

**July 12, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Welcome to Summertime Worship**



*A Natural Wonder: Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights*

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**Gathering Music**

*Arulla (Lullaby)*

Nicki Kerns

**Welcome**

Rev. Diane Ford

**\*Opening Hymn** PH# 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Prayer of Wonder and Openness**

Diane

**Hymns and Songs**

**PH #339** *Be Thou My Vision, vs. 1, 2*

**PH #306** *Fairest Lord Jesus, vs. 1, 2*

**GtG #32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God, vs. 1, 2*

**Psalm of Wonder**

*Psalm 104:24-30*

Diane and Russ

Leader: Let the people rejoice!

Congregation's response:

**How many are your works, Lord!**

**In wisdom you made them all.**

*Children are invited to go to Sunday School after the Psalm*

**Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation**

(space for writing or drawing)

**\*Gloria**

*Glory to God*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!  
To God be glory forever.  
Alleluia, Amen.  
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**\*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.*

**Sharing our Sense of Wonder**

*Share an object, a memory, a photo, or a story  
of where you’ve seen God at work*

**Offering Our Lives to God**

*As music is played, please fill out a card with any prayer request you have this morning. Pastor Diane will read them aloud, unless you specify not to.*

**Offertory**

*Serenity, by Heather Sorenson*

Nicki

**\*Sung Response PH #552** *Give Thanks O Christian People, vs. 1*

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day  
who heed the call to service and make it their life’s way  
to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,  
to work for equal justice, till all God’s folk are freed.**

**Prayers of the People** - God of Life and Hope, **Hear our Prayer**  
*Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for the Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church, San Jose.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The 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.**

**Prayer for Ears that Hear**

Russ

**Reading**                      Matthew 6:26-28

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

**Reading**                      Matthew 6:28–30

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

**Reading** Matthew 13:31–32

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

**Reading** Matthew 13:33-34

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Rev. Diane Ford

\***Hymn** PH #332 *Live Into Hope, vs. 1, 2, 4*

\***Announcements**

\***Blessing and Charge**

Diane

**Postlude**

*Gavotte, from French Suite #5, by J.S. Bach*

Nicki

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

*PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH – Gather Hymnal; GtG - Glory to God*

*Cover Image: The Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, shines above Bear Lake. United States Air Force photo by Sr. Airman Joshua Strang. Public Domain.*

## Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Russ Hobbs

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeters: Lee and Emily Duffus

Coffee Hour: Pete Halper

Flowers: Linda Weaver

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!



**Happy Hour** will take place Thursday, July 16 the Back Nine Patio at the Inn at Pasatiempo from 4 - 6pm. All are welcome for fun and fellowship.

**Book Club** will meet on Monday, July 20 at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room to discuss “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi.

**Pupusa Fundraising Luncheon Sunday, July 26! Benefiting al Salvador,** Trinity’s prayer children and their school. Enjoy great food and music by our own Presbyterians in the Fellowship Hall after Service.

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

- Shirley (friend of the Bunches): For healing from diverticulitis.
- Mark (brother of the Lawton's daughter's boyfriend): As he makes his final journey home.
- The family and friends of Margaret Ann: As they mourn her passing from ovarian cancer.
- Ed Sams: For comfort and peace.
- Jeanne's friend: For a successful recovery and healing from heart surgery.
- Kathleen (Stacy's friend): on her challenging journey with breast cancer.
- Our Nation: For healing and unity as we mark 250 years.
- Michelle: For a successful surgery.
- Diana Dean's friends from India: gratitude for the freedom and success they are experiencing in the United States.
- Stacy Bass as she seeks the right buyer for her parents' house.
- Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Jose: celebrating 100 years of ministry.

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.

### **Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports**

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo, and on the Mexico/US border ♦ The Covenant Network of Presbyterians ♦ Faith Community Shelter ♦ Hospice of S.C. County ♦ 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 (CASA) ♦ Scout Troop #618 ♦ Cub Scout Troop #618

#### **Session Elders**

**Class of 2026**  
Ed Sams (2<sup>nd</sup> T)

**Class of 2027**  
Chad Bell (2<sup>nd</sup> T)  
Chuck Cobery  
Mayre Vincent

**Class of 2028**  
Michael Christie (2<sup>nd</sup> T)  
Ron Weaver

#### **Deacons**

**Class of 2026**  
Nancy Cobery  
Kim Johnston

**Class of 2027**  
Barbara Christie  
Peter Halper (2<sup>nd</sup> T)  
Marta Narus  
Lorraine Vilardo (2<sup>nd</sup> T)

**Class of 2028**  
Gigi Giannini

#### **Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford      Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Office Admin: Nicole Donovan      Custodian: Hortencia Martinez

#### **Committee Leads**

<b>Clerk of Session,</b> Ellen	<b>Outreach,</b> Mayre
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