

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

WELCOME

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth by Conrad Kocher arr. Carol Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in God and give thanks to God's holy name.

God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

All creation is subject to God's rule and reign.

We bring our prayers and praise to God most high.

Come, all who hunger, all who thirst;

Be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

We bring our joys and sorrows, fullness and needs.

We come to praise God in all things.

OPENING HYMN #363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ever-more:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come,

To glorify the saints for their eternal home:

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Confession is a vital part of our worship and we do so not because we are bad people, but precisely because God has created us as good people and we wish to grow and become better. So let us now open ourselves to honestly identify where we have fallen short and as an avenue of growth.

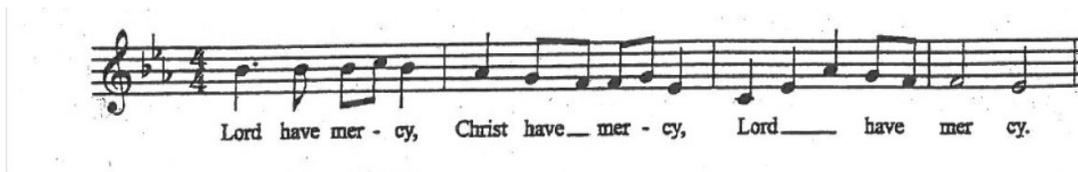
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

—Rev. Cheryl Edmonds

Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. We know your laws and your commandments, but we choose to disobey you and to act in ways that harm our families and neighbors. We hear your call to reach out to those most in need, but instead we turn our backs on them and on you. Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers and the people you created us to be. Amen.

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

KYRIE—ALL SING



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

God withholds nothing from us. In mercy, God forgives us while challenging us to move forward with our faith and to grow in our compassion and spirit of charity. **Thank you, Lord. We promise to extend your grace to our neighbor. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

America, the Beautiful by Samuel Ward arr. Calvin Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

SERMON

If Only...

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN #819

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

PRAYER FOR AMERICA

**In our tears and agony,
We hold our children close,
And confront the truth:
The future is dark.
But my faith dares me to ask:
What if this darkness is not the darkness of the tomb,
But the darkness of the womb?**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN #836 (*verses 1-4*)

Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Phillip Keveren

Pastor

Rev. Tom Dunlap

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Davis McKinney