

April 27, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter



"You know the way to the place where I am going." -John 14:4

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Prelude and Procession *Antiphon*, by Gordon Young

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jenni Bales

Preparation for Worship

When Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Do we understand God to be a destination or a person? Are we accomplishing a goal or finding a way to enter into a relationship? Is one path easier for us to personally navigate than the other, and if so, why?

Introit *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*; by Anonymous Trinity Choir

Call to Worship (Responsive, LCA Worship Planning)

Jerry Thormann

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Come, O house of Jacob,

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

***Hymn:** PH #151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ASCENSION

Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing

Jerry

Last Sunday was Easter Sunday and all that celebration entails. We celebrated Christ’s victory over death and what that means for me, a child of God, and for the wider Church. We belong, we are loved, we are forgiven, we each have a place to call home in God’s household.

As we continue to focus on Jesus in this season of Eastertide, our Gospel passage today allows us to listen in on a conversation between Jesus and His disciples. Jesus calls himself “the way, the truth and the life.” In other words, the “Way” to God the Father. As the celebration of Easter passes and we go back to our ordinary lives, we forget to stay on the Way.

We are assaulted by temptation and give in, we get sidetracked and become distracted, our focus selfishly turns inward instead of staying on Jesus. Gathering for worship is a wonderful way to re-center ourselves and return our focus to following our Christian calling.

As we enter into worship, will you pray with me for God’s cleansing forgiveness and healing as we find our way back to center?

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Jerry

Creator God, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise You for the greatest gift of all: Your Son, Jesus Christ. In worshipping Him, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what we know to be hurtful towards You and others.

O Lord, we are human and imperfect, slow to confess our shortcomings and prone to wander from You. We humbly ask for Your grace and forgiveness, and that You would empower us through the power of Your Holy Spirit to live more deeply into Your holiness. We also pray for those around us, as they come today seeking healing. May they find a loving community in this place that supports them on their journey, and may they find a healing touch from You. Amen.

(Take time to offer silent prayers.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jerry

In Romans 8:38–39, the Apostle Paul says, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Nothing can separate us from God! Rejoice, for you are forgiven in Christ Jesus and loved unconditionally!

***Gloria**

Clapping Gloria

Nicki

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” **“And also with you.”**

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: Comunidad LatinoAmericana, San Jose,
Rev. Stella and Elder Mike Matusiewicz

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

Glorificamus; by Gordon Young

Trinity Choir

*Praise we now the Lord of hosts forever and evermore.
Praise we now the God of hosts forever and evermore.
Praise Him to the heights forever and evermore, amen!
Forever and ever and evermore, amen!
Praise we now the Lord of hosts forever and evermore.
Praise we now the God of hosts forever and evermore.
Sing we now to God, sing we now to God,
Sing we now to God forevermore.*

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Jenni

Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover Your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading (NRSVU)

Isaiah 43:8-13

Jerry

Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes, who are deaf yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior.

I am the one who declared and saved and proclaimed, not some strange god among you; you are my witnesses, says the Lord, and I am God. Indeed, since that day I am he; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can hinder it?

Gospel Reading (NRSVU)

John 14:1-7

Jenni

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Way

Jenni

Call to Offering

Offertory

Praise Ascending, by David Paxton

Nicki

***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** (Unison)

Rev. Jenni

You call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, and sufficient faith to follow without fear. Take our lives and our gifts. Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***Hymn**, GTG #726 Will You Come and Follow Me, vs. 1, 4, and 5 KELVINGROVE

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Trinity Choir

***Postlude**

Jubilation, by Gordon Young

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”

Guest Pastor, Rev. Jenni Bales; Music Director, Nicki Kerns

Lector, Jerry Thormann; Usher, Pete Halper

Greeters, Jerry and Sandy Thormann

Coffee Hour, Pete Halper; Flowers, Marta Narus

Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, 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 coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



One Great Hour of Sharing Campaign

We have raised a total of \$1,940 for the OGHS campaign this year. Thank you to everyone who donated!

One Great Hour of Sharing, Fish Boxes

Three fish boxes were presented by Mabel, Janet, and Quinn, who raised an additional \$69.01. Way to go, girls!

Pastor Diane on Vacation

Pastor Diane will be on vacation May 6–11. During that time, please contact our Moderator of Deacons, Kim Johnston, or Clerk of Session, Ellen Bauerle, in case of a pastoral emergency, and they'll contact the pastor on call. The Rev. Jenni Bales will be our guest preacher on May 11.

Family Fun Fest (Save the Date: Saturday, June 14, 11am–3pm)

Trinity, in partnership with Urban Works, is hosting a day of fun for the neighborhood!

Activities for All Ages and Abilities: games, face painting, cupcake walk, lyra and aerial silks performance, food, live music, and much, much more! Watch for ways you can be a part of this special community event!

MaryAnn Hobb's Collection

Check out Mary Ann Hobb's collection of craft books in the Youth Room. (There is a designated shelf with a small plaque.) Feel free to borrow a book or to add one if you have a craft book to share.

Donate Used Electronics

The Welcoming Network seeks computers and phones for our neighbors. Donated laptops (PCs up to 10 years old, MacBooks up to 15), iPhones (4G/5G), Androids, iPads, and tablets will be erased, refurbished, and given to those in need. Non-reusable items will be recycled at Grey Bears. If you are able to donate any of these items, contact **Karen Wichelmann** at (831) 588-9240.

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 Comunidad LatinoAmericana: Reverend Stella and Elder Mike Matusiewicz.

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

- Urban Works ministry: thankful for the supportive fundraising event.
- Avery Elizabeth: joy for the safe arrival of Pete Halper's sixth grandchild.
- Heather, Christine's daughter: undergoing major surgical procedures, including the removal of a rib, due to a serious blood clot issue.
- Lily, Paul's canine companion: gratitude for her loving presence for fourteen years before her untimely passing.
- Kathy Willott's nephew, Joel: seeking treatment for severe pain.
- Eric, Joanne Clever's grandson: strength and safety during his travel to an international conference on artificial intelligence in Singapore and successful delivery of two research papers.

Please Welcome Our Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Bales

Jenni has been a minister member of the Presbytery of San Jose since 2012. Her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry are both from Fuller Theological Seminary. Her doctoral thesis project focused on the development of the Presbytery's Urban Ministry Center in San Jose and the relationship between human agency and charitable giving. She and her husband Alan have been married for 31 years and enjoy being outdoors together and spending time with their doodle Zoey.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Since 1938 Trinity has carried on a ministry of worship and service in the Santa Cruz community and has extended itself into the world through participation in regional, national, and international mission programs.

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

Admin/Finance, Chad Bell (2nd Term ('27), Mayre Vincent ('27)

Mission, Chuck Cobery ('27); **Nominating**, Ed Sams ('25)

Outreach, Mayre Vincent ('27); **Personnel**, Debbie Bates ('26)

Worship/Christian Education, Ellen Bauerle, Michael Christie ('26)

Deacons

Class of 2025

Elizabeth Bunch

Vickie Rutan

Class of 2026

Nancy Cobery

Kim Johnston, Moderator

Class of 2027

Barbara Christie

Pete Halper (2nd Term)

Marta Narus

Lorraine Vilardo (2nd term)

Trinity Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Diane Ford**

Music Director: **Nicki Kerns**

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