

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**April 23, 2023 A.D.**  
**Eastertide**

**Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

***P: maker of heaven and earth.***

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

***P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

L: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

***P: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing!***

Call to Confession

L: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us; because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

In Unison: ***Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to love in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

**Pastor:** Dear friends, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Our Response      ***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what  
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because  
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

\*Hymn - ***For the Beauty of the Earth #473***

The Morning Scripture Lessons:      **Genesis 22:1-19**      **Abraham Tested**

**22** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”  
“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>2</sup> Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—  
and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a  
mountain I will show you.”

<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took  
with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough  
wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him  
about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the  
distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and  
the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son  
Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went  
on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”  
“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the  
burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt  
offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an  
altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid  
him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and

took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram<sup>[a]</sup> caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

<sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring<sup>[b]</sup> all nations on earth will be blessed,<sup>[c]</sup> because you have obeyed me.”

<sup>19</sup> Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

## **1 John 1:1-4**

## **The Incarnation of the Word of Life**

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our<sup>[a]</sup> joy complete.

Sermon: **Faith in a Life of Waiting**

\*Hymn - ***I Danced in the Morning #302***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn #592)

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Sending forth and Benediction

\*Choral response                    **God be with You Till We Meet Again**

***God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

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Liturgist: Josh Coy

Head Deacons: Chuck Borland & Nancy Thomas

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Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Elaine Flint and son, Andrew, in memory of loved ones.  
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