

May 31, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to Worship
Trinity Sunday**



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Prelude and Procession *Sicilienne*, by Gabriel Fauré

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

For this hour, we are invited into a different kind of space — a space of grace, peace, and belonging. You do not need to have everything figured out to be here, and you do not need to be perfect to be welcomed by God. So let us quiet our hearts, open our minds, and prepare to encounter the love of God together.

Introit

Surely the Lord is In This Place, John Purifoy

Choir

Call to Worship

Sandy Thormann

Beloved in Christ, we gather not because we are perfect,
but because God continues to gather us.

Into grace. Into love. Into communion.

Come, you who are weary from conflict and division.

Come, you who long for peace.

Come, you who are tired of pretending.

The God of love and peace is with us.

Come into the presence of Christ,
whose grace meets us exactly as we are.

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one in compassion, truth, and hope.

***Hymn PH # 460** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*, vs. 1, 2, 4

Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing

Sandy

The God of love and peace is with us. Yet we know how often fear, hurt, and division shape our lives. Still, Christ meets us with grace, not condemnation. The Holy Spirit gathers us again into mercy, healing, and peace. So let us confess our sin and our need before God and one another.

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

Sandy

Merciful God, you call us into grace, love, and communion, yet we confess how often we live in fear, resentment, and separation. Forgive us when we wound one another, when we close our hearts, and when we fail to live as people of peace. Heal what is broken within us and among us. By your Holy Spirit, renew us in compassion, courage, and hope.

(Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life (*responsively*)

Sandy

Hear the good news: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit are with us still. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. By the Holy Spirit, we are being renewed. The God of love and peace is with us. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria GtG# 585**

Glory to God

Sung as a call-and-response; choir sings each line which is then echoed by the congregation.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, Amen.
Alleluia, Amen.
Alleluia, Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

“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 Santa Teresa Hills
Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Deb Troester.*

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn GtG #5 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains, vs. 1, 2, 4*
Please see insert

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.**

Moment for Mission Scouting America, Troop 618

Pete Halper

Anthem *Like a River That Overflows*, by Ken Medema

Choir

*Like a river that overflows,
Bringing life to a desert land,
Is the Spirit that lives within us,
That’s the reason we sing!
Hallelujah! That’s the reason we sing!*

*Like a wind that is blowing free,
Bringing with it the rains of spring,
Is the Spirit that lives within us,
That's the reason we sing!
Hallelujah! That's the reason we sing!*

*Like a mother who feeds her young,
So that they may grow brave and wise;
Is the Spirit that lives within us,
That's the reason we sing!
Hallelujah! That's the reason we sing!*

*Praise the One who has made all things;
Praise the One who gives Love a name;
Is the Spirit that lives within us,
That's the reason we sing!
Hallelujah! That's the reason we sing!
Hallelujah! That's the reason we sing!*

Prayer of Illumination (*responsively*)

Diane

Gracious God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, so that your truth may take root in us and bear fruit in our lives. **Amen.**

Reading:

2 Corinthians 14:11-14

Sandy

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Lied, by Lani Smith

Nicki

***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*)**

Diane

Generous and gracious God, all that we have comes from your love. Receive these gifts, and receive our lives also. Use them for healing where there is hurt, peace where there is division, and hope where there is fear. Through the grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, make us faithful servants of your love. Amen.

***Hymn GtG #11**

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud
Please see insert

***Blessing and Charge**

Diane

***Amen**

Choir

***Postlude**

Hymn of Grateful Praise, by Paul Taylor

Nicki

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

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

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Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Sandy Thormann

Flowers: Barb Christie

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeters: George and Elizabeth Bunch

Coffee Hour: Scout Troop 618

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!



Scouting America: An Eagle Court of Honor was held, where four Eagle Awards were given to members of our own Troop 618! The Eagle is Scouting's highest award to be earned. Trinity Presbyterian Church has been the Troop's chartered organization since 1948. **Members of Troop 618 will be hosting coffee hour after this service,** and will share their Scouting experience. Join us!

Pride Interfaith Service, Sunday June 7 at 9:30 am in downtown Santa Cruz, in the Plaza Lane Alcove. Affirming congregations from across the county come together in prayer and song to celebrate our common faith. More information at: SantaCruzPride.org.

Pastor Diane will be representing Trinity Church at the Interfaith Pride worship service on Sunday morning, June 7. Sam Altis will be preaching at Trinity that day, and **our regularly-scheduled communion Sunday is postponed until June 14.**

Join us at the Pride Parade and Festival, Sunday, June 7, 2026. Trinity Presbyterian will be joining Aptos Methodist Church once again to represent our churches at the Pride Festival. Please consider signing up for a 2-hour shift helping at our booth.

Save the Date: Family Fun Fest at Trinity! Saturday, June 27.

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

- Dan: Prayers for peace and calmness of heart for our niece, Cindi, who lost her husband this past week.
- Michael: Prayers for our son who has been ill this past week.
- Chad: Prayers of healing and success as Grandma Wanda has surgery this week.
- Joanne: I have a joy I would like to share: our stained glass windows. Each one represents a story from the Bible.
- Lorraine: Prayers for Gilroy Presbyterian Church, where the Unity candle is this week, and all of their ministry.
- Arnie: In the spirit of open and clear communication and understanding, we hopefully, this week, will conclude our deliberation with our teacher's union and the district. Our primary hope is for peacemakers.
- Diane: I would like to share a joy – last year I met a man from New York when we shared an Uber from San Jose Airport to Santa Cruz. We shared information and he was out here this week visiting his brother and we had lunch together. What an interesting connection.
- Kim: Traveling mercies to all those traveling. Peace and healing in celebrating a high school friend's life.

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