

\*CLOSING HYMN #824

*Near to the Heart of God*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Ed Dyer
Ushers	Ginny Kramer, Edna Campbell, Linda North
Guest Musician	Stella Bardetti
Co Pastor	Rev. Kate Mauch

**Bolded words are read by the congregation. \*Indicates please stand as you are able.**

**Welcome:** to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow slips which are on the table in the narthex and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church



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August 13, 2023 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God lifts us from death to life  
and preserves us for God’s purposes  
through the compassion of  
Jesus Christ our Lord  
and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.  
**With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN #410

*God is Calling through the Whisper*

CALL TO CONFESSION

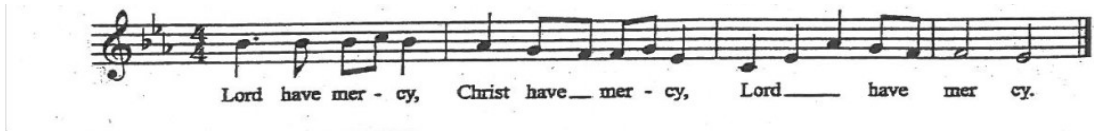
God makes no distinctions among us—the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous. Indeed, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Confessing our sins, we depend on God’s generosity and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen.

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

SPECIAL MUSIC

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** *Children’s Sermon*  
*(The children will be dismissed to Children’s Church after the Children’s Moment.)*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #188** *(verse 1)* *Jesus Loves Me*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
God of our present trouble and promised triumph, Open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles. Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance. Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles. Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Kings 19:9-18

**SERMON** *I Alone* *Rev. Kate Mauch*

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #169** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from Theological Declaration of Barmen*  
**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**  
**As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.**

**The Christian Church is the congregation of the brothers and sisters in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely the property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**  
Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation. Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to him.

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, in Jesus fully known:*  
*Praise God, all creatures high and low. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471** *(verse 1)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)**

**\*HYMN #410**

*God is Calling through the Whisper*

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder;  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading;  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and night our praises bringing;  
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

**\*HYMN #169**

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #824**

*Near to the Heart of God*

1. There is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.

***Refrain:***

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee  
near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God.

***(Refrain)***

3. There is place a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God.

***(Refrain)***