

**September 15, 2024**



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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 15, 2024

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**Processional**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

*Greet one another with the Peace of Christ*

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

**Preparation for Worship**

In the letter to those living in Thessalonica Paul wrote, “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thess. 5:16-18) Consider these questions: Is this asking too much? When you have followed this teaching, what happened?

**Prelude**

*I'll Fly Away/I See the Light*

Brumley/Williams

**Introit**

*Bless The Lord, O My Soul*

Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship**

One: We gather to proclaim the Good News:

**All: Our hearts have been set free by the love of God!**

One: At times we feel chained, trapped, or full of worry.

**All: Our hearts are reassured by the love of God!**

One: Our minds can be confused, and our bodies can fail us.

**All: Yet our peace and strength are in the Lord!**

One: Let us sing our thanks to the Source of Song and Life!

**\*GTG Hymn #5 Vs. 1, 2, and 4**

*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

## Call to Confession

One: "Sing to the Lord a new song!" the Scripture says. But how can we sing the Lord's new song when we are carrying heavy loads of grief, frustration, pain, or shame? This is, indeed, the moment when a song *is* new! Let us name our needs in prayer, so we may be freed, once again, to sing.

## Prayer of Confession

**All: It's difficult, God, to be human. And there are so many dead ends, disappointments, and unknowns. Jesus faced such things and taught the art of faithful prayer, service, and hope. Forgive and redirect us when we doubt your power in our lives. Help us see your vigilant work in and among us, so we can trust your faithfulness and sing the new song you put in our hearts.**

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

One: As we grow in faith and discipleship, we lean into the everlasting truth:

**All: The Living Christ has given us a new song to sing!**

One: Receiving this gift, we become "forgiven forgivers."

**All: We are freed to follow Christ faithfully in all circumstances.**

## \*Clapping Gloria (Refrain between each choir verse)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

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## Minute for Mission

George Bunch

## Time with Children

## **Anthem**

## *Follow Me*

Russell Nagy

*Today we'll follow the steps of our Savior,  
Today we'll follow the ways of our Lord.  
We'll go wherever the Master will lead us,  
Today we'll follow the path of our Lord.*

*"Follow me, become disciples and follow me,"  
Jesus' call is a melody,  
A simple song that He loves us.*

*"Come and see, we'll change the world if you follow Me.  
A new creation in harmony; I will lead if you follow, follow!"*

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen**

## Scripture Reading

**Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13 Acts 16:19-34**

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Acts: When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.” The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God — he and his whole household.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*What New Song Shall We Sing?*

Rev. Diane Ford

**\*PH Hymn #458**

*Earth and All Stars*

**Prayers of the People**

*After each petition please say, “God of Life and Hope”  
and all respond, “Hear our Prayer.”*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

*A Child is Born*

Thad Jones

**\*Doxology #591**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**All: What gifts can we bring you, Giver of All Gifts? From a place of gratitude, we join the flow of all good gifts among one another and throughout your world. Increase our faith that we may lean more fully into a life of generosity, bearing witness to all the world what it is to know the depths of your love and will. Amen.**

**\*PH Hymn #430 Vs. 1, 2, and 3**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Amen**

**\*Postlude**

*Down By the Riverside*

Traditional Spiritual

*\*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

## **THANK YOU**

Pastor: Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Marta Narus

Greeters: Jeff and Patti Lawton

Head Usher: Pete Halper

Coffee: Tim and Mayre Vincent

The pink rose is dedicated to Elizabeth Louse Morris, first granddaughter of Dr. Richard Robinson. Elizabeth was born August 11, to Christina and John. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!**

We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. After worship, please join us for coffee, tea, and juice in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here!

### **Online Church Service**

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube. If you want edited sermons complete with dates, sermon titles, bulletin covers, and volume enhancements, check out our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypressc.org>

### **Pastor Diane's Contact Info**

To reach out to Pastor Diane email: [trinityscpastordiane@gmail.com](mailto:trinityscpastordiane@gmail.com)

## **Children's Preschool Job Opening**

Children's Preschool is looking for a part-time toddler teacher. If you know of anyone who would like to apply, please contact Krishanie and Senaka at [krishanie@childrenspreschool.org](mailto:krishanie@childrenspreschool.org) or call 831-425-7580.

## **Third Thursday Happy Hour, September 19th**

Don't miss our Third Thursday Happy Hour next month at 5 PM! We will meet at Cruz Kitchen and Taps at 145 Laurel Street in Santa Cruz for fellowship and conversation.

## **Santa Cruz al Salvador – Thirty Years and Counting!**

Santa Cruz al Salvador is celebrating thirty years of accompaniment with communities in rural El Salvador with a special event at the Watsonville Public House on Saturday, September 21, from 2-4 p.m. The Watsonville Public House is a nonprofit, community brewery and an outreach of the Presbyterian Church, run by minister/brewmaster Robby Olson. It is also dog-friendly!

We will have a special guest, Joseph Russ, a Presbyterian Mission Worker living in El Salvador and studying migration in the Northern Triangle of Central America. Our delegations have greatly enjoyed meeting with Joseph in El Salvador over the past couple of years and learning about his mission to create an immigration plan that works for everyone.

A \$30 ticket will include a glass of beer, wine, cider, or sparkling water, along with plenty of delicious hors d'oeuvres. We will also have Salvadoran crafts and new Santa Cruz al Salvador T-shirts for sale. All proceeds from this event will go to fund much-needed water and latrine projects in the impoverished community of El Pilar.

Please see Chuck Cobery, George Bunch, or Gwen May for tickets!



# God the Sculptor of the Mountains 5



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the  
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the  
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the  
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the  
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the  
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the  
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:  
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:  
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:  
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;  
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;  
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;  
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.  
 we are aim - less; lead us now.  
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

# Earth and All Stars

458

DEXTER 4.5.7 D with refrain

Herbert Frederick Brokering, 1964

David N. Johnson, 1968

Ab Cm Bbm Ab Fm Eb Bb Eb Fm Db

1. Earth and all stars, Loud rush - ing plan - ets Sing to the  
2. Steel and ma - chines, Loud pound - ing ham - mers Sing to the  
3. Class - rooms and labs, Loud boil - ing test tubes Sing to the  
4. Knowl - edge and truth, Loud sound - ing wis - dom Sing to the

Ab Bbm Fm Eb Db Eb Ab Eb Db Ab Eb Cm Fm Ab Bb Eb

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blow - ing snow - storm  
Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams, Loud build - ing work - ers  
Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band, Loud cheer - ing peo - ple  
Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son, Loud pray - ing mem - bers

Fm Fm Db Cm Bbm Fm Eb Db Eb Ab Eb

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Eb Ab Db Ab Db Ab Eb Ab Fm Db Ab Fm Bbm Eb Ab

mar - vel - ous things. We will sing prais - es with a new song!

# Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

430

Brian Dill, 1988

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.8.8

John Darwall, 1770

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,  
3. Let cour-age be our friend, Let wis-dom be our guide,  
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
Em - power-ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
As we in mis-sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

This tune in a lower key, 155

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