Trinity Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathered together we look for what will be.

Give us courage to expect your presence.

Feeling our hearts beat we know our own potential.

Give us courage to awaken to possibilities.

Come, Holy Spirit, move among us, make us a worshipping community.

We are ready to pray, to sing, to hear your Word.

*OPENING HYMN #634

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory; great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing though Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Come! Let us open our eyes to our inner selves where all is revealed. Let us look honestly and boldly unafraid of the glare of our sinfulness. Let us confess together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

God of all creation whose love gives light to the world, we know how vulnerable we are to seeing only ourselves while consciously avoiding the suffering in the world. There are far too many who are in pain and who live in despair, poverty and fear for us to worry about. And in forgetting our connections, we unwittingly participate in the forces of alienation and violence. Forgive us. Restore us to faithfully living. Amen.

Minute of Silent Personal Confession Let us sing to the Lord...

KYRIE—ALL SING



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Like the prodigal Father, God waits for us with open arms. In accepting grace, let us courageously extend it to those we hold in contempt and those we perceive as lesser than ourselves. In the name of Him who died for us all... **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 22:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

SERMON Reversals Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #477

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord

Thy mercy and thy truth, O, Lord, transcend the lofty sky; thy judgements are a mighty deep, and as the mountains high.

Lord, all thy creatures thou wilt save. Since thou art ever kind, beneath the shadow of thy wings we may a refuge find.

With the abundance of thy house we shall be satisfied; from rivers of unfailing joy our thirst shall be supplied.

The fountain of eternal life is found alone with thee. and in the brightness of they light we clearly light shall see.

From those that know thee, may thy love and mercy ne'er depart, and may thy justice still protect and bless the upright heart.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of all creation, you made the hands that stirred unthinking at the start of this day. As the hours slip by, help me to be more mindful of the good that they might do:

in the greeting they might offer, in the burdens they might bear, in the worry they might soothe.

Prompt me to keep them open not clinging to what you have entrusted freely offering, freely receiving, in response to this day's needs.

May each small motion be a sign of trust, a reminder that my life is in your hands. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

POSTLUDE

CHARGE AND BLESSING