

May 11, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter



(AI generated art of four women walking and sheltering each other from the rain)

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Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus, Heather Sorenson

Welcome and Announcements

Ed Sams

Preparation for Worship

During Advent, we take to heart a name for Jesus, “Immanuel.” It means “God with us.” It’s the center of the Advent experience, but it’s also just as important in the Easter season. Jesus being “with us” means a new level of knowing God. In what ways has the person of Jesus made a difference in your life?

Introit

Jesus, We Are Here; by Patrick Matsikeniri

Trinity Choir

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Ed

We come to worship Christ,

Who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, frees the prisoner, and comforts those who mourn.

We come to worship Christ,

Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We come to worship Christ,

Who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places.

~ written by Phil Whyte, Holy City Planning Group

***Hymn:** PH #260 A Mighty Fortress is Our God, by Martin Luther PSALM 46

Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (One)

Ed

God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we come to you in prayer. Sometimes we struggle with knowing how to effectively be with others. We want to rush to a solution for those who come to us, rather than provide a listening ear and a supportive friendship.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Ed

For those times when we have fallen short in loving you and loving our neighbor, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. May we also find healing for the wounds in our own lives that hold us back from healthy

relationships. Finally, may we find new ways of being with people, loved ones, strangers, and everyone in between, as we grow in our relationship with you. (Take time to offer silent prayers.)

Assurance of Forgiveness (One)

Dr. Rev. Jennifer Bales

Hear the Good News of the Gospel: 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Give thanks for the cleansing and healing of God's gracious love! You have been forgiven.

***Gloria**

Gloria Patri et Filio

Nicki

***Gloria, gloria, gloria Patri et Filio,
Gloria, gloria, gloria Spiritui sancto.
(repeat)***

***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: Stone Church of Willow Glen, Rev. Fred Herrell

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

Psalm 23; by Bain, arr. Myrick

Nicki

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green He leads me the quiet waters by.
He leads me, He leads me the quiet waters by.
My soul He does restore again and me to walk does make;
Within the paths of righteousness, for His own name's sake.
Within the paths of righteousness, for His own name's sake.*

*And though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff me comfort still.
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff me comfort still.
My table You have furnished in presence of my foes;
My head You do with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head You do with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

Prayer for Illumination

Ed

Loving God, open us to Your word this morning that we may be strengthened to live out Your love in word and in deed. Amen.

Gospel Reading (NRSVU) Isaiah 61:1-4

Ed

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Gospel Reading (NRSVU) Matthew 9:9-13

Jenni

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon *Being With Others* Jenni

Call to Offering

Offertory *Ave Maria*, by Bach-Gounod Nicki

***Doxology #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 (One)** Dr. Rev. Jennifer Bales

Generous and loving God, as we enjoy the privilege of your love and grace, may our hearts be moved to give of our resources to further the Good News of your love in our congregation, community, and the world. We dedicate it freely and with joyful hearts, knowing your hand will guide its use. May people come to know you better through our offering.

***Hymn (insert)** GTG #306 vs. 1, 3, and 5 THE CHURCH

Blest Be the Tie that Binds vs. 1, 3, and 5; by John Fawcett

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen** Trinity Choir

***Postlude** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, by Joel Raney Nicki

*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”

Guest Pastor, Dr. Rev. Jennifer Bales; Music Director, Nicki Kerns
Lector, Ed Sams; Usher, Pete Halper
Greeter, Dan Rutan; Flowers, Linda Weaver;
Coffee Hour, Dan and Vickie Rutan
Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Chad Bell & 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!



MaryAnn Hobb's Collection

Check out Mary Ann Hobb's collection of craft books in the Youth Room. (There is a designated shelf with a small plaque.) Feel free to borrow a book or add one if you have a craft book to share.

Third Thursday Happy Hour, May 15

Back Nine Bar & Grill (555 Hwy 17 at Pasatiempo Exit) is our new location for Trinity's Happy Hour at 5 p.m. Invite a friend and come enjoy fine food, fellowship, and drinks!

AFC's 13th Anniversary Gala, May 17

Celebrate 13 years of interfaith action with AFC at their anniversary gala in the Holy Cross Parish Hall (170 High Street, Santa Cruz). Enjoy dinner, drinks, a silent auction, and more from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Individual tickets are \$50, and a sponsored table for 10 is \$1,000. All proceeds support housing and shelter for our unhoused neighbors.

Third Monday Book Club, May 19

Hi Bookies! Our May 19th book club meeting will be in the Fireside Room at 10 a.m. We'll be discussing *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier. Whether you're a regular attendee or a newcomer, all are welcome to join in the conversation!

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. This is a fun and exciting event, and we will need volunteers to take 2-hour shifts throughout the day. Although setup and breakdown are mildly physical, the rest are easy sit-down jobs. Please call the office to sign up.

Family Fun Fest, June 14

Enjoy food, activities for all ages and abilities, and music by Love Creek on June 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Family Fun Fest, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 420 Melrose Ave. in Santa Cruz. In partnership with Urban Works, festivities include cupcake walk, fishing for prizes, ping pong, shuffleboard, face painting, and more, beginning on Trinity's lawn on Poplar Ave. and continuing at campus venues indoors and out.

Congratulations to graduates among Trinity's extended family!

Julia Bates, University of California, Berkeley

Kiera O'Brien, Escondido Christian School

Carina Bunch, University of Puget Sound

Kelsey Ferrell, University of California, Riverside

Regina Khoury, Humboldt University – Graduate in Geology

Rhiannon Lawton, San Lorenzo Valley High School

Maggie Poston, Rancho de sus Niños School of Mission

Matthew Robinson, California Polytechnic – Graduate in Engineering

Leilani Soares – University of California, Los Angeles

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 in San Jose!

Today, we remember and pray for the community, ministries, and staff of Stone Church of Willow Glen with Rev. Fred Herrell.

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

- Ellen Bauerle: grateful for a positive checkup following her surgery.
- Dan Rutan's friend, Kelly: healing from a fall that resulted in a head injury.
- Norma, Debbie Bates' cousin: thankful that she has been released from ICU; awaiting evaluation for potential kidney and liver transplants.
- Marta Narus' grandson: gratitude that he is making steady progress on his hike to Oregon on the Pacific Crest Trail.
- Santa Cruz Symphony and Cheryl Anderson's Cabrillo Chorus: thankful for their stellar performance of Mozart's Requiem and decades of exceptional performances to our community.
- Christine's daughter, Heather: awaiting treatment plan for correcting a blood clotting issue in her arm which includes removal of a rib.
- Medical personnel, including researchers: grateful for their professional services and supportive presence in the lives of those experiencing health issues.
- Vatican Conclave: wisdom and discernment in selecting a new pope.
- Chad Bell's college roommate: seeking employment opportunities after a layoff.
- The Thormann's grandson: as he turns 27, gratitude for the man he has become.
- The minority Syrian women: facing unimaginable brutality.

Please Welcome Our Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Bales

Jenni has been a minister member of the Presbytery of San Jose since 2012. Her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry are both from Fuller Theological Seminary. Her doctoral thesis project focused on the development of the Presbytery's Urban Ministry Center in San Jose and the relationship between human agency and charitable giving. She and her husband Alan have been married for 31 years and enjoy being outdoors together and spending time with their doodle Zoey.

Since 1938 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.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports/Sponsors

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo: Jeffery and Christi Boyd

Indonesia: Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Riskakotta

Mexico/US border: Craft Giron, Mark Adams, and Miriam Maldonado Escobar

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Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Mission ❖ Rebele Family Shelter ❖ Santa Cruz al Salvador

Santa Cruz Pride Parade ❖ Shower the People ❖ Sweet Pea Project

Urban Works ❖ Wings ❖ Welcoming Network

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday -Thursday 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Choir Practice: Sunday, 9:00a.m.

Trinity Church Session Officers

Ellen Bauerle, Clerk of Session

Admin/Finance, Chad Bell (‘27), Mayre Vincent (‘27)

Mission, Chuck Cobery (‘27); **Nominating**, Ed Sams (‘25)

Outreach, Mayre Vincent (‘27); **Personnel**, Debbie Bates (‘26)

Worship/Christian Education, Ellen Bauerle, Michael Christie (‘26)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.