

**April 28, 2024**



**Trinity Presbyterian Church**

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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### Processional

### 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

#### Prelude

*Adagio*

Robert Lau

#### Introit

*Christ, Be Our Light!*

Bernadette Farrell

### Call to Worship

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: Beloved, let us love one another one another.

All: **We love because God first loved us.**

One: Let us worship God.

### \*Hymn of Praise #464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

### Call to Confession

One: In the light of the God of Glory, Lord of Love, our human imperfections and frailties confront us. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

**One:** Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are a New Creation. God's love and forgiveness are everlasting.

**\*Clapping Gloria** (Refrain between each choir verse)

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.*

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## Time with Children and Youth

### Anthem

*I Am Love*

Joseph M. Martin

*I am the wind, the breath of song.*

*I am the truth that writes the wrong.*

*I am the hope that brings the dawn.*

*I am love.*

*I am the sun that wakes the morn.*

*I am the heart where faith is born.*

*I am the peace beyond the storm.*

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*I am the song of life.*

*I am a candle in the night*

*The stars are vain without my light.*

*I am the voice of every dream.*

*I am the joy of the redeemed.*

*I am the reason children sing.*

*I am love.*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

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.

## **Scripture Readings**

Psalm 22:25-31 and I John 4:7-21

Psalms: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him - those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

I John: Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*God is Love*

Rev. Kathleen Eschen-Pipes

**\*Hymn #366**

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Lord’s Prayer**

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Mark Hayes, arr. Gaspard

**\*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: God of life and love, with thankful hearts we acknowledge our lives to be a gift of your grace, renewed every morning and nurtured every day in your tender care.

**All: Make us a blessing to those our lives will touch, and show us how to receive in gratitude the blessings their lives will bring into ours; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Gather Hymn #533**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Amen**

**\*Postlude**

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* Douglas E. Wagner

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

## **THANK YOU**

Guest Pastor: Kathleen Eschen Pipes  
Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Lector: Mayre Vincent  
Greeter: Darrell Yeane  
Head Usher: Pete Halper  
Flowers: Linda Weaver  
Coffee: Kim Johnston

## **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.trinitypressc.org>

## **Pastor Larry's Contact Information**

Pastor Larry's official email is now [trinityscpastor@gmail.com](mailto:trinityscpastor@gmail.com); however, he will continue to respond to emails at [lvilardo@earthlink.net](mailto:lvilardo@earthlink.net).

## **Where There's a Will, There's a Way!**

Is Trinity in your estate plans? If not, please consider designating a legacy gift to your church. There are several easy ways to accomplish this: your will/living trust; brokerage accounts; life insurance; real estate; and retirement savings plans such as an IRA, 401(k), or 403(b) account. Gifts can be designated for an endowment fund, a specific mission, or other purpose, or for general expenses.

To learn more about such possibilities, contact Lee Duffus or Bob Scott.

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

- Lorraine Vilardo: joyful to be back at live worship service; grateful to the Trinity family for their support, and to Larry for taking good care of her.
- Nancy Meyberg: healing and successful recovery from a broken pelvis.
- Linda Weaver: recovery of balance and stability following a fall.
- Trinity Congregation: gratitude from Deb O'Connell for the welcoming and fellowship during her annual sojourn in Santa Cruz.
- Patti Lawton's nephew Adam: seeking wisdom regarding treatment of recently diagnosed metastasized melanoma cancer.
- Hospice of Santa Cruz County: grateful for the valuable services of this organization for those grieving loss.
- Harry Blanchard: patience with his isolation and looking forward to his return to live worship services.

## We Welcome Rev. Kathleen Eschen-Pipes

A graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, The Rev. Kathleen Eschen-Pipes moved to Santa Cruz in 1996, where she served as an ecumenical campus minister at UCSC through 2004. At Trinity, she has sung in the choir, quilted with the Sweet Pea Project and served as a Parish Associate. She also volunteers in the community with KSQD Radio, the Santa Cruz Jazz Society, and the Resource Center for Nonviolence. She lives in Santa Cruz with her husband, Jake and daughters, Bethany and Janet.

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 or any of the church officers listed below.

### **Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports**

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo: Jeffery and Christi Boyd  
on the Mexico/US border: Craft Giron and Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar  
The Covenant Network of Presbyterians ♦ Faith Community Shelter  
Wings ♦ Rebele Family Shelter ♦ Habitat For Humanity ♦ Friends Outside  
Immanuel House ♦ Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Mission ♦ Sweet Pea Project  
Alcoholics Anonymous ♦ Santa Cruz al Salvador  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
Boy Scout Troop #618 ♦ Cub Scout Troop #618

**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 Officers**

#### **Session**

**Ellen Bauerle**, Clerk of Session

Class of 2024  
**Kathy Willott**  
**Charlie May**  
**Chad Bell**

Class of 2025  
**Michael Christie**  
**Debbie Bates**

Class of 2026  
**George Bunch**  
**Ed Sams**



## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

## Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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ST. CATHERINE 8.8.8.8.8

Paul Gerhardt, 1653  
Trans. John Wesley, c. 1739; alt.

Henri Frederick Hemy, 1864  
Alt. James George Walton, 1874

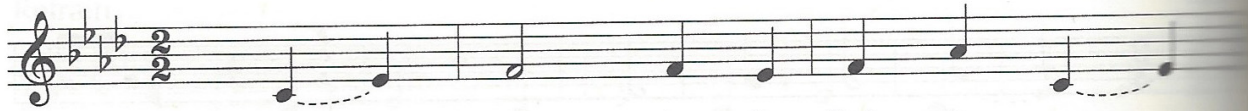
1. Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can  
2. O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but  
3. O Love, how gra - cious is Thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
Thy pure love a - lone; O may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
fore Thy pres - ence flies; Care, an - guish, sor - row melt a - way,

And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
Wher - e'er Thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus, noth - ing

lone, I'd live, My - self to Thee en - tire - ly give.  
heart re - move; May ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
may I see, Noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but Thee.

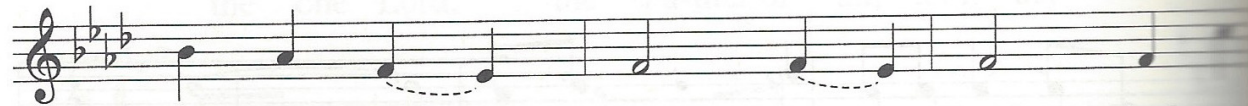
# 533 They'll Know We Are Christians



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



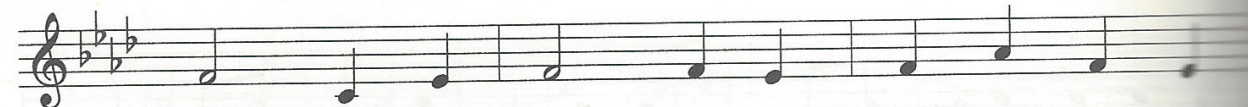
one in the Lord, We are one in the  
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each  
 work side by side, We will work with each  
 whom all things come, And all praise to Chris



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And we  
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll  
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -  
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our  
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's  
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:  
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our  
 pride:  
 one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.