

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
September 18, 2022**

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship (from *Ephesians 4:1-3*)

Again, this morning we are called to community,
gathered with humility, gentleness and patience,
bearing with one another in love, and
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Call to Confession

Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us mature in faith and relationship. Help us build each other up in love. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

From Isaiah 43, we hear these words of assurance: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed. Amen

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 - # 442 ***The Church's One Foundation***

Prayer of Illumination

Eternal God, your Word speaks truth into our lives. When we humble ourselves to listen, you mature us with knowledge and strengthened faith. Open us to your Word read and proclaimed today, so we might hear and embrace the message you intend for us. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Second Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4: 1-16

I, therefore the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope

of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Sermon

One Body in Christ

Elder Jean Biggar

*Hymn - #339 ***Be Thou My Vision***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

From Hebrews 13:16, we hear these words: Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Know this as you place your offerings in the plates.

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us, so that we might be your body in the world you love. Amen

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 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: Nicole Fleschut

Head Deacons: Allyson Lord and Josh Coy

Elder: Jean Biggar Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Queen Elizabeth II a remarkable woman. Given by: Nancy Thomas



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