

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for April 11, 2021

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected

has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this;

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the Lord,

and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song;

he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

We will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the Lord has done. This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—from Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24, NIV

Call to Confession

Seeing that we have a great High Priest

who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God,

let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence,
that we may receive mercy for our failures
and grace to help in the hour of need.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.
—based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and
the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where
we are prisoners of ourselves.**

[Silence]

**To all and to each,
on his community and on his friends,
where regret is real,
Jesus pronounces his pardon
and grants us the right to begin again.**

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

Silent Confession

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession .)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross,

that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.

Our Response Turn your eyes upon Jesus

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain:

**"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]
Sharing Our Faith with Our Children**

***Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

**Precious Lord, take my hand
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,**

**hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand,
precious Lord, lead me home.**

First Scripture Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

4:32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

4:33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

4:34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

4:35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

20:26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon – **Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

*Hymn **Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot,
Through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response

The Old Rugged Cross

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]**

Postlude

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