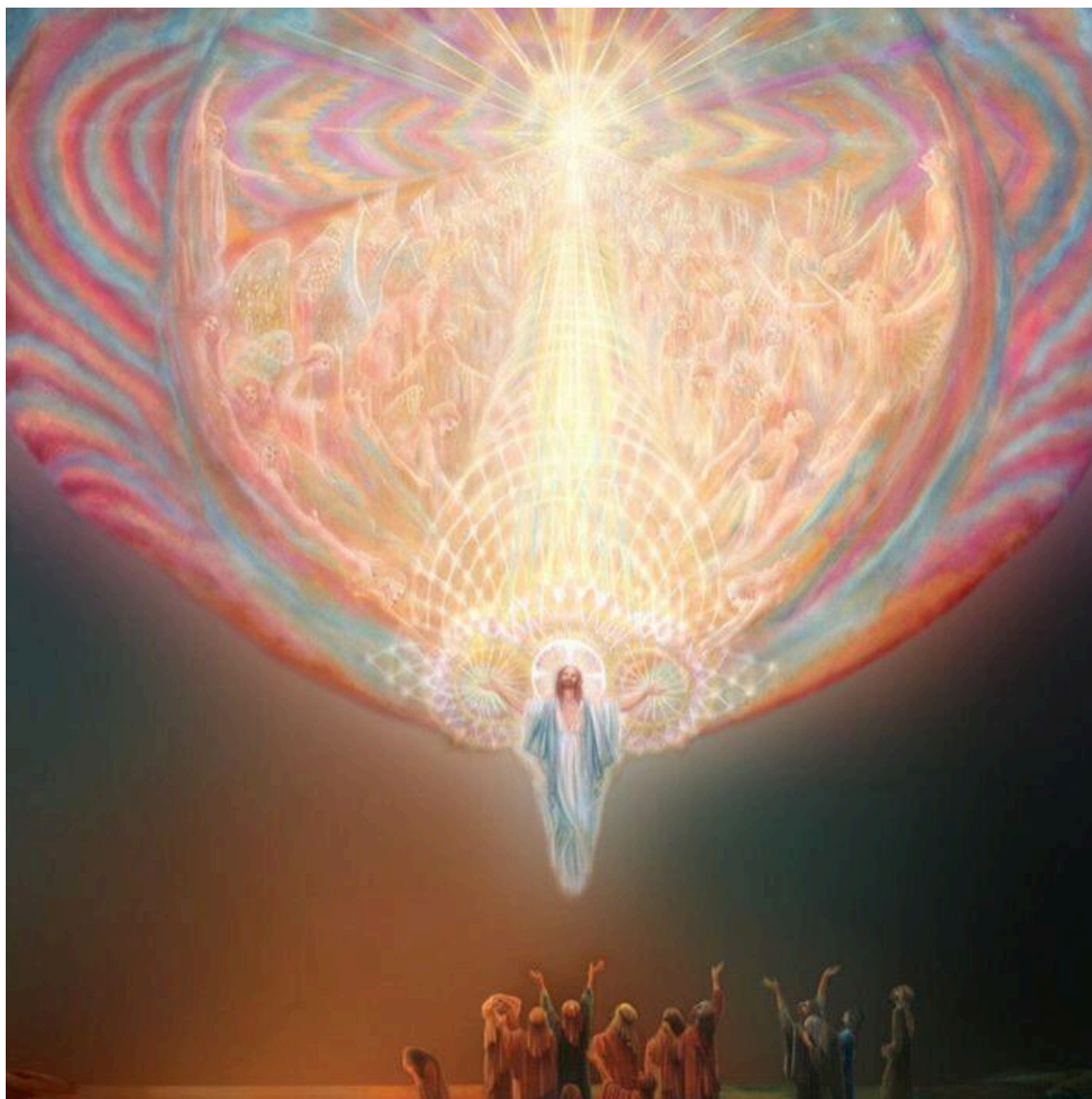


October 19, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship



The Ascension, by Catherine Andrews, can also reflect the kenosis of Christ.

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Prelude and Procession *What a friend We Have In Jesus*
by Dale Wood

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

There is a rhythm to the Christian faith – we let go and empty ourselves, then open to receive God’s gifts. We then become generous servants in community. Let go, empty ourselves. Open, receive. Serve generously. Even now, let us set aside our thoughts, assumptions, feelings and expectations. Let us come with open, holy hands to God.

Introit

Surely the Lord is In This Place
by John Purifoy

Trinity Choir

Call to Worship

Jerry Thormann

Come, weary ones, and find your rest.

We come with burdens too heavy to carry alone.

Come, those who are wise in the world’s ways, and those who feel small.

Christ welcomes us all and reveals God’s truth to the humble.

Come to the One who is gentle and lowly in heart.

In Jesus, we find the rest for our souls. Come, rest in the heart of God.

We put our hope in the Lord, now and forevermore.

***Hymn GH # 359**

Gather Us In, vs. 1, 2, 4

Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing

Jerry

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” We come not in strength, but in honesty – ready to lay down what weighs us down. Before the God who is gentle and humble in heart, let us empty ourselves of pride, fear, and striving, that our hearts may be open to receive the Spirit more fully.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Jerry

Gentle and gracious God, You invite us to lay down our burdens and find rest in You. Yet we cling to what we know – our need to control, to prove, to protect. We fill our lives with noise and striving and leave little room for Your Spirit to dwell. Forgive us, O God. Empty us of pride and fear, of resentment and restlessness. Heal the places where we are hardened or hurried. Fill us instead with Your quiet strength, Your deep compassion, and the peace of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Take time to offer silent prayers.)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

Jerry

In Christ, the weight of our striving is lifted, and our hearts are made new. God's grace restores what is weary, softens what is closed, and fills us with peace. Hear this good news — and believe it in faith: you are forgiven, renewed, and beloved of God.

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: Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, Salinas – Rev. Jason Barraca.

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.

Moment for Mission End of Life Transitions Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright

Anthem

Stand By Me
by Tom Kendzia

Nicki

*When the storms of life are raging, Lord, stand by me.
When the current pulls me under, Lord, stand by me.
When the rising waters toss me like a ship upon the sea,
You who rule the wind and water, Lord, stand by me.*

REFRAIN:

*Stand by me, stand by me, lift me up from the restless sea.
When I am lost, when love can't be found,
When no one cares, Lord, stand by me.*

*In the midst of persecution, Lord, stand by me.
When my enemies surround me, Lord, stand by me.
When the tyrant wields his terror and the armies wage their might,
When the darkness overwhelms me, Lord, stand by me. REFRAIN*

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.**

Reading

MATTHEW 11:25-30

Diane

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
by Craig Courney

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 (Responsively)**

Diane

God of grace, You have offered us the gift of rest in Your love. Receive these gifts and our lives, that through our humility and service others may find Your gentle welcome. Amen.

***Hymn GTG #43 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**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
by Joel Raney

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, Jerry Thormann; Usher, Pete Halper

Greeter, Debbie Bates; Flowers, Ellen Bauerle;

Coffee Hour, Pete Halper & Vickie Rutan

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 two special events:

- *The Last Things We Talk About*, Saturday, October 25, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Guided by author Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright. A light lunch will follow. This is a free event; books will be available for purchase. Register with Diana Dean, the Office, or on our Website.
- All-Church Retreat, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2. Register with Ellen Bauerle.

Directories

Directories have been printed and are ready for pickup. To make sure everyone receives one, please take only one per household.

Third Monday Book Club, Monday, October 20

Hi Bookies! Our October 20 book club meeting will be in the **Fireside Room** at **10 a.m.** We'll be discussing *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. Whether you're a regular attendee or a newcomer, all are welcome to join the conversation! For folks wishing to read ahead, November's book is *The Frozen River*.

Church Hike at Big Basin, Friday, October 24, 9:30 a.m. at Visitor Center

Join Kathy Willott for an interpretive walk and see how the forest is recovering and changing. Allow one hour to drive from Santa Cruz. Carpooling recommended. Entry fee: \$10 per car, \$8 with reservation, (<https://www.cognitofrms.com/FSCSP1/bigbasingparking>), free with

State Park pass. Easy 2–3 miles with limited elevation gain. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN WATER!** Contact Kathy for questions.

Library: Visit today after Worship!

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

- Marta, prayers of thanksgiving for Jeff Lawton's return home after surgery.
- Michelle, prayers for her friend, Becky, who has just been diagnosed with Parkinson's.
- Diane, prayers for her daughter's friend, Kellie, who is dealing with multiple health issues.
- Kim, prayers for a dear friend who has just been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.
- Vickie, prayers for a dear friend, Nancy, who has breast cancer and is having major surgery this week.
- Prayers for the release of hostages between Israel and Hamas.



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