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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Prelude and Processional

Quiet Prelude #1

Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Greet one another with the Peace of Christ

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“**And also with you.**”

Preparation for Worship

Who are the funniest people you've known? What are some playful activities you've enjoyed? Fun, humor, and playfulness are meant to be life-giving. “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17)

Time with Children

Introit

Surely the Presence

Call to Worship

Adapted from Canada's Bay of Quinte Conference

One: We come into the presence of a God we can neither see nor touch, yet a God we can sense.

All: We are playful for Christ's sake.

One: We come in the name of Jesus, whose beauty we cannot explain or capture, but know intimately.

All: We are paradoxical for Christ's sake.

One: We come to hear from a book, with words and stories that are ancient yet ever new.

All: We are imaginative for Christ's sake.

One: We live in a world whose economy is based on keeping, yet in this place, we are invited to give.

All: We are fools for Christ's sake.

One: We come, leaving behind all the busyness — all the other important things we could be doing — to be together in worship.

All: We will give thanks and be glad in it for Christ's sake.

***Hymn of Praise PH #302**

I Danced in the Morning

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Creator God, we take ourselves so seriously. We cling to our finite understandings and experiences, as if anything unusual or new is a threat or disaster. Forgive our unwillingness to explore, grow, and evolve.

Healing Spirit, forgive us for mockery and degrading jokes meant to lift us up while trampling on others. Grant us the ability to laugh at ourselves and disarm one another from demeaning or defensive postures.

Risen Christ, you taught the ridiculous idea of loving one's enemies and the illogical hope of resurrection. Surprise and delight us, the citizens of your kingdom.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Jesus said, "I came that you would have life abundantly." Friends, let us humbly embrace the amazing grace God provides. Let us celebrate and cut loose as we share it with one another. The delightful peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

***Gloria**

Glory Be to the Father

Nicki Kerns

*Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit, three in one.*

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*As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen.*

Prayers of the People

*After each petition please say, “God of Life and Hope,”
and all respond, “Hear our Prayer.”*

Lord’s Prayer

All: **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 *There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy* Karen Marroli

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea. There’s a kindness in God’s justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in Heav’n, There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement giv’n.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would rest on God’s Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord. If our love were but more faithful, we would rest on God’s Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Prayer for Illumination

All: **God of beauty and mystery, as we hear the ancient words read and a new sermon proclaimed, we open our hearts, minds, and imaginations to your Holy Spirit. What word do you have for us? Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 8:30-31: Then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Psalm 104:30-32: How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number — living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23: Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Matthew 18: 1–3: At that time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Love and Delight

Rev. Diane Ford

A Prayer for Playfulness

All: Lord of the platypus and the otter, your playfulness pervades the earth. Just as you called children to you, help me to remember myself as your child. Take the weight of solemnity off my chest, and replace it with delight and curiosity.

Source of Joy, help me see the opportunities for playfulness and laughter in life around me, and let me be inspired to participate in your good gifts. Help holy merriment overflow abundantly in my life, as a light that reflects you. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory *Soliloquy on What Wondrous Love Is This*
Grimoaldo Macchia (Sacred Organ Library #9)

***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**

All: **Holy, Lord of the Dance: to you we offer our time, talents and treasures, dedicating ourselves as disciples of Jesus, members of one another, and light-bearers to the world. Amen and Amen.**

***Closing Hymn GTG #765**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

***Blessing**

***Amen**

***Postlude**

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

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

*PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;
GTG - Glory to God Hymnal*

THANK YOU

Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Marta Narus
Greeter: Debbie Bates
Ushers: Jeff and Patti Lawton
Coffee: Dan and Vickie Rutan
Flowers: Linda and Ron Weaver

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. After worship, please join us for coffee, tea, and juice in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here!

Online Church Service

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube. If you want edited sermons complete with dates, sermon titles, bulletin covers, and volume enhancements, check out our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypresse.org>

Installing Our New Pastor

As some of you have heard, plans are underway for the installation service of Pastor Diane Ford. The original date was in October, but we have decided to postpone it. It will no longer coincide with the potluck (see the announcement below), giving us more time to plan and prepare.

AFC Dinners, Every 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays

Looking to contribute to your community through cooking or small donations? Contact Debbie Bates at debates44@aol.com to see what can be provided.

Book Club Meeting, October 21st

Hi Bookies! Our October book is Santa Cruz Ghost Stories, edited by Nancy Lynn Jarvis. It's available at Santa Cruz Bookshop. Two members of Trinity, Ed Sams and Larry Vilardo, contributed stories to the collection and will join us at the book club to discuss them. Don't miss out on a spooky time on Monday, October 21st, at 10am in the Fireside Room!

Church Potluck, October 27th

On Sunday, Oct. 27, following the church service, we will be holding a Farewell Potluck for our dear friends Charlie and Gwen May. The event will take place in the fellowship hall, and drinks will be provided. Please Note: we have decided to postpone Pastor Diane Ford's installation, originally scheduled for Oct. 27, so that we can fully engage in and enjoy both events. Stay tuned for the new installation date.

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

- Truett Bobo: experiencing chronic pain from shingles.
- Laura Hamby: looking forward to continued healing at home.
- U.S. Navy: celebrating its 249th birthday; and thankful for all men and women who serve in all U.S. armed forces.
- Jaron, Vicki Rutan's grandson: hospitalized while undergoing tests with viral meningitis.
- El Estero Presbyterian Church in Monterey: thankful for their ministry during the transition time between called pastors.
- People between Asheville, North Carolina, and Newport, Tennessee: recovering from the devastation caused by hurricane Helene.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / *Canto de esperanza*



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.