

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

Order of Worship for November 15, 2020

Thanksgiving

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

—from Psalm 67:4-6, NRSV

Anthem –

Call to Confession

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Let us give thanks to the Lord for the people he has given us.
For parents and grandparents, for sons and daughters,
for brothers and sisters, for husband and wife,
for all those who reflect to us the human dimension of your love,
we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**For neighbors and colleagues, for friends both far away and
nearby - for all those who share the joys and sorrows of our daily
lives, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**For those who serve us in restaurants, in repair shops, in stores,
in schools, in hospitals - for all those who make our lives more
comfortable, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**For the family of God, for the church universal,
and for those who worship with us and minister to us in this
church, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**For those who are weak and destitute, for those who need
protection and support, for those who need healing and nurturing,
for all those to whom we minister, we give you thanks, O Lord.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
—Psalm 147:2-3, 5, NRSV

*Our Response Breathe on Me Breath of God

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children- Jan Hunt

*Hymn **We Gather Together**

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!**

**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape through tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

First Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

8:7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills,

8:8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,

8:9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

8:10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

8:11 Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

8:12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them,

8:13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied,

8:14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,

8:15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock,

8:16 and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

8:17 Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."

8:18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Second Scripture Lesson

Corinthians 9:6-15

9:6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

9:7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

9:8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

9:9 As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

9:10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

9:11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

9:12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

9:13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,

9:14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

9:15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Sermon –

Give Thanks

Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

*Hymn **Now Thank We All Our God**

**Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world in the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and Son And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore;
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response I Love to Tell the Story

**I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.**

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]**

Postlude

Liturgist: Ken Jones

Resident Soloist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Tracey Chappell & Cindy Williams

The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Ann
& John Thomas

Given by: Diane, Carol & Nancy
