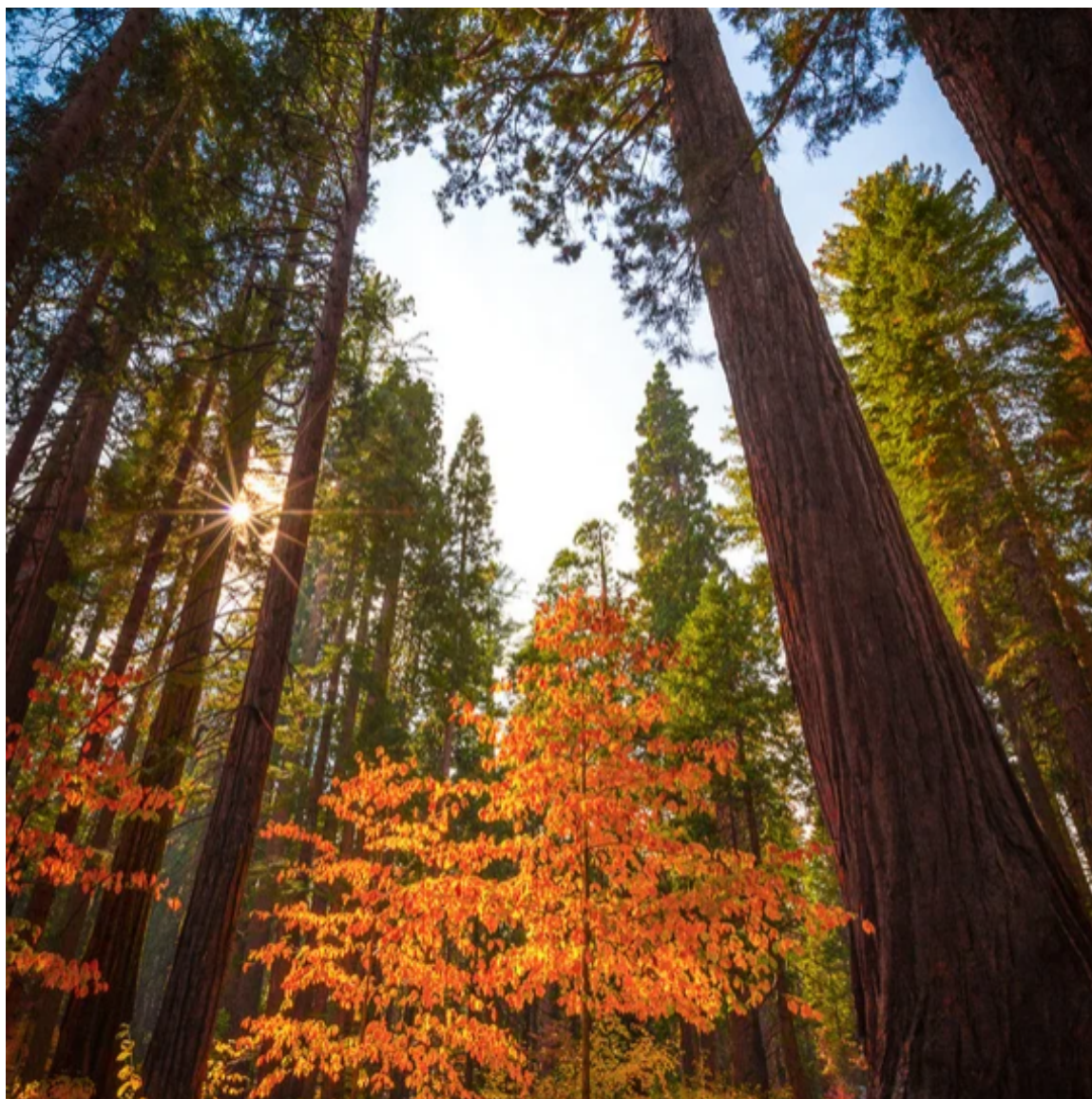


October 26, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship



“Bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits.” Psalm 103

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Libby Boatwright

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 103 is best known for the famous line - "Praise the Lord, O My Soul and Forget Not all His Benefits." How can we possibly count all the blessings? The forgiveness of sins, the healing of diseases, redemption from the pit of despair and the satisfaction that comes from the creator as our youth is renewed like the eagles. God willingly endows us with so many blessings we can hardly count them. In this time of major upheaval and turmoil, it is good practice to remember what is going right, what God lovingly bestows on us as we keep his covenant.

Introit

Surely the Presence

Trinity Choir

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Libby Boatwright

Come, bless the Holy one, all that is within you - body, mind, and spirit.
Bless God's sacred name!

We remembered with gratitude all that God has done: mercy that outlasts our shames, and love that refuses to give up on us.

The Holy one works justice for the oppressed, lifts up those who are crushed by the world, and heals the brokenhearted.

Like a mother who knows our limits and a father who sees our hidden wounds, God meets us with compassion.

God's mercy is not measured by our perfection but flows from a heart full of grace.

Let us worship the One who forgives, restores, and renews - slow to anger, rich in steadfast love Bless the lord, O our souls! With joy and wonder, let us worship.

***Hymn PH# 482 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing

Diane

God is tender with us - not harsh, not distant. Like a parent who knows our frame, who remembers we are dust, God invites us not to hide, but to come as we are. Let us bring our whole selves into the light of mercy.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Diane

Merciful one, you know us through and through - our quiet regrets, our missed chances to show love, or rush to judgment, our reluctance to forgive. You see it all and still you embrace us. Forgive what has hurt you and others. Heal what is wounded within us. And remind us again that we are dust, yes, but dust held in grace and shaped by your love.

(Take time to offer silent prayers.)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

Diane

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for us. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our sin. You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria # 579**

Glory Be to the Father

Nicki

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.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Message for the Children

(Children are invited to go to Sunday School after the Message for the Children.)

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: Gilroy Presbyterian Church – Rev. Trevor VanLaar.

Hymn GTG # 544 Taize Chant: “Bless the Lord, My soul”

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.

Anthem

I Choose Love
by Mark A. Miller

Nicki

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love. // In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace, I choose peace. // When my world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, explanations can't be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise, I will rise. // In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love, I choose love.

Prayer for Illumination

Diane

God of wisdom and rest, You reveal truth not through power, but through love. Quiet our hearts, calm our striving, and open us to receive your Word with childlike trust. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment — to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Psalm 103:1-14

Libby

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as

high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "A Song in the Key of Blessing" Rev. Dr. Libby Boatwright

Call to Offering Diane

Offertory *Prelude in C Major, BWV 846* Nicki
by J.S. Bach

***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 (Responsively)** Libby

Gracious God, you have crowned our lives with compassion and mercy. With gratitude we offer these gifts - a portion of what you have so freely given. Use them to heal, to restore, and to renew, so that your love may reach every corner of the world.

***Hymn GH #433 On Eagle's Wings (Refrain, verse, Refrain)**

**Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,**

Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.
(final time) And hold you in the palm of his hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for
life, Say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Choir

***Postlude**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
by arr, John Purifoy

Nicki

*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, Diane Ford; Usher, Pete Halper
Greeters, Tim & Mayre Vincent; Flowers, Marta Narus;
Coffee Hour, Larry & Lorraine Vilardo
Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Rosie Bell, Chad Bell & Chuck Cobery

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 refreshments in the Magnolia Courtyard (or Fellowship Hall if rainy/cold). We're glad you're here!



It's Registration Time for a special event:

- All-Church Retreat, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2. Register with Ellen Bauerle.

Supporting our Deacons' Ministry of Care

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.

Library: Visit today after Worship!

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

- Resistance Demonstrations: gratitude for the multiple opportunities to participate in peaceful, joyful, inspiring rallies and parades to defend democracy.
- Santa Cruz al Salvador: thankful for the successful drilling of a new well that is bringing safe and abundant water to the El Pilar community.
- Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian congregation in Salinas: grateful that the church is preserving cultural traditions and language.
- Bob, Chad's friend: beginning chemotherapy treatments.
- The Rutan's friend, Kevin: undergoing repeat surgery for a corneal transplant.
- Ed Sams: starting radiation treatments.



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