

**September 17, 2023**



**GOD DIDN'T  
REMOVE THE  
RED SEA.  
HE PARTED  
IT. GOD  
DOESN'T  
ALWAYS  
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YOUR  
PROBLEMS,  
BUT HE WILL  
MAKE A WAY  
TO GET  
THROUGH  
THEM.**

*TOBYNAZ #SPEAKLIFE*

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

**10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, September 17, 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**

Dick Van Dyke

Moses probably danced a little, right? You don't part the Red Sea without having some moves.

## **Prelude**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**Dale Wood**

## **Introit**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert

## **Call to Worship**

One: “I will sing to the Lord, who is highly exalted. Both horse and driver have been hurled into the sea.

**All: “The Lord is my strength and my defense, God has become my salvation. The Lord is my God, and my cause for praise, my father’s God whom I will exalt.**

One: The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is sovereign over all the earth. Pharaoh’s chariots and his army have been hurled into the sea.

**All: Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.**

One: Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you — majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

**All: Let us Worship God.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise #555**

*(music at end of bulletin)*

*Now Thank we all our God*

## Call to Confession

One: If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. Because he has given his life to free us from sin let us now confess our failings and faults that we can live with love for God and our neighbors.

## Prayer of Confession

All: **God of Glory, your presence shows us the way in the wilderness, but we are often reluctant to follow. You part the Red Sea for us, but we still have to walk across into the unknown land, into the wild places where you have called us. Forgive us when we have more faith in the obstacles on the journey than in you.**

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*Psalm. 91:14-16*

One: Hear the Promises of God. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; with long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

All: **Hear the Good News: in the Name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*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

*Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* Paul J. Monachino

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”  
You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.*

*How can your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light Your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew;  
What trivial debts are owed to us,  
How great our debt to you!*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease,  
Then, bound to all in endless love  
Our lives will spread Your peace.*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Israel's dark night was illuminated by a pillar of fire. This same fire led them through the wilderness by night. Lord, may your word illuminate the dark corners in our lives and free us from the shadows of fear and frustration as we follow you into the promise of the future.

### **Scripture Reading**                      Exodus 14:19-31    Translation by Robert Alter

And the messenger of God that was going before the camp of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them. And it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel, and there was the cloud and the dark and it lit up the night, and they did not draw near each other all night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the Lord led the sea with a mighty east wind all night, and he made the sea dry ground, and the waters were split apart. And the Israelites came into the sea on dry land, the waters a wall to them on their right and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued and came after them, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his riders, into the sea. And it happened in the morning watch that the Lord looked out over the camp of Egypt in a pillar of fire and cloud and God panicked the camp of Egypt. God took off the wheels of their chariots and drove them heavily, and Egypt said, "Let me flee before Israel, for the Lord does

battle for them against Egypt.” And the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters go back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and over their riders.” And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea went back towards morning to its full flow, with the Egyptians fleeing toward it, and Lord shook out the Egyptians into the sea. And the waters came back and covered the chariots and the riders of all Pharaoh’s force who were coming after them in the sea, not a single one remained. And the Israelites went on dry land in the midst of the sea, the waters a wall to them on their right and on their left. And the Lord on that day delivered Israel from the hand of Egypt, and Israel saw Egypt dead on the shore of the sea, and Israel saw the great hand of the Lord who had performed against Egypt, and the people feared the Lord, and they trusted in the Lord and in Moses, God’s servant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Songs of Deliverance

Larry Vilaro

\***Hymn** (*music on page 7*)

***Open the Eyes of My Heart***

**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**

*In Remembrance*

Daniel Light

**\*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**

**All:** God, hearing the cries of his people in Egypt, showed his dedication by sending Moses and parting the Red Sea. Let us dedicate ourselves to hearing the cries of the hurting and lonely, the alien and the marginalized, all who stand on the shore of the Red Sea seeking God's promise of deliverance for the oppressed.

**\*Closing Hymn #155**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

*(music at end of bulletin)*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Amen**

**\*Postlude**

*When You Believe*

Stephen Schwartz

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

**THANK YOU**

Pastor: Larry Vilaro

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Elizabeth Bunch

Greeter: Fred Tomlinson

Usher: Pete Halper

Flowers: Karen Wichelmann

Coffee: Ellen Bauerle and Pete Halper

# Open the Eyes of My Heart

D A/C#

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart;

G/B G D

I want to see you; I want to see you;

1 2  
Dsus D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

Bm Em7 D/E A

pow - er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

D A/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Bm G Em/D D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

# **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!

## **Thank You and Farewell**

Last Sunday, September 10, Trinity hosted a farewell luncheon for our dear friends Truett and Carol Bobo. Thanks to the deacons for the good food at the potluck, and thanks to the lectionary class for all their hard work!

## **Happy Hour, September 21, 5pm**

We meet for a happy hour on the third Thursday of every month. Join us at Woodhouse Brewery, which has a welcoming setting, plenty of space indoors and out, drinks of all kinds, and food by Sampa Brazilian Kitchen. 119 Madrone, just off River St. (adjacent to Dignity Health Physical Therapy).

## **Book Club, Monday, September 25, NOTE TIME CHANGE...**

### **2pm, Fireside Room**

We will discuss Ryan Althouse's book: "The Expanse: Homos, Hobos, and the Holy Hereafter."

## **Trinity All-Church Retreat, October 7th - 8th**

Sign up today to join in the fellowship, fun 'n games, good eats, sing-alongs, fresh air, relaxation, quiet walks, friendly talks, favorite reads, clever crafts, or a perfect nap! Along the way, we'll have plenty of food for the soul, thought provoking discussions, and reflective worship.



**All Church Retreat**  
**Saturday and Sunday, October 7th and 8th**  
**at Redwood Glen on Bean Creek Road in Scotts Valley**

The retreat begins with breakfast Saturday morning,  
and ends after worship service Sunday morning.

Saturday night lodging cost is \$129 per person/double occupancy,  
\$140 per person/single occupancy.

Lodging prices include 4 meals.

If you choose not to spend the night, you can join us for the daytime  
activities and meals.

Daytime only costs are:

Day Use Fee: \$12

Breakfast: \$10

Lunch: \$12

Dinner: \$14

Please indicate your participation choices below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Overnight? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Saturday Breakfast? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Saturday Lunch? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Saturday Dinner? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Sunday Breakfast? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*Please place reservation slip in the collection plate or give to George  
Bunch. Make payments to Trinity Presbyterian Church.  
Indicate "Retreat" in the memo line.*

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## Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.  
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,  
2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,  
3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth a - dore,

With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.  
The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.6.8.8

John Darwall, 1770

Charles Wesley, 1746

Desc. Sidney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

*Descant*

3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2. God's king - dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

To glo - ri - fy the saints For their e - ter - nal home:

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:  
 The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus given:  
 To glo - ri - fy the saints For their e - ter - nal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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