

March 8, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to Worship
Third Sunday in Lent**



Jesus healing the Blind Man, oil on canvas, by Brian Jekel (born 1951), Painted in 2008

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Prelude and Procession *Lied*, by Lani Smith

Nicki Kerns

Welcome

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Our third story of Lent is Jesus healing a man who was born blind. What is striking is that his neighbors, the religious leaders, and even his family do not celebrate the healing. When change happens, it is often met with anxiety or fear. What changes in other people or places make you uneasy? What “blind spots” have you noticed in your own reactions to others? Hear the good news: God’s Spirit offers light for our spiritual sight.

Introit

Jesus, We Are Here

Choir

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Jeff Lawton

Come, walk in the light of Christ,
who meets us in our questions and calls us out of the dark.

**We come seeking the Light that does not shame us,
but heals us and leads us home.**

Come, bring your whole self—your doubts, your hope, your longing—
for Christ opens our eyes and rearranges our lives.

**We come ready to see, ready to change,
ready to worship the One who makes us new.**

***Hymn PH 172**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Please remain standing if able, and face the baptismal font

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (*unison*)

Jeff

God of Light, you see us more clearly than we see ourselves. You know the places where we resist your healing, where we cling to familiar patterns, where we turn away from growth because it unsettles us. We confess that we have preferred comfort to courage, certainty to trust, and sometimes even darkness to your transforming light.

(Time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life (*responsively*)

Diane

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for us. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our sin. You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

"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 the front pew after the Passing of the Peace to see and hear today's Scripture reading. Afterward, they may go to Sunday School.

Prayer of Illumination

Jeff

Light of the world, open our eyes by your Spirit, that as we hear your Word we may see your truth and be made new. **Amen.**

Reading: John 9:1-38

Storytellers

Narrator: Ron; Man Born Blind: Debbie

Jesus, Parent, and Pharisee: Deb

Disciple and Neighbor: Diane

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for Bonny Doon Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz, and the Rev. Edd Breeden.

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

Come to the Water

Choir

By John Foley, S.J.; arr. Schrader

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;

Without money, without price.

Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;

Without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord;

All who labor, who labor without rest.

How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the one who are laden, bring them all to the Lord;

Bring the children without might.

Easy the load and light; come to the Lord, the Lord.

Come to the water; come to the Lord.

Sermon

The Rev. Diane Ford

Offering Our Lives to God

Diane

Offertory

From Foreign Lands and People, op. 15 #1
by Robert Schumann

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.

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

Diane

God of Peace and Light, receive these gifts and receive our lives as well. Use what we offer to bring healing where there is hurt, clarity where there is confusion, and hope where there is fear. Let our giving reflect the new life you are shaping in us, that your light may shine through us in our families, communities, and world.

Announcements

***Closing Hymn PH# 425** *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*, vs. 1,2,4

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Choir

***Postlude**

Postludium, by Donald Lee Moore

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: Jeff Lawton Flowers: Emily and Lee Duffus
Greeters: Ron and Linda Weaver Usher: Pete Halper
Coffee Hour: Chuck and Nancy Cobery
Readers: Ron Weaver, Debbie Bates, Deb O’Connell, Diane Ford
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!



Lenten Evenings: We enjoy four Thursday evenings, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Fireside Room. Join us for fellowship, potluck, and an after-dinner conversation on topics of faith. All are welcome and encouraged to invite a friend. For planning purposes, please place a confirmation of what food item you will bring this Thursday in the offering plate.

Join us as we celebrate the lives of two beloved church members:

Darrell Yeane - Saturday, March 21 at 1 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.

Betty Gangware - Saturday, March 28, at 1 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.

Annual Deacon's Parish Potluck, Sunday, March 29. All are invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy delicious food and terrific fellowship. You will also be able to visit with your deacon or meet your new one. See you there!

The Book Club is reading "The Lost and Found Bookshop" by Susan Wiggs for the month of March. We will gather as usual on the 3rd Monday of March at 10 o'clock in The Fireside Room. Hope you will join in the discussion. 📖 Joanne

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

- Children world-wide: protection and safety in war zones.
- Peace.
- Glenn Joy: ongoing issues with his vision.
- Jim Scott, Bob's son: joy that his melanoma surgery was successful.
- Northern Elephant Seals: protection from outbreak of avian bird flu.
- Matthew, the Thormann's grandson: continued traveling mercies during his solo trip in Southeast Asia.

Session Elders

Class of 2026
Ed Sams (2nd T)

Class of 2027
Chad Bell (2nd T)
Chuck Cobery
Mayre Vincent

Class of 2028
Michael Christie (2nd T)
Ron Weaver

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Class of 2026
Nancy Cobery
Kim Johnston

Class of 2027
Barbara Christie
Peter Halper (2nd T)
Marta Narus
Lorraine Vilaro (2nd T)

Class of 2028
Gigi Giannini

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