

**November 12, 2023**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Grief and Hope*

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

**10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, November 12, 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**

Mother Teresa

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

## **Prelude**

*Quiet Prelude #1*

Gilbert M. Martin

## **Introit**

*Jesus, We Are Here*

## **Call to Worship**

Psalm 78

**One:** Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

**All:** **That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, who has done wonderful works.**

**One:** The Lord gave a decree to Jacob and established a law for Israel, commanding them to teach their children; that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

**All:** **So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget those mighty deeds, but keep the commandments; Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #276**  
*(music at end of bulletin)*

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Call to Confession**

One: The Lord speaks kindly to us telling us that there is love and forgiveness in the presence of heaven. Let us with courage enter the heavenly courts and with confidence confess our sins, knowing that our God is a forgiving God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: We have been given the gift of speech. Our words have meaning and consequence. When we encourage others it changes our lives and theirs. When we falter into despair and experience disappointment, we are often tempted to speak hurtful words of discouragement. Forgive us and renew our hearts and minds so the we will have the courage to encourage others and so renew our own hearts.**

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 4:32

One: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**All: Be encouraged by the Good News: in the Name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Gloria #576**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*  
*Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Minute for Mission**

Association of Faith Communities  
Judy Hutchinson

**Anthem** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* arr. Lloyd Larson

*REFRAIN:*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
The time is drawing nigh. (repeat).*

*Children, don't grow weary,  
For the time is drawing nigh.  
Darker midnight lies before us,  
The time is drawing nigh.*

*See the Morning Star arising, the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children, don't grow weary,  
For the time is drawing nigh.*

*Now our night will soon be over,  
Our night will soon be over,  
Yes, our night will soon be over,  
The time is drawing nigh.*

*REFRAIN*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Christ is the Word of God, he is living and able to shepherd our souls. This day may the God's word come alive for us in the reading of the sacred text.

### **Scripture Reading**      1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Courage to Encourage

Larry Vilaro

**\*Hymn #442**

*The Church's One Foundation*

*(music at end of bulletin)*

**Prayers of the People**

*After each petition please say, "God of Life and Hope"  
and all respond, "Hear our Prayer."*

**Honoring Those Who Served**

Richard Robinson

**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 Faith I Quiet Wait*

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**

**All: Let us declare this day that we will serve the living Lord by serving his people with the courage and encouragement of the Spirit knowing that the Lord is near.**

**\*Closing Hymn #379**

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*(music at end of bulletin)*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Amen**

**\*Postlude**

*Armed Forces Medley*

arr. Gene Roberson

## **THANK YOU**

Pastor: Larry Vilaro  
Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Lector: Mayre Vincent  
Greeters: Richard and Roberta Zakarian  
Usher: Pete Halper  
Flowers: Ed Sams  
Coffee: Ellen Bauerle

## **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!

### **And Unto Us a Child Is Born**

Today's pink rose is in celebration of Emma Grace Halper, Pete Halper's new granddaughter, born on Halloween. Emma weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces. She is the daughter of Jeff and Kate Halper, and sister to Noah.

### **Pledge Reminder for 2024**

If you haven't already submitted a pledge for 2024, there is still time to do so. Either mail your commitment to the office, 420 Melrose Avenue, 95062; or place it in the offering plate on today.

### **Happy Hour, November 16, 4pm**

We meet for a happy hour on the third Thursday of every month. The location this week is at the Crepe Place, 1134 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz.

### **Book Club, December 11, 2023, 2pm, Fireside Room**

There will not be a book club meeting in November. The next meeting will be December 11, at 2pm. The books being discussed are "A Christmas Carol", as well as "The Life and Times of Bob Cratchit."

## 276

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. \*Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,  
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;

From heaven He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union  
 With God the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion  
 With those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!  
 Lord, give us grace that we,  
 Like them, the meek and lowly,  
 May live eternally.



# 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth- ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly  
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor  
 whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is  
 Him be found, Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

*Refrain*

lean on Je - sus' name.  
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All  
 all my hope and stay.  
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.