

*CLOSING HYMN #761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power by James Ellor arr. Gail Smith

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Cindie Postell
Ushers	Connie Williams, Praises Nyamusa, Emivine Akoualefo
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 card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our "Joys and Concerns." Please fill out the worship registration pad found in the pew, and pass it to the person next to you. Once the form is completed the last person to receive the form places the form in the offering plate.

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 B, Vol.1, 2014, Westminster John Knox Press.*

Trinity Presbyterian Church



www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

Ah! Holy Jesus by Johann Crüger arr. Gilbert Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #250

In the Bulb There is a Flower

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

*OPENING HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

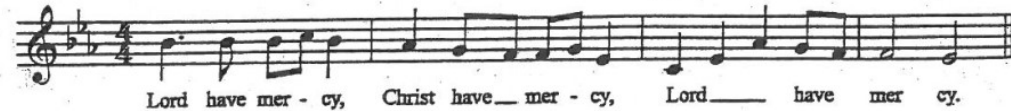
Before we can experience the amazing gift of forgiveness, we must first fearlessly examine ourselves to see what lurks in the shadows. Let us join together to expose ourselves to the light.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Jesus said that he did not come to save the righteous, but sinners...like ourselves. So in the spirit of thanksgiving, let us accept the forgiveness offered to us and resume our lives as redeemed people. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

ANTHEM

Do Not Fear, For You are Mine by David Lantz

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

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may repent, and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and the kingdom has come near; in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 9:13-18
II Peter 3:18-22

The Tiger Within

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Because we believe in Jesus Christ, we respond in tangible ways. By doing acts of justice and compassion, and by sharing our resources, we bear witness to the good news of the gospel. The offering is received in gratitude to God.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word by Joseph Klug
arr. Zach Unke*

***DOXOLOGY Hymn #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)