

*CLOSING HYMN

The Lord’s Prayer

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

May Jesus Christ Be Praised by Joseph Barnby arr. Marian Talley

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Kurt Schuler
Ushers	Donna and Kurt Schuler, Wilson Tayong
Communion Servers	Marty Reese, Debbie Johnson, Debi Hess, Joleen Goens
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

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.

Portions of today’s liturgy *Portion of today’s liturgy are from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol.2, 2013.*

Trinity Presbyterian Church



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August 6, 2023 10:15 AM
10th Sunday after Pentecost

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Show Me Your Glory by Third Day arr. Bill Wolaver*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

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

INTROIT #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

***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 #33** *Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show*

CALL TO CONFESSION

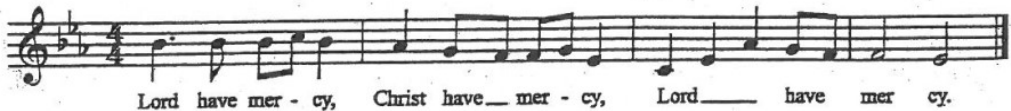
Trusting in God’s mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which God already knows.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*

O God, you know us. We often try to fool you, but you catch us every time. We confess that we have been culpable of dismissing lots of other people as inferior to ourselves simply because they are different. And in so doing, we have contributed to the strife in the world that currently divides us and has led to unconscionable acts of violence. Forgive us when we are hostile. Forgive us when we fail to stand up for what we know is right. Forgive us when we turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the cries of those wanting no more than peace and security and an equal chance at life. And give us the strength to mend our ways and be a source of good in our world. For the sake of Him who died for our forgiveness. Amen.

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

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*
God does not condemn us. God knows that being human is challenging. God gives us the space we need to grow. All God wants is for us to try. Let us accept the challenge. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *We Are the Reason by David Meece arr. Mark Hayes*

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT *Children’s Sermon*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Providing God, by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word, that we might be filled with the bread of life. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: II Samuel 12:7
Luke 19:1-10

SERMON *Part II in "Telling Stories"* *Rev. Tom Dunlap*
Once Upon A Time

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical)*
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
God has been generous in providing for our needs. Let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *Rescue the Perishing by William Doane*
arr. Donald Marsh

***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**
Loving and generous God, you provide for us and even bless us in more ways than we can number. We give these tithes and offerings to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love so that those who do not yet know you may also come to your love. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS’ SUPPER (see insert)
The Lord’s Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.
Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents’ blessing.
Please eat the bread when you receive it, symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ. Hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our unity in Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
[Clergy expressions; **Congregation response**]

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*

We are invited to Christ's Table which has been set for all of us.

Thank you, Lord, for your gracious invitation!

Remember that we are not invited because He regards us as more desirable guests than others.

We rejoice in the knowledge that everyone is welcome.

And so let us take our place at the Table and enjoy this communion experience with all the guests who have accepted the invitation.
God is here.
Amen!

HYMN OF PREPARATION #511 *Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN #33

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

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

HYMN OF PREPARATION #511

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

Come, behold! The feast of heaven Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given.
Hear the Word of God declared:
Come! The banquet is prepared.

All is ready, come attend Alleluia!
as the Lord's invited friend;
come from north, west, south, and east;
celebrate the joyful feast.

All who trust in God belong Alleluia!
at this banquet with this throng.
Share the mystic holy food;
taste and see: the Lord is good.

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!
here the hungry soul is filled;
here the weary are refreshed.
All who share God's feast are blessed.