

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Communion Sunday
August 6, 2023 A.D.**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship (Psalm 22)

L: From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

P: My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

P: And all the families of the nations shall worship you, O God, our Lord and our Redeemer.

L: Therefore, let us worship God on this day. Amen.

Morning Anthem

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 faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

In Unison: ***We have promised to live together as your people, God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not***

been faithful to the trust you have placed in us. Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon (**Pastor**)

Dear friends, trust and believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Christ Jesus we are all forgiven. 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 - ***Morning Has Broken #469***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: John 11:1-6; 17-25

The Death of Lazarus

11 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,

Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

Meditation: ***God’s Presence in the Silence***

*Hymn - ***Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread #505***

The Invitation to Communion (Elements to be served by Intinction)

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 counsel 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

Liturgist: Karin Thompson

Soloist: Frank Spencer

Head Deacons: Nancy Thomas & Chuck Borland

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of August birthdays of Dale and Barbara Rinker, and their daughter, Lauren Rinker-Swicklik. Given by: Barb & Dale Rinker
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