

**June 21, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to Worship**



"Hagar Speaking With the Angel," by Frank Wesley (1923-2002)

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**\*Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing** (*unison*)

Gigi

God of compassion, we confess that we often wander through life relying on our own strength and forgetting your presence beside us. We carry fears, regrets, griefs, and wounds that weigh heavily upon our hearts. Forgive us when anxiety blinds us to your grace and when discouragement keeps us from trusting your care. Open our eyes to your healing presence and renew us with the hope of your steadfast love.

*(Time for silent prayer.)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life** (*responsively*)

Gigi

Hear and believe the good news: nothing—not sorrow, loss, uncertainty, nor even death itself—can separate us from the love of God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and held fast in that everlasting love. **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria**

*Glory to God*

*Choir sings each line which is then echoed by the congregation.*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! (*echo*)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus! (*echo*)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit! (*echo*)

To God be glory forever. (*echo*)

Alleluia, Amen. (*echo*)

Alleluia, Amen. (*echo*)

Alleluia, Amen. (*echo*)

**\*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.*

## Word with the Children

Diane

*Children are invited to go to Sunday School*

## Recognizing Father's Day

Deacons

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

***Presbytery Unity Candle:*** We pray for Cornerstone Church of Silicon Valley.

## Pastoral Prayer

**Hymn PH #384** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*, vs. 1, 2, 3

### The 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.**

## Anthem

*When You Believe*, by Stephen Schwartz

Choir

*Many nights we prayed,  
With no proof anyone could hear.  
In our hearts a hopeful song  
We barely understood.  
Now, we are not afraid  
Although we know there's much to fear.  
We were moving mountains  
Long before we knew we could.*

**REFRAIN:**

*There can be miracles when you believe,  
Though hope is frail, it's hard to kill.  
Who knows what miracles you can achieve?  
When you believe, somehow you will,  
You will when you believe.*

*In this time of fear  
When prayer so often proves in vain,  
Hope seems like the summer bird  
Too swiftly flown away.  
Yet now I'm standing here,  
My heart's so full, I can't explain.  
Seeking faith and speaking words  
I never thought I'd say.*

**REFRAIN**

*Ashira l'adonai ki ga'oh ga'ah,  
Ashira l'adonai ki ga'oh ga'ah,  
Micahmocha, ba-elim adonai,  
Michamocha nedar-bakodesh,  
Nachitah v'chasd'cha, am zu ga'alta,  
Nachitah v'chasd'cha, am zu a'alta,  
Ashira, Ashira, Ashira!*

**REFRAIN**

*(Translation: I will sing unto Adonai for He has triumphed gloriously.  
Who is like You, o Adonai, among the gods?  
Who is like You, glorious in holiness?  
In Your mercy, you lead the people You redeemed.  
I will sing, I will sing, I will sing!"*)

**Prayer of Illumination** (*responsively*)

Gigi

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your Word. Give us ears to hear, wisdom to understand, and courage to respond in faith. **Amen.**

**Reading:** Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she began to sob.

God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled

the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Rev. Diane Ford

**Offering Our Lives to God**

Gigi

**Offertory**

*Abba, Father*, by Austin North

Nicki

**\*Doxology** PH #591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit ever more; Praise Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, all that we have comes from your hand. Receive our offerings and our very lives, and use them to bring courage, hope, and love into the world you see, the world you hear, and the world you send us into.

**\*Hymn** PH # 386

*O for a World*, vs. 1, 2, 5

**Announcements**

**\*Blessing and Charge** (*responsively*)

Diane

What gives courage?

**God's love gives courage!**

What gives hope?

**God's grace gives hope!**

What leads us on?

**God's Spirit leads us on!**

Amen! Go in peace.

**\*Amen**

Choir

**\*Postlude**

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Nicki

by Larry Shackley

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\*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: Gigi Giannini

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeter: Dan Rutan

Coffee Hour: Kim Johnston

Flowers: Dan & Vickie Rutan

Audio/Video/Zoom Techs: Chad Bell, Chuck Cobery, Rosie Bell

# Announcements

**Congratulations to the Thormann Family on welcoming their great granddaughter, Deliliah Emilia Heinen born June 14, 2026.**

**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!



**Family Fun Fest at Trinity!** Saturday, June 27 from 11 – 2. This annual festival is our way of strengthening community bonds! Trinity Church will provide a safe place for families to enjoy a summer afternoon, having fun and getting to know one another. Your contribution of skills and talents - large or small - is meaningful and very much appreciated.

Join us next Sunday as the **deacons honor Nicki and the Choir** as they leave for summer break.

**Join us for the next Presbytery NEAR Gathering** Saturday, September 26, where the theme will be: Christian Nationalism.

*Please see an extended announcement in our weekly newsletter.*

**The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church** will take place June 22-July 2, 2026 in Milwaukee. To learn more:

<https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/church-structure/general-assembly>

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

- Comunidad Latinoamericana in San Jose: gratitude that this congregation assists non-English speakers navigate their way into American culture and offers free English classes.
- The Thormanns: grateful for the safe delivery of a new great granddaughter.
- Trinity's Active Presence at the Pride Event: grateful that our leaders and others extend a warm welcome to the LGBTQ community.
- Michelle's cousin: recovering from open heart surgery.
- Rosie Bell: traveling mercies and safe keeping for her 5-week dance program in Ohio.
- Ryan: gratitude for being able to participate in communion again.
- Santa Cruz Symphony: thankful for another extraordinary season of music.
- Sybille, mother of the Rutan's daughter-in-law, Lillian: hospitalized with undiagnosed health issues.
- The Nation: survival and strengthening of our democracy.



**FAMILY FUN FEST**

**FOOD!**

**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

**11AM - 3PM**

Activities for All Ages & Abilities!

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The poster features a vibrant rainbow background. At the top, the title 'FAMILY FUN FEST' is written in large, bold, multi-colored letters. Below the title, there are three callouts: a purple oval with 'FOOD!', a yellow box with the date 'Saturday, June 27, 2026', and a red circle with 'Activities for All Ages & Abilities!'. The central text '11AM - 3PM' is in a dark blue font. Below this, a row of stylized stick figures in various colors (red, yellow, green, blue, purple) are shown dancing and holding hands. Musical notes are scattered around the figures. At the bottom, the church name 'TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH' is in a dark blue font, accompanied by a QR code on the left and a small logo on the right. The address '420 Melrose Ave, Santa Cruz' is centered below the church name. At the very bottom, it says 'In partnership with Urban Works' followed by the Urban Works logo and the website URL 'https://www.urbanworks-sc.org/'.

### Session Elders

**Class of 2026**  
Ed Sams (2<sup>nd</sup> T)

**Class of 2027**  
Chad Bell (2<sup>nd</sup> T)  
Chuck Cobery  
Mayre Vincent

**Class of 2028**  
Michael Christie (2<sup>nd</sup> T)  
Ron Weaver

### Deacons

**Class of 2026**  
Nancy Cobery  
Kim Johnston

**Class of 2027**  
Barbara Christie  
Peter Halper (2<sup>nd</sup> T)  
Marta Narus  
Lorraine Vilaro (2<sup>nd</sup> T)

**Class of 2028**  
Gigi Giannini

### Staff

Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford      Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Office Admin: Nicole Donovan      Custodian: Hortencia Martinez

### Committee Leads

**Clerk of Session**, Ellen  
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**Nominating**, Ed

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