

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**August 20, 2023 A.D.**

**Barbara Rinker - Elder**

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prelude

Call to worship

L: Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.

***P: Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.***

L: You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry hosts, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

***All: You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. Let us stand together and praise your name this day.***

***Amen!*** (Nehemiah 9:5-6)

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you.***

L: Together, with boldness, let us confess our sins unto God who hears all our prayers. Let us pray . . .

***Dear God, we confess to you that we often think and act selfishly. Your Word tells us that this is not the best way to live, and we are sorry. Thank You that Jesus loved us so much that he died on the cross so that we could be forgiven. Please make us more like You, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, 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 – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #464***

The Morning Scripture Lesson:                      **Matthew 13:1-9**

### **The Parable of the Sower**

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let them hear.”

**Sermon: Parables**

\*Hymn – ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #260***

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                   ***Blest Be the Tie that Binds***

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.***

Postlude

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Liturgist: Karen Perzia

Soloist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Beth Davis & Deb Cooper

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of our son, Ryan Jones. Given by: Ken & Cathy Jones

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Thank you, Barb Rinker for providing worship service today.



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