

February 18, 2024



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you and all living creatures of every kind.*

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1st Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 18, 2024

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

Martin Luther King Jr.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

Prelude. *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands* Hugh S. Livingston Jr.

Introit

Healer of My Soul

Call to Worship

One: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.**

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

All: **He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.**

One: The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

All: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. Let us worship God

***Hymn of Praise #223**

O My Soul Bless Your Redeemer

Call to Confession

One: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. Knowing that God’s love is extended to all in every circumstance let us come and confess our failings in light of this amazing love.

Prayer of Confession

All: In this season of Lent we are all travelers on the same road no matter what our background, race, class, or circumstance. Forgive us when we judge others harshly as they in their own way seek your face.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: We are saved by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand — with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

All: Hear the Good News: We are forgiven and freed by the power of the resurrection.

***Gloria**

*Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in One.*

*Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in One.*

*As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be
World without end, Amen,*

Anthem

Lenten Prayer

Pergolesi

*Oh, Lord, Oh Lord, have mercy.
Lord, come to me, Lord, hear my plea,
Lord, set me free,
Lord, have mercy at Calvary.*

*Lamb of God, most holy, hear me,
Lord have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on the cross at Calvary.*

*My savior, Lord, hear me;
My savior, Lord, hear me,
In bitter pain and sorrow, oh Lord, I pray to thee.*

*Oh, Lord, Oh Lord, have mercy.
Lord, come to me, Lord, hear my plea,
Lord, set me free,
Lord, have mercy at Calvary.
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.*

Prayer for Illumination

After the flood we were given the sign of love in a rainbow, vivid in colors and full of meaning. As we hear the scripture read this morning may we experience the deep and wonderful colors of God's love.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you — the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you — every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Sign of Love

Larry Vilaro

***Hymn #376**

Love Divine All Love's Excelling

Prayers of the People

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

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

Prayer

Gilbert M. Martin

***Doxology**

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**

In the story of Noah the Lord renewed the face of earth and chose a family to show his love. We are chosen by God's love. We dedicate ourselves to loving God's creation and our fellow human beings who share the world with us. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #406**

We are Standing on Holy Ground

***Blessing**

***Amen**

***Postlude**

Doxology

Wendy Stevens

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

THANK YOU

Pastor: Pastor Larry
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Debbie Bates
Greeter: Marta Narus
Usher: Bob Scott
Coffee: Pete Halper
(Donut Hole Sunday)
Flowers: Ellen Bauerle
(In Memory of Sue Yeane)

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

- Kathy Hatfield: quick healing from recent surgery.
- Charlie Kerns: wisdom in navigating a rough patch in their life.
- Janet Eschen-Pipes: healing from complications of Raynaud's Disease that affects her feet.

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 Fellowship Hall. We are glad you are here!

Online Church Service

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

Vegetarian Potluck February 25, After Service

The Fellowship Committee is thrilled to invite you to a heartwarming Vegetarian Potluck honoring a beloved former pastor, Evie Macway. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to show your appreciation and love for Evie after the February 25th Sunday service!

Lenten Study Dinners, 5:30pm

We will have three Lenten Study Dinners taking place in the Fireside Room on Thursdays: March 7th, 14th, and 21st, all beginning at 5:30 PM. This series delves into Jesus's interactions with women, offering rich insights and meaningful discussions. Mark your calendars and join us for an enlightening journey!

Trinity Library Celebrates Black History Month

Our library proudly presents a diverse collection of books available for checkout, highlighting the lives and contributions of notable Black intellectuals, leaders, athletes, and poets. Among the luminaries featured are Cornel West, Maya Angelou, Bayard Rustin, Bishop Desmond Tutu, James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, John Lewis, Martin Luther King Jr., Denzel Washington, and the Tuskegee Airmen. Visit us during coffee hour or drop by on Thursday mornings to explore our collection.

Church Office Job Opening

If you know of anyone looking for a part time administration job, we have an opening in the church office. Contact Debbie Bates for more info.

Pastor Larry's contact info

Due to technical difficulties, Pastor Larry is using his personal email, lvilardo@earthlink.net, rather than the trinityscpastor email address.

PSALM 103

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

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STUTT GART 8.7.8.7

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715

Para. in *The Book of Psalms*, 1871; alt. 1972, 1988

As in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

1. O my soul, bless your Re - deem - er; All with - in me
 2. God for - gives all your trans - gres - sions, All dis - eas - es
 3. Far as east from west is dis - tant, God has put a -
 4. As it was with - out be - gin - ning, So it lasts with -

bless God's name; Bless the Sav - ior, and for - get not
 gen - tly heals; God re - deems you from de - struc - tion,
 way our sin; Like the pit - y of a fa - ther
 out an end; To their chil - dren's chil - dren ev - er

All God's mer - cies to pro - claim;
 And with you so kind - ly deals.
 Has the Lord's com - pas - sion been.
 Shall God's righ - teous - ness ex - tend:

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

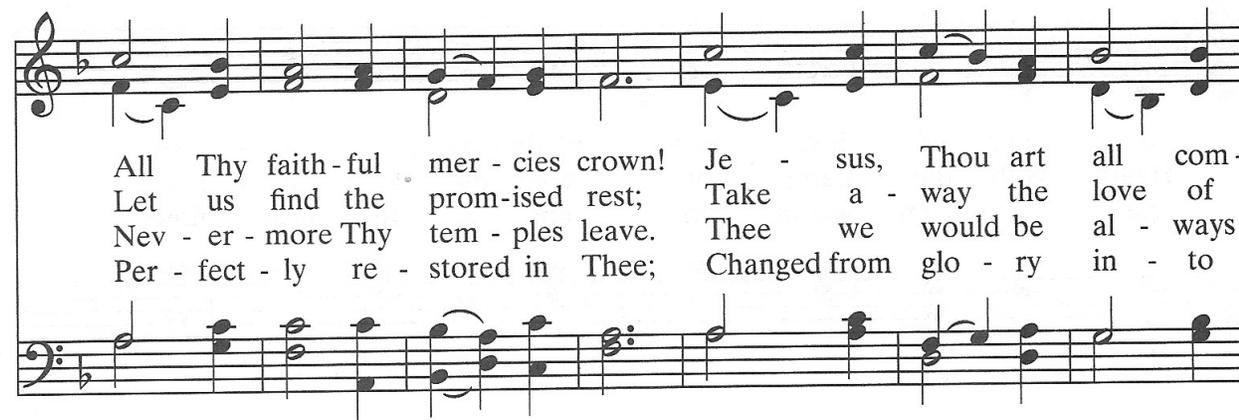
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831



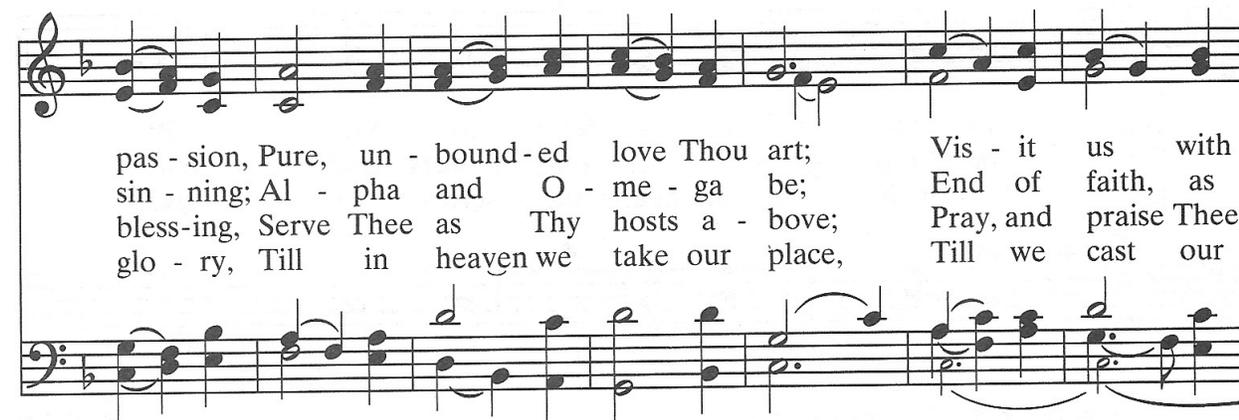
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

LIFE IN CHRIST

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Life in Christ". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The music is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. The lyrics are printed between the two staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Please Note: There was a mistake with Hymn 406. Instead of singing *We are Standing on High Ground* or *Why Has God Forsaken Me?* we sang *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.