

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
April 21, 2024 A.D.  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Before the Lord no creature is hidden, the one to whom we must render an account.

**P: Since, then, we have a great high priest; let us hold fast to our confession.**

L: For we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

**P: Let us approach the throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in every time of need.**

L: Therefore, let us worship God on this day. Amen! (Hebrews 4)

Call to Confession:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

In Unison: **God who creates us, Christ who redeems us, Spirit who renews us, hear our confession. We hide from you when we should heed you; your voice we neglect. Disobedience hinders our being more faithful. We claim that others mislead us when we stray from your will, but it is our doing. Have mercy upon us and grant us forgiveness, so that we may rest in your peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

Scripture reminds us that “in the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears . . .and was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him” (Heb. 5:7-9). In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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!***

The Children's Moment

\*Hymn - ***Seek Ye First #333***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: Psalms 1:1-6 & 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Psalms 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire<sup>[a]</sup>  
and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their chains  
and throw off their shackles."

<sup>4</sup> The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.

<sup>5</sup> He rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

<sup>6</sup> “I have installed my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.”

<sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my son;  
today I have become your father.

<sup>8</sup> Ask me,  
and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You will break them with a rod of iron<sup>[b]</sup>;  
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear  
and celebrate his rule with trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Kiss his son, or he will be angry  
and your way will lead to your destruction,  
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Sermon: ***Life as it is Supposed to be Lived***

\*Hymn - ***Just as I Am, Without One Plea #370***

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

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