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Welcome to Worship



"The Unforgiving Servant"

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Prelude and Procession

The Way of Peace, by David Paxton

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Introit

Surely the Lord is In This Place, by John Purifoy

Call to Worship *(from Eph. 3 and Ps. 100)*

Debbie Bates

Come, let us worship the God whose love is beyond all measure.

We gather to praise the One who made us and calls us by name.

Rooted and grounded in Christ's love, we seek to grow in faith.

We come with thankful hearts,

ready to receive the fullness of God's grace.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn PH #430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*, vs. 1, 2, 3

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

Debbie

God of boundless love, you know the places where we have fallen short: the ways we have failed to trust you, the ways we have failed to love our neighbors, and the ways we have failed to love ourselves. Forgive us. Heal what is broken within us. Reconcile us to you, to one another, and to your good purposes for the world. Root us more deeply in your love, that we may follow Christ with generous and joyful hearts. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life

Debbie

Hear the good news: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In Christ we are forgiven, healed by God's grace, and reconciled to God and to one another. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria**

Gloria Patri, Taizé

*Gloria, Gloria, Gloria Patri et Filio,
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Spiritui Sancto.
(repeat)*

***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.

Words with the Children

Diane

Children are invited to go to Sunday School

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

Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, and the Rev. Tom Harris.

Pastoral Prayer and the 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.

Focus on Mission *World Communion Special Offering*

Ron Weaver

Anthem

I Choose Love, by Mark A. Miller

*In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love,
I choose love.*

*In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace,
I choose peace.*

*When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise,
I will rise.*

*In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love,
I choose love.*

Prayer of Illumination

Debbie

Holy Spirit, open the eyes of our hearts to the breadth and length, the height and depth of your love, and shape our lives by your living Word. Grant us wisdom to understand, courage to respond, and joy to follow wherever Christ leads. Amen.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Brother James' Air, by Dale Wood

Nicki Kerns

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)**

Debbie

Gracious and generous God, every good gift comes from you. Receive these offerings and receive our lives as well. Bless what we have given, that it may bear witness to your love, strengthen your church, and bring hope to our neighbors. Root us ever more deeply in your grace, and teach us to live with open hearts and open hands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn GH #468**

Bring Forth the Kingdom, vs. 1, 2

***Blessing and Charge**

Diane

***Amen**

Choir

Postlude

Psalm of Joy, by George Blake

Nicki

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

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

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Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford	Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Debbie Bates	Flowers: Dan and Vickie Rutan
Usher: Jeff Lawton	Greeter: Dan Rutan
Coffee Hour: Larry and Lorraine Vilardo	
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!



Book Club meets the third Monday of each month. On September 21, we will discuss “How to Read a Book” by Monica Wood.

Happy Hour will take place Thursday, September 17, from 4-6pm at the Back 9 in Pasatiempo. Come for fellowship, deepen friendships, and bring someone new.

Our annual World Communion offering will conclude the first Sunday in October with a theme "to love kindness." The theme is an excerpt from Micah chapter 6: " (God) has told you what He wants: to be just, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." This message was to encourage people to thoughtful actions of justice, mercy and faithful living. Our Presbyterian denomination uses these Churchwide Special Offerings for global witness including ecumenical and interfaith

engagements through steadfast commitments. Please give prayerful consideration on how you might answer Micah's call.

Save the Date! All-Church Retreat Saturday, October 17, 9 am – 1 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Aptos.

Save Our Shores. Join Deb O'Connell (deb_oconnell@hotmail.com) and friends at New Brighton Beach for the California Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 19, from 9am-12pm. Register at: [Annual Coastal Cleanup Day](#)

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

- Tim and Mayre Vincent: patience in dealing with health issues.
- Diane Ford's brother: recovering from a procedure to treat kidney stones.
- Karen, Vicki Rutan's stepsister: diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Diana Dean: making progress with recovery from hip replacement surgery.
- Laura Zucker's friend, Molly: gratitude that she has found employment.
- Covenant Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto and Pastor Jack Cabaness: thankful for the ministry of this multi-generational and multi-cultural congregation.
- Hunter Bauman, the Zackarian's grandson: thankful that he has completed Japanese studies and is now teaching in Osaka.
- Elizabeth, Linda Weaver's daughter: traveling mercies and satisfying studies in Rome.
- September 11 commemorations: peace and reconciliation.

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

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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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