

September 1, 2024



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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 1, 2024

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

God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

— Ephesians 3:20

Jesus said, “I am the Vine, and you are the branches.”

— John 15:5

Prelude

All Good Gifts

Stephen Schwartz

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.

But it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand.

God sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain.

The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

REFRAIN:

All good gifts among us are sent from Heaven above.

So thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.

We thank Thee, then, O Father for all things bright and good,

The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.

No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts,

But that which Thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts!

Introit

Surely the Presence

Call to Worship

One: The Spirit of the Lord is in and among us,

All: Bidding us to notice this mystery in ordinary places.

One: God puts out the 'Welcome' mat as we gather to worship!

All: And the Living Christ once again invites us as friends to the communion table.

One: Let us rejoice in the marvelous hospitality of God!

*Hymn of Praise #507 (Vs. 1, 2, & 4)

I Come With Joy

Call to Confession

One: Friends, knowing the faithfulness of God, let us with courage name the ways we relate unfaithfully to one another and to God. Let us bring our needs, doubts, hopes, and imagination as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

All: Welcoming God, the risen Christ was recognized when people broke bread on the shore and at a dinner table after a long walk. Forgive us when we ignore or forget to see your Presence in and among all people. Awaken us to the joy of communing with you and one another, that we might be a profound witness to your hospitality.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear and believe this good news!

All: The Living Christ has revealed the depth of God's grace.

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

All: In Christ, we are forgiven and made new!

One: Receiving this gift, we can forgive ourselves and one another.

All: Let it be so! Amen!

***Gloria #579**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Time with Children

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour, for the day and of the night.
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of night.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of Thine, by Your grace so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Prayer for Illumination

**All: God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread.
 Nourish us by Your word and fill us with Your Spirit so that
 we may grow in faith and love through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-31

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Strangers Can Expect of Us

Rev. Diane Ford

Prayers of the People

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

Call to Offering

Offertory

Communion Pastorale

John M. Rasley

***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.

***Communion Hymn #514**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Call to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The outer ring contains wine, the inner rings contain grape juice.

Response of Thanksgiving

All: Gracious God, we give thanks that your Son modeled 'gracious welcome.' Teach us the art of hospitality, as we share your love in all places with all people. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #391 (Vs. 1, 3, & 6)**

Take My Life

***Blessing**

***Amen**

***Postlude**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Joel Raney

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

THANK YOU

Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Michael Christie
Greeter: Dan Rutan
Head Usher: Pete Halper
Coffee: Jeff and Patty Lawton
Flowers: Dan and Vickie Rutan

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>

Service Worship Sunday, September 8th

Invite your neighbors and friends to join Trinity's Worship Service on Sunday, September 8th, at 10:30 a.m. After a welcome by our new pastor, Rev. Diane Ford, everyone is invited to participate in one of our service project groups and then return around noon for a taco lunch and fellowship on the Trinity lawn. To help distribute our members among the different projects, please sign up for your preferred project on the insert and place it in the offering plate.

Harry Blanchard Memorial Service, September 14th, 2pm

Harry Blanchard's memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary with a small reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

Trinity Retreat: Saturday-Sunday, October 12-13

The retreat begins on Saturday with breakfast at 8:30am, followed by registration at 9am. It concludes on Sunday with worship at 10:30am and an optional \$12 lunch.

To meet our guarantee, we encourage everyone, if possible, to stay overnight on Saturday. Rates are \$129 per person for double occupancy and \$140 for single occupancy, all including four meals. You can also stay Friday night for an additional \$25 per person, with an optional Friday supper for \$14.

If you do not stay overnight, there is a \$25 day-use fee plus the cost of meals. To reserve your room and meals, please sign up with George at geobunch@gmail.com or Cailan at trinitysc@sbcglobal.net.

Announcements Continued

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!

Message From Larry the Librarian

Over the next year, the library website will be undergoing some major changes. I hope to have at least some of the collection digitized. My long-term goal is to enable online title searches. Additionally, I plan to include very short videos or YouTube links on the site. Look for more information in the Trinity electronic newsletter, bulletin, or on the library website at:

<https://www.trinitylibrary.org/>

Message From Rev. Diane Ford

Dear New Friends of Trinity,

I want to thank you for the warm welcome you have given me. I am in the process of orienting myself to all things Trinity, which will continue for several months! I've learned that you have a tradition of making typed sermons available for anyone who would like a copy, and that they are mailed to homebound members and friends. While I don't always create a full script — sometimes using an outline instead — I will work on providing a cohesive and meaningful version of the sermon for those who miss them on Sundays. I appreciate your patience in the meantime.

Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.

- Elizabeth Bunch: anticipating a successful total hip replacement surgery.
- Sandy Thormann's friend, Frank: decided against the plan to move to Alaska, and is now residing in a local long-term care facility.
- Diana Dean's grandson: successful transition to high school.
- Justin Bell and Byron Bunch: starting their college experiences at CSU Long Beach and San Jose State, respectively.
- Elizabeth Louise Morris, Richard Robinson's first grandchild: grateful for her safe arrival.
- Family and friends of Mike Verducci, Nicki Kerns' cousin: mourning his passing.

Please check which September 8th, Sunday Service Worship group you'd like to join. Tear off and put in the offering plate.

Yes, I/we would like to join the group below:

___ Shower Trailer Cleaners

___ Greeting Card Writers

___ Neighborhood Clean-Up

___ Singers of Cheer

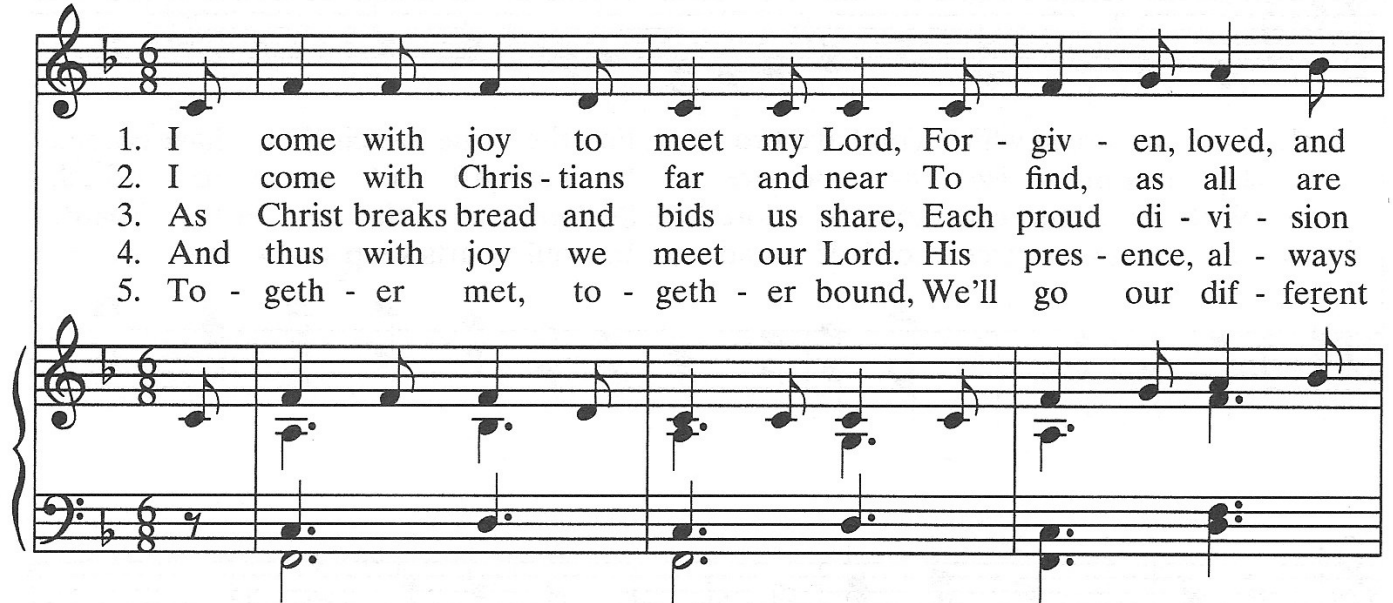
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I Come with Joy

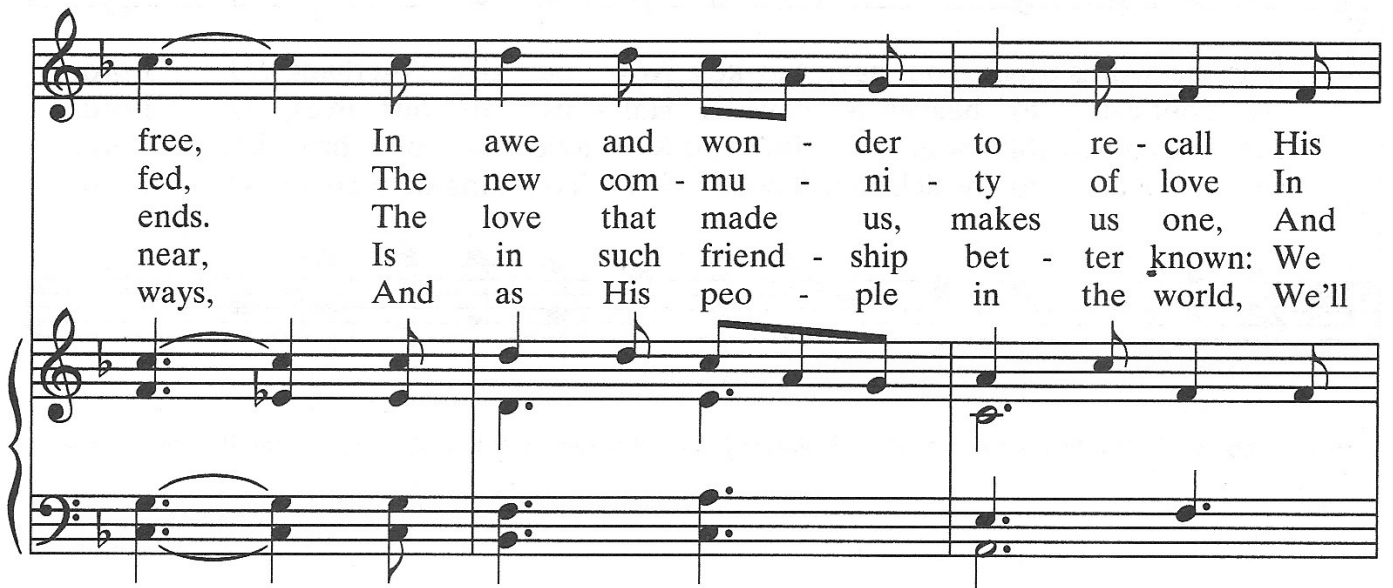
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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

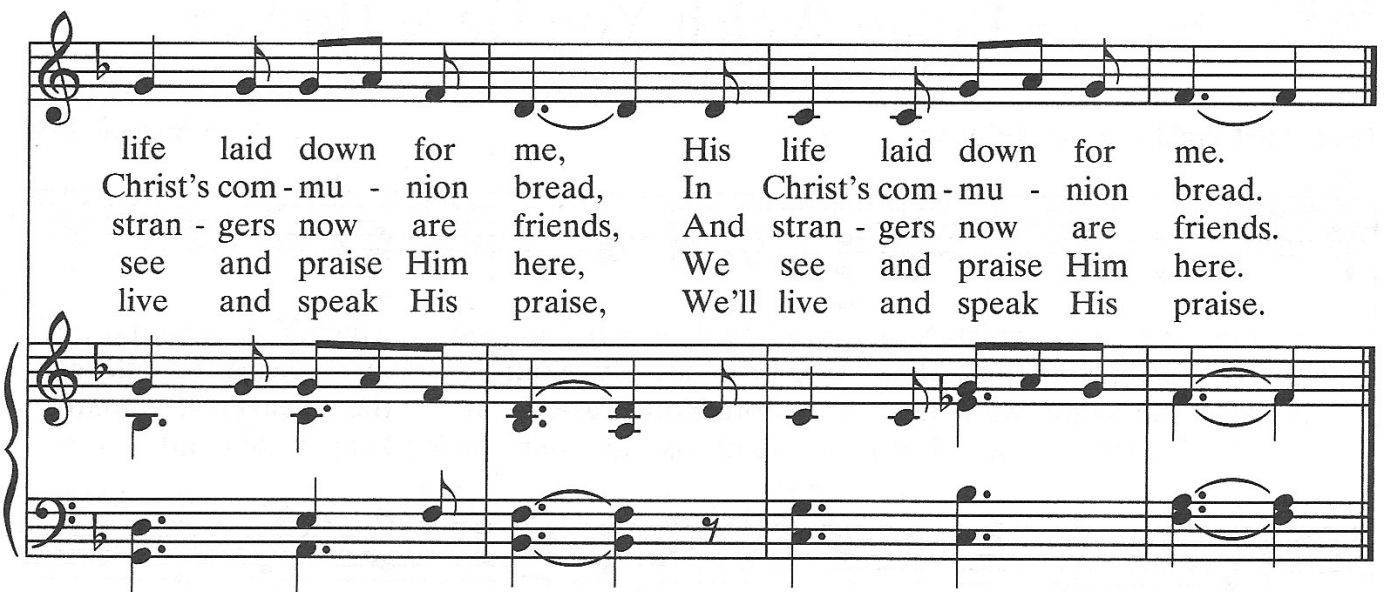
Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977


1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent



free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
 near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
 ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll



life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
 see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
 live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD LM with refrain

Jamaican folk melody
Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

Fred Kaan, 1975

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1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, Reach - ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, At the ta - ble He
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out Bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: Bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
sets the tone, Teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, Gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Refrain

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
Love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics underneath. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef. The piano part features chords and moving lines in both hands.

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Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.