

August 23, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Welcome to Summertime Worship



What is God shaping my life to become?

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Gathering Music *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* Nicki Kerns
by Barbara Boerthje

Welcome Rev. Diane Ford

Psalm of Wonder Psalm 100:1-2 Gigi Giannini & Diane
Two Bible verses, in three versions NRSVUE, CEB, and The Message

New Revised Standard Version Updated (left side) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. <i>Serve the Lord with gladness.</i> Come into his presence with singing.	Common English Bible (right side) Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! <i>Serve the Lord with celebration!</i> Come before him with shouts of joy!
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The Message
(All)

**On your feet now—applaud God!
Bring a gift of laughter,
Sing yourselves into his presence.**

***Opening Hymn**

GtG #631 *In the Presence of Your People, vs. 1 sung 3x*
(see music insert)

Prayer of Wonder and Openness Diane

Hymns and Songs (see music insert)

MH #77 *How Great Thou Art, vs. 1,2 (from the Methodist Hymnal)*

GH #523 *World Peace Prayer,
with Luke 24:13-35, the Road to Emmaus*

Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation

Diane

Words of Assurance (*responsively*)

Gigi

As Scripture reminds us, the God who has begun a good work in us is faithful to bring it to completion, renewing and transforming us in love. In Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, and made new. **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria PH#576

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*Gathering at the Font

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Diane

“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 go to Sunday School.

Sharing Stories of Wonder and Wondering

Who would you like to be like? Why?

Who do you suppose would like to be more like you?

Prayers of the People

Today we write our prayers on cards that Diane will read aloud.

Pastoral Prayer

Diane

Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for Daesung Church, Sunnyvale.

Sung Lord's Prayer (all echo leader)

Guitar: Arnie Serigstad

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| 1. Our Father
<i>who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth
as it is in heaven.</i> | 2. Please give us
<i>all that we need,
And forgive us
all our sin
as we forgive
those who sin against us,
and lead us not
away from you.</i> |
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*For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and Glory forever.
Forever.... And ever.*

Our Father... Who art in heaven... Hallowed be thy name...

Prayer for Ears that Hear (unison)

Gigi

Revealing God, give us ears to hear and hearts ready to receive your Word. As you awaken us morning by morning, open our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to your truth. May what we hear today take root in us and bear good fruit in our lives. Amen.

Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Gigi

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members,

and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Offering Our Lives to God

Offertory

The Bible in 50 Words
by Chuck Marohnic

Nicki

*God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split,
Joseph ruled, but wait, there's more to come.
Jacob fools, bush talks, Moses balks, pharoah plagued,
People walk, but wait, there's more to come.

Sea divides, tablet teach, promise lands, Saul freaks,
David peeks, prophets warn, there's more to come.

Jesus born, God walks, Love talks, anger crucified,
Hope died, but wait! There's more to come.

Love rose, Spirit glows, Work spread, God remained,
That's it, that's it, yes, that's it.
God has remained.*

Hymn PH #593

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
by Avery & Marsh

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*) Gigi
Gracious God, we give you these gifts as an offering of our gratitude and love. Use our time, talents, and treasure to bring your healing, hope, and grace into the world. May all that we give and all that we do serve your purposes and reflect your love. Amen.

***Hymn PH #369** *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***Announcements**

***Blessing and Charge** Diane

Postlude *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above* Nicki
by Molly Ijames

*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”

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| Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford | Music Director: Nicki Kerns |
| Lector: Gigi Giannini | Flowers: Emily and Lee Duffus |
| Coffee Hour: Barb Christie | Usher: Pete Halper |
| Greeter: Russ Hobbs | Guest Musician: Arnie Serigstad |
| 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!



Next Sunday, **August 30th, Trinity Church will be celebrating its 88th birthday with a potluck** immediately following church service. Birthday cake will be provided!

Trinity Book Club meets the third Monday of each month. In September we will discuss "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood.

To schedule a visit with Pastor Diane please email her directly at TrinitySCPastorDiane@gmail.com, or bring your calendar on Sunday morning and she will set a time with you.

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

- The Lawton's son: traveling mercies as he flies to Hawaii into the storm.
- Jerry Thormann's friend Hershel: recovering from a nasty fall.
- Nicki's friend: waiting for the outcome of a job application.
- Dan Rutan's granddaughter: traveling mercies as she heads to NYC for a job.
- Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church and Pastor Hardy Kim: blessings on their ministries to Silicon Valley.
- Diane's brother: grateful that a kidney stone was dissolved before it became a serious issue.
- The Rutans: thankful for safe travels as they celebrated Dan's brother's 90th birthday.

Since 1938, as a congregation in the Presbyterian Church, USA, 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. You are warmly invited to join us in the challenge of Christian faith and ministry. Should you have questions about church activities, pastoral services or membership at Trinity, please speak with the Pastor.

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Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Chad Bell (2 nd T)	Michael Christie (2 nd T)
Chuck Cobery	Ron Weaver
Mayre Vincent	

Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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Kim Johnston	Peter Halper (2 nd T)	
	Marta Narus	

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