

\*CLOSING HYMN #726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Stand Up for Jesus by George Webb arr. Mark Hayes*

**Congregation remains seated**

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Liturgist	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Ushers	Keith Harring, Valentine Nyamusa, Connie Williams, Wilson Tayong
Acolytes	Nissi and Samuel Tayong, and Jayden Nyamusa
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Kate Mauch

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**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 provided in the narthex 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.

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church



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Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

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## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### THE PEACE

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

#### INTROIT #621

*I Will Call Upon the Lord (sing 2X)*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look at the heavens!  
**They are shouting the glory of God.**  
The days and the nights declare the magnificence  
of God’s creative works.  
**Their voice goes through all the earth  
and their words reach the ends of the world.**  
Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.  
**Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #826

*Lift High the Cross*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

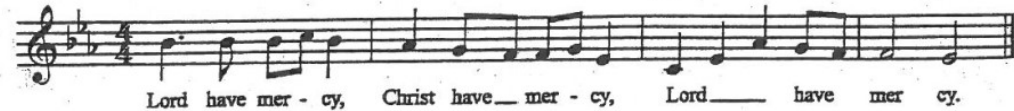
Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God, and from each other, that we may experience God’s mercy and receive God’s forgiveness.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.**

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

**KYRIE—All Sing**



**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven. Live in peace! **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Walkin' on That Heavenly Road by Greg Gilpin*

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Children's Sermon*

*(After the Children's Sermon, the Children will remain in the worship service.)*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Jesus Loves Me*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Be our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Mark 8:27-38

Psalm 116:1-9

**SERMON**

*Land of the Living*

*Rev. Kate Mauch*

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #20**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

**Thank you, Dear Spirit, for loving me even when I can't love myself. I thank you for guiding me when I've lost my way. I thank you for all the miracles, seen and unseen, that have brought me back into alignment with my true nature. I thank you for placing before me so many opportunities to learn love for myself that I could learn to love others.**

**I thank you, Dear Creator, for the outstanding beauty of nature that makes me so appreciate life. I thank you for the sunrises and the sunsets, for the vastness of the ocean and beauty of its many moods and colors. I thank you for my food and the roof over my head.**

**I thank you for the quiet moments of self-reflection, for the peace in my heart when I realize how much I am loved. Thank you for the people who inspire me, for roses that smell heavenly, for kinder spirits that understand me and support me on my life's journey.**

**Thank you for the way my spirit is lifted when I speak of my blessings, and mostly, thank you for the fact that more blessings come to me when I appreciate the ones I have. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*Isa. 50:8*

In the face of adversity, the prophet Isaiah calls to the people: Let us stand up together. This is a call to us, as well, to stand together with our offerings, given for the well-being of the church and of those in need. We will receive them now.

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

*Wayfaring Stranger; American folk melody arr. Howard Helvey*

**\*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, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of wisdom, may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need. Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given us for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)**