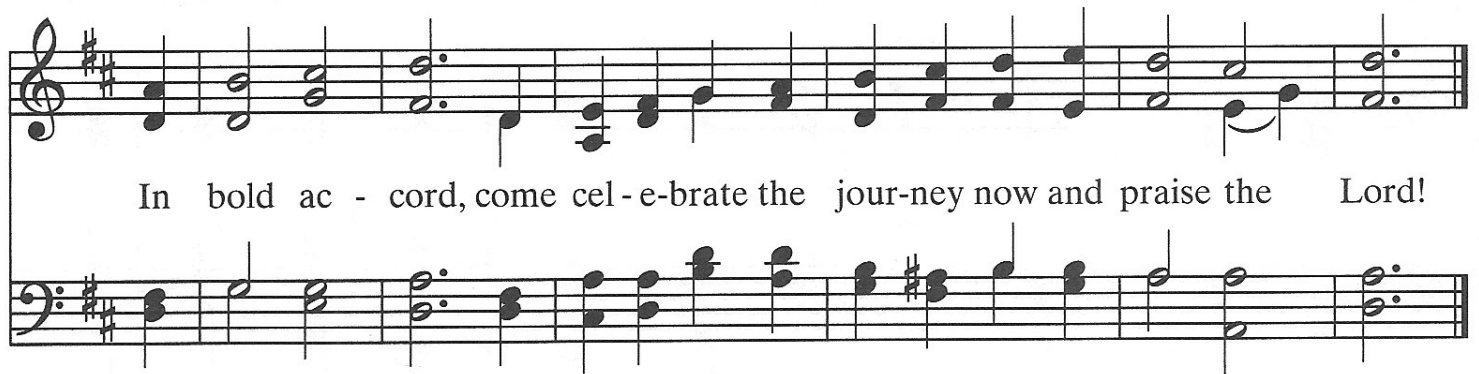
John Darwall, 1770



1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,  
3. Let cour - age be our friend, Let wis - dom be our guide,  
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
Em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
As we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This tune in a lower key, 155

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Wotnin Waste Nahon Po  
Hear the Good News of Salvation

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Native American (Dakota)

John B. Renville, 1879

Trans. Emma Tibbets, 1955

Vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989

Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

1. Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:  
2. Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, Hdu-ha Je - sus si - ha en,  
1. Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
2. All the sins I have com - mit - ted To my Sav - ior now I bring.

To - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, He de - han i - yo - ma - hi.  
Kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - ši - ma - da ce.  
Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:

Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: Han, Wa -  
Je - sus Christ, how much I love You! Je - sus Christ, You save from sin!

ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we Is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.  
How I love You! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

*Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;



I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.



5. When we've been there ten thousand  
 years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we'd first begun.

*Choctaw*  
 Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 Is pi yukpalashke

*Kiowa*  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.  
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

*Cherokee*  
 Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.  
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.  
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,  
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

*Creek*  
 Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 Ah non ah cha pa kas  
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 Um e ha ta la yus.

*Navaho*  
 Nizhóníígo jooba' diits' a'  
 Yisdáshítinígíí,  
 Lah yóóiiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,  
 Doo eesh'íí da nt'éeé.