

**February 2, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.**  
*Communion Sunday*



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# Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

*For the Beauty of the Earth*, by John Rutter

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

# Preparation for Worship

Jesus declared a message of hope for the overlooked, freedom for those bound, and healing for the wounded. His hometown was comforted by his lovely words, until they heard how far Jesus' love took him. When does love go too far?

**Introit**      *Come to the Table of the Lord*, by Althouse/Albrecht    Trinity Choir

# Call to Worship

O sing to the Lord a new song; **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

## Highest heavens, **be glad!**

## Widest earth, rejoice!

## Mighty waters, shout your praise!

## Forests and fields, **sing for joy!**

The Lord is coming to judge the earth,

**with equity and strength, with righteousness and truth.**

The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

**The Lord is coming to reign in glory.**

**\*Hymn:** PH #461                      *God is Here*                      ABBOT'S LEIGH

## Call to Confession Ed

Ever ready with cleansing love, God invites our confession, offering mercy and strength so that we may start anew.

## Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*(Take time to offer silent prayers.)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness** (Responsively)

Repentance and forgiveness of sin are proclaimed to all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Forgiveness is God's gift to us,  
one we can never earn but are welcome to accept.**

When we agree to God's freeing offer,  
we are also agreeing to let God's love change us.

**We are blessed by this opportunity for newness of life. Amen.**

*- from Taught by Love by Lavon Bayler*

**\*Gloria** PH #579

***Glory Be to the Father***

Gloria Patri

***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."**

**Minute for Mission**

Kathy Willott

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

**Presbytery's Unity Candle: Watsonville Public House**

**Anthem**

*I Believe*, by Mark A. Miller

Trinity Choir

*I believe in the sun. I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.*

*I believe in love.*

*I believe in love even when I don't feel it.*

*I believe in God. I believe in God even when He is silent.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Ed

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-30

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed — only Naaman the Syrian.” All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

*I Love Thee*, by Vickie Hancock Wright

Nicki Kerns

**\*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.*

**\*Statement of Faith: A Social Creed**

*The Book of Discipline, UMC*

**We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.**

**We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.**

**We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.**

**We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.**

**We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others, and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.**

**We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.**

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

**\*Communion Hymn, PH #513   *Let Us Break Bread Together***

**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 made 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.**

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**\*Amen** Trinity Choir

**\*Postlude**      *How Can I Keep from Singing?*, by Larry Shackley      Nicki Kerns

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\*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, Ed Sams; Usher, Pete Halper; Coffee, Chuck and Nancy Cobery;  
Greeters & Flowers, Linda and Ron Weaver; Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, TBA

**Cover Page Image:** An AI-generated image of a chalice and plate of bread on a table.

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church**

Are you new today? 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 refreshments in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here.

### **Online Church Service**

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube. If you want edited sermons with dates, titles, bulletin covers, and volume enhancements, check out our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypressc.org>

### **Deacons**

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.

## **Mary Blanchard Memorial Service, February 8**

*Please note the change in time and location.* Mary Blanchard's memorial service will be held on **Sat., February 8, 2:30 p.m.** at the Blanchard home, 22780 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Parking is limited; please consider this when making your transportation plans.

## **Per Capita, Deadline February 9**

Trinity's Per Capita assessment for 2025 is \$44.50 per person and is due February 9. To contribute, please note "Per Capita" in your check memo to the office. Thank you.

## **Monday Night Lectionary Study**

All are invited to an invigorating exploration of the Scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday sermon on Monday nights at 5 p.m. (sometimes a bit after 6 p.m.) in the Fireside Room. We'll also reflect and share how our lives are impacted by the Scriptures. For questions, contact Debbie Bates.

## **Presbytery's Unity Candle Moves to Watsonville**

The Christ Candle continues to be passed from church to church. Today, we remember the community, ministries, and staff of **Watsonville Public House**.

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

- Prayers for Regina, who just graduated from Humboldt with a master's degree in geology and is looking for a job. Also, prayers for Justine, who has a lot on her plate and needs help.
- Prayers for our nation as concerns grow over government policy shifts. May those who are struggling receive the care and assistance they deserve, and may those who create policies see beyond themselves to better the lives of all.
- Deb offers a Prayers of Thanksgiving for being back with Trinity this winter, and "Thank you for praying for me during my knee surgery." Additionally, she is seeking continued prayers for healing.