

June 1, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Seventh Week of Easter ~ Communion



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Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

For the Bread Which You Have Broken, by Anthony Giamanco

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Students of history and Christian theologians study how power dynamics and structures work through us and around us. As the season of Easter comes to its final Sunday, we are once again drawn to the power of Rome and the commandment of Jesus to love. In today's service and Scripture, we look at the freedom we have with the Holy Spirit to be Christ's ambassadors of peace, setting the captives free and bringing good news to the oppressed.

Introit

Come to the Table, by Althouse/Albrecht

Trinity Choir

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Chad Bell

We come to worship the God who sees all,
who hears the cries of the weary and oppressed.

**We come with hearts both heavy and hopeful,
trusting in God's power to bring life out of despair.**

God does not look away from the world's pain.

God enters into it—with strength, with love, and with justice.

**Let us worship the One who sets things right
and calls us to do the same.**

***Hymn PH #311**

We Meet You, O Christ

Call to Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (One)

Chad

Before the God of mercy, we bring the truth of who we are—
the harm we've done, the good we've left undone,
and the ways we live within systems that benefit some and bind others.
Let us come honestly before God, seeking forgiveness and the courage
to be changed. *(Time for silent prayer.)*

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing

Chad

Holy God, you are the giver of freedom and life.

Yet we confess that we often live in fear—

afraid to take on something new, afraid to lose our comfort or control,
afraid to face truths we would rather ignore.

You call us to serve and be in solidarity with those who suffer.

We let others carry burdens we could help to lift.

We look away from what seems too big or too painful to engage.

We don't want to know if our ways are hurting others.

Forgive us.

Heal what is broken in us and among us. Set us free to follow you with
courage and compassion. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Chad

Hear the good news: God is not finished with us. Grace breaks in where
we least expect it. Mercy reaches us even when we don't ask. And love
lifts us from shame and fear into new life. Friends, believe the good
news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria PH #577**

Glory Be to the Father

AVERY/MARSH

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. As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

"The Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: Trinity San Jose/Gereja Indonesian NCD, Rev.
Dr. Vincent Arishvara

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 *How Can I Keep From Singing?* by Bradley Ellingboe Trinity Choir

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.

I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation

REFRAIN:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.

Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing!

It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

REFRAIN

What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth. It liveth.

What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the night it giveth.

REFRAIN

Prayer for Illumination

Chad

God of justice and joy, open our hearts to your Word. Let the stories we are about to hear shake loose what needs to change in us. Let your Spirit stir our imagination and conscience—so we may see clearly, love deeply, and follow faithfully. Speak to us through Scripture, and surprise us with your truth. Amen.

Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Chad

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned

around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her. When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose.

The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

***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.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Diane

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Communion Hymn PH #517 *We Come as Guests Invited

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Trinity Choir

***Postlude**

Morning Has Broken, by Douglas Wagner

Nicki Kerns

Image on front cover: Hands at work on a potter's wheel. Source unknown.

*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, Chad Bell; Usher, Marta Narus

Greeter, Dan Rutan; Coffee Hour, Barbara Christie

Flowers, Barbara Christie; Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Chuck Cobery

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!



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.



FREE EVENT (*donations welcome*)

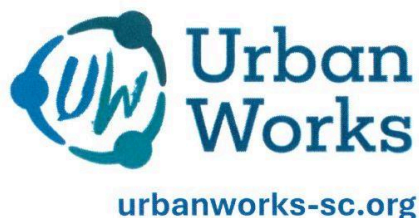
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church parking lot off Harrison



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Announcements Continued



Celebrating the Pouring out of the Holy Spirit!

It's called "Pentecost Sunday," and gives us an excuse to wear red to church! Or any other hues of bright fire, a symbol of the Spirit. It is also the season of contributing to the Presbyterian denomination's Pentecost Special Offering which funds programs for children, youth, and young adults throughout the church and beyond. You can send your donation to the church ("Pent. Offering" on the memo line) through Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Thank you for your generous donation.

Pride Parade, June 1

Trinity Presbyterian Church will once again be hosting a booth, along with Aptos Methodist, at the Pride Festival in downtown Santa Cruz. Come join us at our regular booth (across the street from the parking garage) for the festivities!

Third Monday Book Club, June 16

Book Club book for the month of June is *Founding Mothers - The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts. Hope to see you when we gather to talk about it!

Trinity's 87th Birthday Potluck, August 10

Save the date for a special potluck celebration in honor of Trinity Presbyterian's 87th birthday. Join us on Sunday, August 10, 2025, for good food, fellowship, and birthday cake!

Sunday Bin Helpers Needed

We're looking for volunteers to help put out the trash, recycling, and green waste bins on Sundays. This task can be shared among a group of willing individuals—perfect for those who want to lend a helping hand in a small but important way.

Teen Tech Assistant Position

Trinity is seeking teenagers (ages 13-18) to assist with the operation of our computer for filming services, managing audio equipment, and handling handheld microphones, along with a few other minor tasks. For more information, the listing can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office by the applications.

Presbytery's Unity Candle moves to San Martin!

Today, we remember and pray for the community, ministries, and staff of Trinity San Jose/Gereja Indonesian NCD with Rev. Dr. Vincent Arishvara.

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

- Jeff – Went to Abbott Square last night. Love Creek was playing. They'll be playing at our festival on June 14. "Leaving on a Jet Plane" was specially played for us.
- Pete – as we celebrate Memorial Day, prayers and thanks for the wonderful men and women who serve our country.
- Kathleen – prayers for the good people of Gaza
- Diana – continue to pray for Ukraine and Russia and the peace talks taking place this week
- Diana – prayers for our Jewish community in light of the recent shooting