

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

PRELUDE

Take My Life by Scott Underwood arr. Carol Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

by Thomas Dunlap

We bring our humanity: our worries and frustrations, our hopes, our joys,
our physical limitations, our sorrows and our laughter.

**We come as advertised, without pretension, without any need to
be anyone other than who we are.**

Energize us with your Spirit that we may connect on a deeper
level with both you and those we are joining in praise and prayer.

OPENING HYMN #:33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Praise the Lord, God's glories show	Alleluia!
Saints within God's courts below,	Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above,	Alleluia!
All that see and share God's love.	Alleluia!

Earth to heaven and heaven to earth,	Alleluia!
Tell the wonders, sing God's worth,	Alleluia!
Age to age and shore to shore,	Alleluia!
Praise God, praise forever more!	Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace,	Alleluia!
Praise this providence and grace,	Alleluia!
All that God for us has done,	Alleluia!
All God sends us through the Son.	Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Before we can experience the amazing gift of forgiveness, we must first fearlessly examine ourselves to see what lurks in the shadows. Let us join together to expose ourselves to the light.

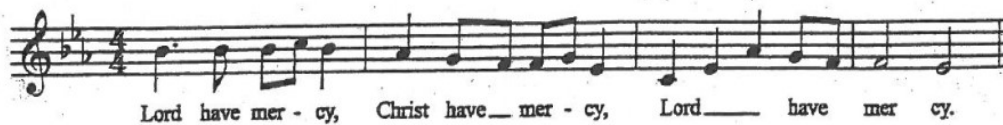
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Forgive us, O God, for our small-minded ways that block us from embracing our neighbors with compassion. Forgive us for gazing into the mirror too long; for caring too much about what others think of us; for being overly critical of ourselves; and for being consumed by products we do not need and for wasting your precious resources. Restore in us a proper mind that does not fog over realities we prefer not to see and accepts all living beings as manifestations of your Creative Genius. Through Jesus Christ who died for all of us. Amen.

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

KYRIE—ALL SING



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Knowing that we are loved unconditionally, let us accept God's forgiveness and extend to others the same grace we have received. Being forgiven, let us now live as free people. Let us join together in saying: **AMEN!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Solid Rock by William Bradbury arr. Byram/Wilbanks

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:34b-40

SERMON

The Antidote

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN #379

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome, some day.

We are not afraid
We are not afraid
We are not afraid, today.

Refrain: Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.

Refrain

We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand, some day.

God will see us through;
God will see us through;
God will see us through today.

Refrain

Refrain

We shall live in peace
We shall live in peace
We shall live in peace, some day
We shall live in peace, some day.

Refrain

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Celtic Profession of Faith (from the Iona Community)

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;

**In the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
Conflict and caring link arms
And the sun rises over barbed wire.**

We believe in a with-us God

**Who sits down in our midst
To share our humanity,
A feasting God
We affirm faith,
That takes us beyond a safe place
Into action, into vulnerability, Into the streets.**

We commit ourselves to work for change

**And put ourselves on the line;
To bear responsibility, to take risks,
Live powerfully and face humiliation;**

To stand with those on the edge; To choose life

And be used by the Spirit for God's community of Hope. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN #761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1. Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mis-
sion,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for ac-
tion,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Open My Eyes, That I May See by Clara Scott arr. Carol Tornquist

Pastor

Rev. Tom Dunlap

Director of Music

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