# **October 1, 2023**



## **Trinity Presbyterian Church**

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## **World Communion Sunday**

## 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 1, 2023

#### **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**

J.R.R. Tolkien

The drink in their drinking-bowls seemed to be clear cold water, yet it went to their hearts like wine and set free their voices. The guests became suddenly aware that they were singing merrily, as if it was easier and more natural than talking.

**Prelude** It Is Well With My Soul/I've Got Peace Like a River

Vicki Hancock Wright

#### Introit

Come To the Table of the Lord

## Call to Worship

Ukrainian Orthodox Liturgy

One: Lord, God, we gather here today under Your care and

protection.

All:

We thank you for those who are with us, and we praise You for Your lovingkindness that never fails us. We ask that You strengthen us with Your peace and fill us with the Holy Spirit as we come together to praise and worship You.

## \*Hymn of Praise #430

Come, Sing O Church in Joy

(music at end of bulletin)

#### **Call to Confession**

Ukrainian Orthodox Liturgy

One: In order that we may make a good confession, it is necessary

for us to prepare ourselves carefully.

All: We ask God to give us grace to make a thorough examination of conscience, courage to make a sincere and complete confession, and strength to amend our way of life in the days to come.

## **Prayer of Confession**

All: Lord of all creation, you created us as one family and you provided the wonders of creation for our use and enjoyment. Yet we often forget that people from every nation and language on earth are our sisters and brothers. The earth is scarred because we are selfish in our ways. Forgive us and heal us Lord so that we may truly be one family, the family of God praising your name and giving thanks for all your generous provisions.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Philippians 1:9-11

One:

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.

People: Hear the Good News: in the Name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made one in the Spirit.

#### \*Gloria #579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Minute for Mission Peace and Global Witness

George Bunch

#### **Anthem**

## Always a Place for You

You pause at the door,
Alone and unsure,
Convinced this is no place for you.
And you hesitate, you deliberate,
We have been waiting for you.
Come in.

There is always a place for you, There is always a place for you. Though your doubts may be strong, Rest assured you belong. There is always a place for you.

Your eyes search the room,
Afraid to assume
A space could be open for you.
And you second-guess your worthiness,
We have been watching for you.
Come sit here.

There is always a place for you,
There is always a place for you.
Though your doubts may be strong,
Rest assured you belong.
There is always a place for you.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Christ is the bread of life and His words are life. As we hear them this day may we receive the power of His healing and love.

## **Scripture Reading**

1st Corinthians 10:1-17 Selected Verses New Jerusalem Bible

I want you to be quite certain, brothers, that our ancestors all had the cloud over them and all passed through the sea. 2. In the cloud and in the sea they were all baptized into Moses; 3. All ate the same spiritual

food 4. and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they drank from the spiritual rock which followed them, and that rock was Christ. Now all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were described in writing to be a lesson for us.

- 12. Everyone, no matter how firmly he thinks he is standing, must be careful he does not fall. 13. None of the trials which have come upon you is more than a human being can stand. You can trust that God will not let you be put to the test beyond your strength, but with any trial will also provide a way out by enabling you to put up with it.
- 14. For that reason, my dear friends, have nothing to do with the worship of false gods. 15. I am talking to you as sensible people; weigh up for yourselves what I have to say. 16. The blessing-cup, which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ; and the loaf of bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? And as there is one loaf, so we, although there are many of us, are one single body, for we all share in the one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Waters of Life

Larry Vilardo

## **Prayers of the People**

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

## Call to Offering

**Offertory** Soliloquy on "What Wondrous Love is This"

Grimoaldo Macchia

## \*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

God was with Israel in the wilderness for forty years. He led them by a pillar of fire and cloud. Christ was their rock and their source of life as He is ours. May we dedicate ourselves to be as consistent in life giving and healing behavior. Our Lord has been with the people of God throughout history.

\*Communion Hymn #439

In Christ There is No East or West

(music at end of bulletin)

#### Call to the Table

One: We come to the Lord's supper together as children of our

one God.

All: Jesus makes the guest list, not us. Our family, chosen by

God, is gathered from west and east, and includes everyone,

even the lowest and the least. All are welcome here, the

youngest and oldest, the rich and the poor, the hurting and

the hopeless.

One: People are welcome from east and west and north and

south and from every tongue and tribe and nation. Jesus, when

he was resurrected from the dead, revealed himself to his

disciples in the breaking of bread around a table.

All: May we see the face of God today in each other as we

come to the Lord's Supper.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

## **Sharing the Bread**

## **Sharing the Cup**

(The outer ring contains wine, the inner rings contain grape juice.)

## Response of Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the bread which we have broken and the cup which we have shared. We give thanks for Your sure provision for our lives. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn #434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

(music at end of bulletin)

- \*Blessing
- \*Amen

\*Postlude

Morning Has Broken

Douglas E. Wagner

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

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#### THANK YOU

Pastor: Rev. Larry Vilardo

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Charlie May

Greeter: Dan Rutan Usher: Pete Halper

Coffee: Vickie Rutan

Flowers: Karen Wichelmann

## **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!

#### **Deacons**

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.

## **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**

We are collecting one of the four Presbyterian annual offerings today. This offering enables the church to promote peace by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. 25% of the offering stays here in the Santa Cruz area. You can donate by sending a check, or online at <a href="https://www.trinitypressc.org/donate-to-trinity">https://www.trinitypressc.org/donate-to-trinity</a>.

## Trinity Library Open Thursdays 10am - Noon

Our library, offering French press coffee, a huge selection of theological and secular books, as well as a rotating display of art, is open Thursdays from 10am - Noon, and during coffee hour on Sundays.

## Trinity All-Church Retreat, October 7 and 8

The retreat starts with breakfast on Saturday at 8:30AM and finishes after the 10:30 Worship Service on Sunday. You may come for all or part of the weekend. Let George know (geobunch@gmail.com) if you plan to join us for meals. Be sure to get your map this morning or request one from George. Ellen & Laura have planned many fun and educational sessions including free time activities Saturday afternoon and charades Saturday evening. The theme is Transformations in Self, Church, and Community.

## Book Club, Monday, October 16, 2pm, Fireside Room

We will discuss "The Personal Librarian". Vickie Rutan will lead the discussion.

## Happy Hour, October 19, 5pm

We meet for a happy hour on the third Thursday of every month. Location to be determined...

## **Stewardship Sunday, October 29**

Join us as we celebrate the culmination of our Stewardship campaign with a wonderful potluck after the worship service. Contact Michael Christie for information.

## **Be Part of the Solution to the Housing Problem**

Please consider joining the team of dedicated Trinity volunteers who provide lunches for the volunteer construction workers who are building new homes in the Live Oak neighborhood. It's an easy, yet important way to participate in the great work of Habitat for Humanity in our community. The next available dates are November 7 and December 5. Contact Lee Duffus for further information at leeduffus@gmail.com or a text at 831-295-3025.

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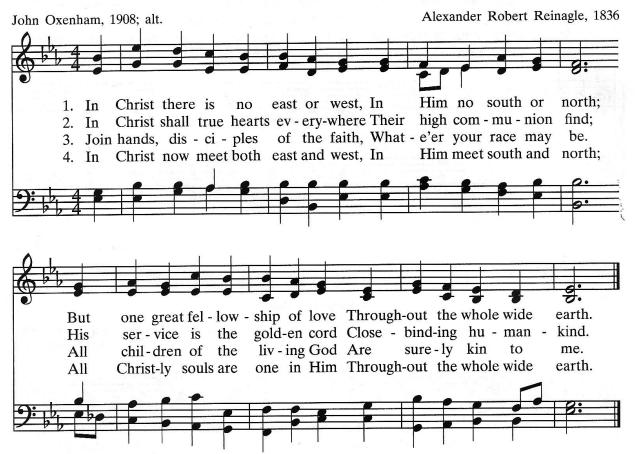
# Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



CHURCH: UNIVERSAL Luke 13:29

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