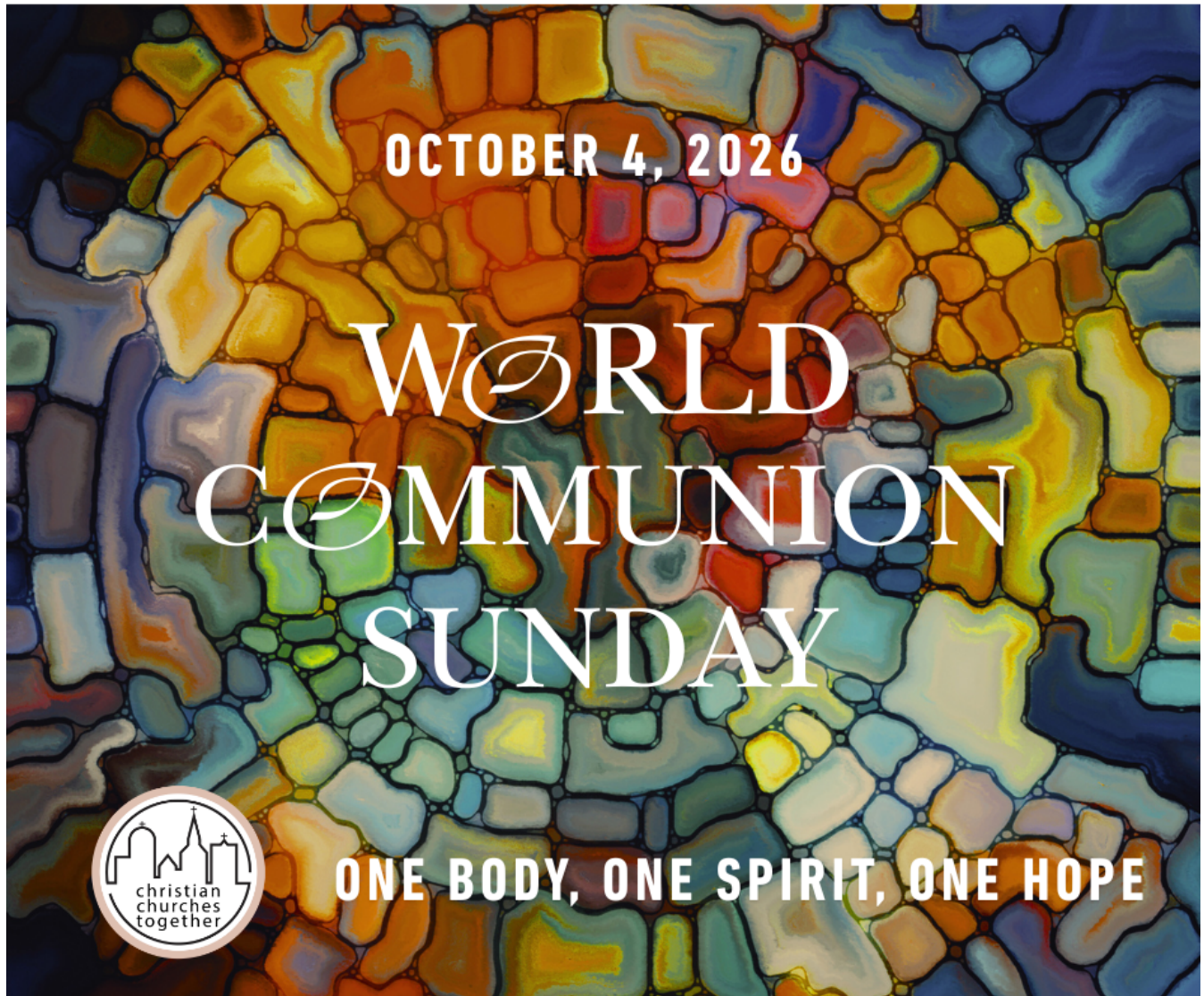


Welcome!

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Prelude and Procession *Song Without Words, op. 19 #1*
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Introit

One World, One Communion
Pepper Choplin

Choir

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Kim Johnston

Come, from north and south, from east and west.

We gather at Christ's table.

Come, with different languages, customs, and stories.

We gather at Christ's table.

Come, as one body, humble and hopeful.

We gather at Christ's table.

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn PH #507** *I Come with Joy, vs. 1-4*

Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation (*unison*)

Kim

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your people. Nations are divided, neighbors are estranged, and your creation cries out from misuse and neglect. Forgive us. Heal us. Turn us from pride and self-interest to the way of Christ's humility and love, so that we may be one with all who follow Jesus, sharing your hope and peace with the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life (*responsively*)

Kim

Hear the good news: God's love is deeper than our sin, wider than our divisions, stronger than death itself. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria**

Clapping Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Diane

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

Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

Children are invited to go to Sunday School

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: We pray for St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Aptos, and the Rev. Anne McAnelly.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Diane

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

Blessings, by Laura Story, arr. H. Sorenson

Choir

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace,

Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.

We pray for healing, for prosperity.

We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.

And all the while, You hear each spoken need,

Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.

REFRAIN:

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing comes through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear,

And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.

We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love,

As if every promise from Your Word is not enough.

And all the while, You hear each desperate plea,

And long that we'd have faith to believe.

REFRAIN

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win, we know,

The pain reminds this heart that this is not our home!

REFRAIN

Prayers for Ears that Hear

Diane

Spirit of Christ, humble our hearts and open our lives, that your Word may shape us in love. Amen.

Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Kim

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Offering Our Lives to God

Diane

Offertory

To a Wild Rose, by Edward MacDowell

Nicki

***Doxology PH #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.

***Affirmation of Faith, Based on the Barmen Declaration (*responsively*) Diane**

We confess that Jesus Christ is the one Word of God,
through whom we hear, trust, and obey God alone.

We reject all powers and authorities that would
claim the place of Christ,
and every allegiance that divides the body of Christ.

We acknowledge that the world is broken,
and that the faithful may suffer,
**yet we remain obedient to Christ rather than
seek safety in worldly powers,
following him in humble service and faithful obedience.**

We rejoice that Christ gathers us from every
nation, tribe, and language,
making us one body, bound together in grace, mercy, and truth.

We commit ourselves to the mission of God,
to proclaim the good news of Christ,
**to work for healing and justice,
and to trust Christ above all in life and in death.**

***The Barmen Declaration (1934) was written by Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and others in Germany as a confession of faith against the ruling powers in Germany that sought to co-opt the church.*

***Communion Hymn PH # 514** *Let us Talents and Tongues Employ*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

*The outer ring is wine; the inner rings are grape juice.
Gluten-free bread is available.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

***Blessing and Charge**

Diane

***Amen**

Choir

Postlude

Rejoice With a Song, by Edward Broughton

Nicki

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

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH – Gather Hymnal; GtG - Glory to God

Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Kim Johnston Flowers: Kim Johnston
Usher: Pete Halper Greeter: Gigi Giannini
Coffee Hour: Nancy Cobery
Audio/Video/Zoom Techs: Chad Bell, Chuck Cobery, Rosie Bell

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!



The PC(USA) World Communion offering. Our Presbyterian denomination uses these churchwide special offerings for ecumenical and interfaith engagements promoting racial and gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and local missions. Please give generously in the envelopes provided.

This morning's communion bread from around the world was kindly baked and donated by Jeff, Chad, Renee, Kim, Larry, Barb, Bob, and Lee representing the following countries:

America	Australia	England	El Salvador	Germany
India	Ireland	Israel	Italy	Mexico
Palestine	Scotland	Sweden	Ukraine	

Big thanks to Marta for coordinating these efforts. Everyone is invited to take home the leftover bread from the table after worship.

All Church Workday Saturday October 10, 9AM-Noon. Come join in and experience the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment that comes on a Church Work Day. Bring work gloves, garden tools and cleaning supplies if you can, but most importantly bring yourselves! We will be cleaning up the flower beds and plants, refurbishing the birdhouse library, and general spring cleaning duties. Contact Larry for more information.

All-Church Retreat Saturday, October 17, 9 am – 1 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 9850 Monroe Ave., Aptos. Join us for this time of joyful **fellowship, fun, food, and faith** as we gather to strengthen our relationships, discover more about the gifts God has given us, and explore what those gifts might mean for our life and ministry together. Register today with Pastor Diane in the sanctuary after worship, or with Ellen Bauerle at Coffee Hour in the courtyard. There is no charge for the retreat, though donations are welcome. Coffee and light goodies will be provided in the morning, and lunch will come as boxed lunches from *Erik's Deli*.

Trinity book club will be reading “The Next Fifty Things That Made The Modern Economy” by Tim Harford. October’s conversation will take place Monday, October 19 in the fireside room at 10:30 am. 📖 Joanne

To schedule a visit with Pastor Diane, please email her directly at TrinitySCPastorDiane@gmail.com, or bring your calendar on Sunday morning and she will set a time with you.

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

- Chad Bell's colleague, Rich, needs decisive test results to determine the cause of an apparent TIA.
- Governmental decision makers: softening attitude toward what has grown hard.
- The Sergistad family welcomes Mabel's new cousin, Ava Raine.
- The Bell family welcomes Rosie's new second cousin, Ella Marie.
- Bonny Doon Presbyterian Church congregation: gratitude for their special ministries to fire victims and the Higher Grounds coffee shop community gathering space.
- Family and friends of Ramon Salaza's brother: grieving his passing.
- Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay: thankful for Aurelio Salazar's efforts to support the mission to build new homes.
- Linda, friend of the Rutans, recovering from major cancer surgery.
- Santa Cruz Symphony: thankful the positive gift they bring to the community.
- Nancy Cobery: Prayers for Fred and Jan Tomlinson. Fred continues to decline due to his Alzheimer's diagnosis

Since 1938, as a congregation in the Presbyterian Church, USA, 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. You are warmly invited to join us in the challenge of Christian faith and ministry. Should you have questions about church activities, pastoral services or membership at Trinity, please speak with the Pastor.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo, Indonesia, and on the Mexico/US border ♦ Shower the People ♦ Association of Faith Communities ♦ Urban Works ♦ Welcoming Network ♦ Hospice of S.C. County ♦ Rebele Family Shelter ♦ Habitat For Humanity ♦ Friends Outside ♦ Immanuel House ♦ Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Mission ♦ Sweet Pea Project ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous ♦ Santa Cruz al Salvador ♦ Santa Cruz Pride Parade ♦ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) ♦ Scout Troop #604 ♦ Scout Troop #618

Session Elders

Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Chad Bell (2 nd T)	Michael Christie (2 nd T)
Chuck Cobery	Ron Weaver
Mayre Vincent	

Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Nancy Cobery	Barbara Christie	Gigi Giannini
Kim Johnston	Peter Halper (2 nd T)	
	Marta Narus	

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