

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for January 23, 2022

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.

***Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.***

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Anthem

Call to Confession

Our Lord Jesus said:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments,

and because we have not lived in full obedience,

let us now confess our sins to God,

trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.
—based on Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.***

***We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.***

***In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we
are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your
will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.***

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one.

He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has
built us up into one body, with God.

To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation.

So live as people reconciled. Amen.

Our Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***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

369 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

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 Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y - where, Lord,

an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

8 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make

it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts.

Sermon – **Serving Together** **Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

O God of Every Nation

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Welsh folk melody
Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865
As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,
2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,
3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease
4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,

Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;
From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,
From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;
When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,
From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,
When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign

In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.
De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

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

Prayers of the People & 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

Liturgist: Sherri Newell

Sololist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Nancy Thomas & Cindy Williams

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are being given by Barb and Dale Rinker to the glory of God, in honor of their daughter, Kirby’s, 33rd birthday.

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