

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for August 8, 2021

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody!

We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

—based on Psalm 108:1-4

Call to Confession

This is the message we have heard
from him and declare to you:

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not live out the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

—1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,
yet too often we practice pride.**

**You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,
yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless
about our cities.**

**You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,
yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.**

**You freely forgave and healed,
yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.**

**You lived a perfectly holy life,
yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.**

**You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each
other and you,**

yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.

You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us, yet too often we deny you.

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.

Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

—Jeremiah 33:8, NRSV

Our Response **Lord Listen to Your Children Praying**

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

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Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope - ful
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer - ful
 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Keeper's plea - sure
 own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,

To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most
 So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -

⁵The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

⁶So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

⁹Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

¹⁵And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

³¹Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." ³²The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

³³The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Second Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5 ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Sermon – **Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo-ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad And built the loft-y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, By or-der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the skies!
And ev-ery-where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Presentation of Tithes and 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. Amen

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response

Halle Halle Halle

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Postlude

Liturgist: Sherri Newell

Head Deacons: Fred Hunt

Organist & Pianist: Matthew Blom

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Hank & Nancy Williams 68th wedding anniversary. Given by: Nancy Williams

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