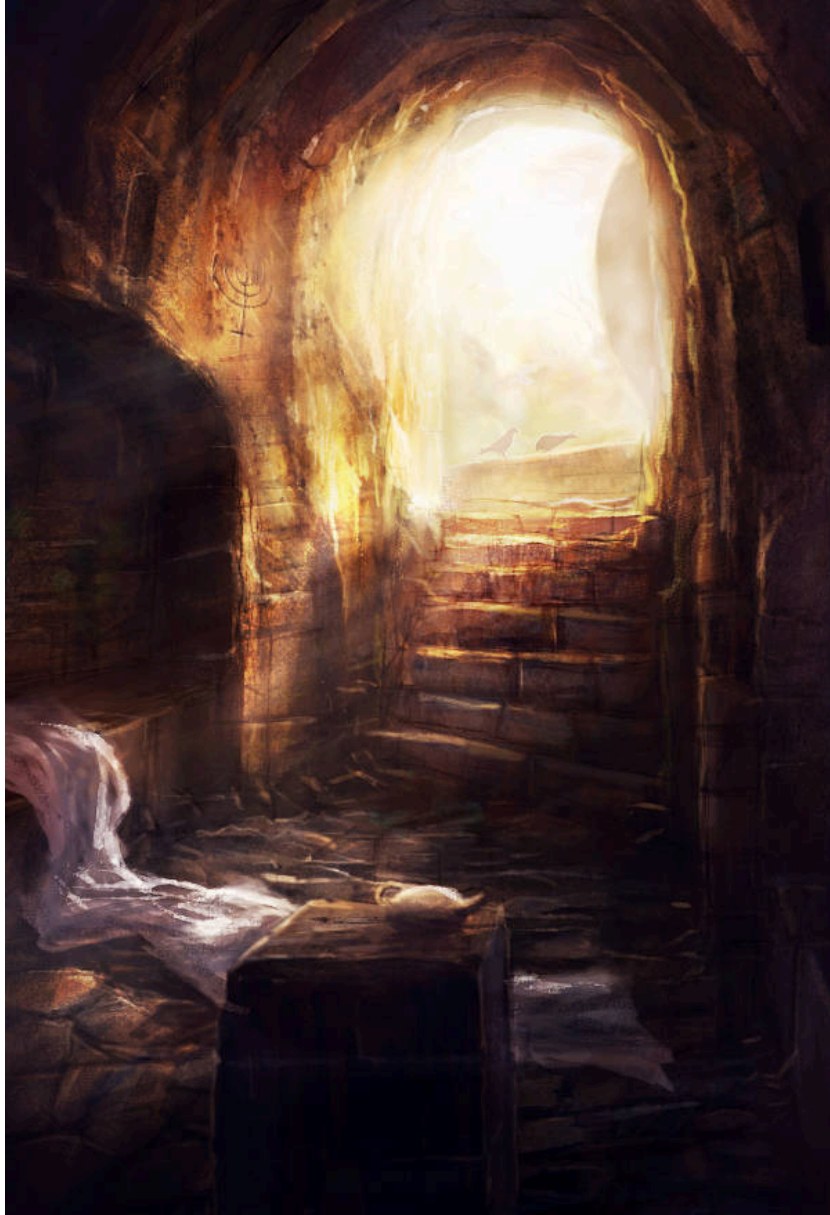


**April 20, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

*Easter Sunday*



*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10*

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## Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, by Joel Raney

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

## Preparation for Worship

The unimaginable happened, and still we wonder about it. What does it mean?

**Introit**      *Let This Day Be Filled With Wonder*, by James Biery      Trinity Choir

## Call to Worship (Responsive)

Ed Sams

Come, you who watched and waited at the cross.

Come, you who wept and wandered in the dark.

The stone is rolled away.

**He is not here—he is risen!**

Come, let us run with the women to the tomb.

Let us wonder with Peter and remember his words.

**Christ is risen indeed—Alleluia!**

Let every shadow scatter. Let every heart rise up.

Let every voice proclaim:

**Glory to God in the highest—Christ is risen, love has won!**

\***Hymn:** PH 123

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

## Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing

Ed

Even on this radiant morning, we remember: we did not stay with him in the garden. We denied him by our silence. We fled while he bore the cross alone. And yet—this is the morning of mercy. Let us return to the God who brings life out of death and forgiveness out of failure.

## Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Ed

**God of mercy and dawn, you meet us in the garden of our grief. You see the places where we are still afraid, still hiding, still not ready to believe. You call us by name. We confess the ways we have turned from you—in fear, in anger, in shame. We have doubted your love. We have forgotten your promises. We have kept resurrection at a distance.**

**Forgive us, O Christ. Roll away the stones in our hearts. Call us again to life. Make us your Easter people—risen, forgiven, and forever made new.** (*Take time for silent prayers*)

**Assurance of Forgiveness** (Responsively)

Ed

The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away.

The linen cloths are left behind.

Christ is risen—and in him, so are we.

This is the promise: in Christ, all is forgiven.

In Christ, death does not have the last word.

In Christ, we are made new.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**\*Gloria**

***Clapping Gloria***

Nicki Kerns

***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.***

***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.***

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” **“And also with you.”**

**Message for the Children: Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing**

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: Foothill Community/First Thai

Revs. Andy and Lindsay Wong; Rev. Paul Pansuay.

**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.**

**Minute for Mission**

Chuck Cobery

Sponsoring a Child with Santa Cruz al Salvador

**Anthem** *Handel's Easter Messiah*; by G.F. Handel, arr. Hal Hopson Nicki Kerns  
*Sinfonia*

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth  
Since By Man Came Death  
The Trumpet Shall Sound  
But Thanks Be to God. Hallelujah! Amen.*

Laura Zucker, soprano

Joshua Porter, baritone

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Ed Sams

Living God, on this morning of wonder and silence, we come to the tomb with questions and longing. We are like the women—carrying what we think is needed, expecting only grief—but you meet us with astonishment. Open your Word to us now as you opened the eyes of your disciples. Let the scriptures burn within us and your voice call us by name. Speak, risen Christ—we are listening. Amen.

### **Reading**

#### **Luke 24:1-12**

Ed

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright, the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Praise Ascending*, by David Paxton

Nicki Kerns

\*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

**Risen Lord, we offer these gifts as signs of your new life in us. Use them—and use us—for your glory and your good news. Amen.**

Cantata

*Handel’s Easter Messiah*

G.F. Handel, arr. Hal Hopson

\*Blessing and Charge

\*Amen

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, by Peter Lutkin

Trinity Choir

\*Postlude

*Jubilation* by Gordon Young

Nicki Kerns

Image on front cover: From within the empty tomb. Artist unnamed.

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\*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, Ed Sams; Usher, Pete Halper

Greeter, Jolynn Carrington-Khoury; Coffee Hour, Mayre and Tim Vincent

Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Chad Bell and 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!



## One Great Hour of Sharing

Today we are dedicating our “Gracie the Fish” boxes and all other donations to God’s good work in the world! OGHS donations go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please use the provided special envelopes.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Today’s yearly Easter egg hunt is after the service! Children AND adults are welcome to join in.

## Pastor Diane on Vacation

Pastor Diane will be on vacation the weeks of April 21–27 and May 6–11. Please contact our Moderator of Deacons, Kim Johnston, or Clerk of Session, Ellen Bauerle, in case of a pastoral emergency, and they’ll contact the pastor on call. The Rev. Jenni Bales will be our guest preacher on April 27 & May 11.

## Family Fun Fest (Save the Date: Saturday, June 14, 11am–3pm)

Trinity, in partnership with Urban Works, is hosting a day of fun for the neighborhood!

Activities for All Ages and Abilities: games, face painting, cupcake walk, lyra and aerial silks performance, food, live music, and much, much more! Watch for ways you can be a part of this special community event!

## Presbytery’s Unity Candle is in San Jose!

Today, we remember and pray for the community, ministries, and staff of Foothill Community/First ThaiRevs. Andy and Lindsay Wong; Rev. Paul Pansuay.

## **A New Way of Giving**

For those who have been contributing monthly through online giving, please note that we have switched to a new system that accepts donations at a lower rate of cost. To continue supporting us, please visit our website at [www.trinitypresssc.org](http://www.trinitypresssc.org). We appreciate your generosity.

## **Donate Used Electronics**

The Welcoming Network seeks computers and phones for our neighbors. Donated laptops (PCs up to 10 years old, MacBooks up to 15), iPhones (4G/5G), Androids, iPads, and tablets will be erased, refurbished, and given to those in need. Non-reusable items will be recycled at Grey Bears. If you are able to donate any of these items, contact **Karen Wichelmann** at (831) 588-9240.

## **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.

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

- Debbie Bates' cousin, Patsy: Prayers for discernment and proper diagnosis by medical personnel regarding pain in her legs.
- Marta Narus' grandson: Traveling mercies as he hikes along the Pacific Coast Trail to attend a June wedding in Oregon.
- Sandy Thormann: Gratitude that her kids were able to attend a family gathering.
- Linda and Ron Weaver: Traveling mercies during a trip to Oregon to celebrate a cousin's 80th birthday.



*In Memory Of*

*Dr. And Mrs. Earl Lawton  
 Mr. And Mrs. Robert Ferguson  
 Betsy Williams  
 Bob Williams  
 Jerma and Martha Thormann  
 Sharon Weld, Irene and Peter Wilt  
 Maureen Johnson  
 Grandpa Tom Allen  
 Bill and Joey Bear  
 Mary Jane Rutan  
 Sally Sams  
 Kathleen "Dolly" Bass  
 My Family  
 Tom Wichelmann*

*In Honor Of*

*Caroline Chambers  
 Everyone's Family  
 Norbert Lauer  
 Blanch Korava  
 Julius and June Giovannoni  
 Angelo and Anne Puccinelli  
 Those Who Speak Truth to Power*

*With Love From*

*Barbara and Michael Christie  
 Sandra and Jerry Thormann  
 Linda Weaver and Liam Dyson  
 Dan and Vicki Rutan  
 Ed Sams  
 Stacey Bass  
 Marta Narus  
 Karen Wichelmann*

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