

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Communion Sunday
September 3, 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.

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

Reception of New Members

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

The Morning Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-8 **The Vine and the Branches**

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Meditation: ***A Heavenly Perspective!***

Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together #513

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: Sherri Newell

Head Deacons: Josh Coy & Nancy Thomas

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll



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