

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Music Director: Pamela Carroll

Order of Worship for October 18, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Great and marvelous are your deeds,

Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,

King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord,

and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you.

—Revelation 15:3-4, NIV

Anthem –

Call to Confession

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us,

we often act in destructive and hateful ways.

We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law.

Together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses
and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life.
You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to
new life as your children.**

**Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong
attraction and that we often succumb to their lure.**

**Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,
that we may receive your blessing. Amen.**

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is
great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

—Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8, 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.**

***Hymn God of Our Life**

**God of our life, through all the circling years, We trust in Thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.**

**God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true Promised Land; Be now our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair
vision changes into sight.**

**God of the coming years, through paths unknown We follow
Thee; When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge
be. Be Thou for us in life our daily bread, Our heart's true home
when all our years have sped.**

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23

33:12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'

33:13 Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."

33:14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

33:15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.

33:16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

33:17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

33:18 Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray."

33:19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

33:20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live."

33:21 And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;

33:22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;

33:23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

22:15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

22:16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

22:17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

22:18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

22:19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

22:20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

22:21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

22:22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon – **Jan Hunt**

*Hymn **How Firm a Foundation**

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!**

**What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."**

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]**

Liturgist: Jen Sgarlat
Head Deacons: Linda Baines & Karen Sassaman
Thank you to Elder Jan Hunt for filling in while Rev. Jen is taking time off.