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Welcome to Worship



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Prelude and Procession *Give me Jesus*, by C.E.Walz

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Introit

Rain Down, by Jaime Cortez

Nicki

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Natalie Serigstad

Come as you are—
with the answers you have,
and the questions you carry;
with the places where you feel certain,
and the places where you are still becoming.

God is here.

Let us open ourselves to the presence of the One
who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,
who meets us with grace,
and who is still at work within us.

**When we fall on our knees,
with our face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Come, let us worship the God
who runs to us, heals us,
and makes all things new.

***Opening Hymn GtG #11** *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*
Please see insert

Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation (*unison*)

Natalie

God of grace, we come before you as we are—
with what is whole in us
and what is still being healed.

Forgive us for the ways we have turned away from you,
from one another,
and from the people you are calling us to become.

Heal what is wounded in us.
Soften what has grown hard.
Free us from the things that keep us stuck.

And where we need to change,
give us the courage to change.
Where we need to begin again,
give us the grace to begin.

Make us ready to receive your love
and ready to share it with one another.

(Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life (*responsively*)

Natalie

Hear the good news: “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” In Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made new. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Gloria**

Gloria Patri, Taizé

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria Patri et Filio,
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Spiritui Sancto.
(repeat)

***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.

Word with the Children

Diane

Children are invited to go to Sunday School

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

Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for Bonny Doon Presbyterian Church.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Diane

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.

Focus on Mission

Habitat for Humanity

Lee Duffus

Aurelio Salazar, Jr.

Anthem

Glorious Forever, by David Lantz III

Trinity Choir

*We will exalt You, glorious forever;
You are Almighty, our God and our King.
Faithfully praising Your marvelous Name,
This is the essence of all that we sing!
Faithful Your words, righteous Your ways,
Everlasting Your works, our voices we raise!
We will exalt You, glorious forever;
Praises and blessings to You, Lord, we bring!*

*You are the holy and merciful Lord,
The God of Creation, the King of us all,
By each generation so greatly adored,
We will forevermore answer Your call!*

*We will exalt You, glorious forever;
You are Almighty, our God and our King.
Faithfully praising Your marvelous Name,
This is the essence of all that we sing!*

*Loving in deeds, gracious and kind,
There for our needs, Your completeness defined!
We will exalt You, glorious forever;
Praises and blessings to You, Lord, we bring!*

*We will bless Your holy Name forever and ever,
We will bless Your holy Name forever and ever,
We will bless Your holy Name forever and ever,
Bless Your holy name!*

*We will exalt You, glorious forever;
You are Almighty, our God and our King.
Faithfully praising Your marvelous Name,
This is the essence of all that we sing!*

*Faithful Your words, righteous Your ways,
Everlasting Your works, our voices we raise!
We will exalt You, glorious forever;
Praises and blessings to You, Lord, we bring!
We will exalt You, glorious forever Lord of all!*

Prayers for Ears that Hear

Natalie

God of grace and truth, open our ears to hear your Word and our hearts to receive it. Give us ears that hear beyond familiar words, and hearts open to what you would show us today. May your Word unsettle us, delight us, and draw us more deeply into your way. **Amen.**

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Offering Our Lives to God

Diane

Offertory

Living Water, by Michael Shea

Nicki

***Doxology** PH #593

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Diane

Gracious God, receive these gifts, and receive us with them. Take our resources, our time, our attention, our willingness—and use them for your work in the world. Make us willing to follow where your Spirit leads. In Christ's name, Amen.

***Hymn GtG #691**

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Please see insert

***Blessing and Charge**

Diane

***Amen**

Choir

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, by John Turner

Nicki

*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”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Natalie Serigstad Flowers: Nancy Cobery
Usher: Pete Halper Greeters: Jerry & Sandy Thormann
Coffee Hour: Kim Johnston
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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!



Today we welcome Aurelio Salazar, Jr. to speak about **Habitat for Humanity**.

The PC(USA) World Communion offering. Our Presbyterian denomination uses these churchwide special offerings for ecumenical and interfaith engagements promoting racial and gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and local missions. Please give generously in the envelopes provided.

The Board of Deacons relies on the generosity of members and friends of the congregation to provide financial support for their endeavors. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews to designate your contribution to the work of the Deacons. Thank you!

All Church Workday Saturday October 10, 9AM-Noon. Come join in and experience the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment that comes on a Church Work Day. Bring work gloves, garden tools and cleaning supplies if you can, but most importantly bring yourselves! We will be cleaning up the flower beds and plants, refurbishing the birdhouse library, and general spring cleaning duties. Contact Larry for more information.

Save the Date! All-Church Retreat Saturday, October 17, 9 am – 1 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Aptos.

Emergency Contact Information. We are asking regular church participants to provide basic emergency information for our church records. We hope to rarely, if ever, need it—but having this information helps us care for one another. **Please complete an emergency contact form found in bulletin.**

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.

- Presbytery Unity Candle: gratitude for prayers and recognition from other Presbyterian congregations; thankful for the Korean Central Presbyterian congregation that shares our campus.
- John, father of Debbie Bates' daughter-in-law: needs medical intervention for an infection.
- Jerry Thormann's friend, Eric: softening of his heart to recognize Jesus as his savior.
- Vickie Rutan: needs treatment for unknown cause of pain.
- Elowen, new niece of Kathleen Eschen-Pipes: thankful for her safe delivery.
- Pastor Diane: grateful for her passport renewal and airline tickets secured to enable her to join the November Santa Cruz al Salvador delegation.

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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