

# **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **Order of Worship for May 2, 2021**

*Welcome to worship, we are glad you are here. Just a few reminders:  
please refrain from singing and joining responsive readings, and please try  
to stay in your seat, Deacons are here to help however needed.  
Our goal is wonderful worship and keeping everyone healthy.*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

This is the good news—  
the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—  
once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

Anthem

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God  
unless we are first honest with ourselves

about who we are, about the mistakes we make,  
and about how well or poorly we care for others.  
In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

## Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to  
the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

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

## Assurance of Pardon

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.  
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.  
—Psalm 147:2-3, 5, NRSV

## **Our Response Softly and Tenderly**

**Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

**Refrain:**

**"Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]**

## **Sharing Our Faith with Our Children**

### **\*Hymn The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;**

**Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.**

### **[Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #171](#)**

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 10:11-18

10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
10:12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

10:13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

10:15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

10:16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

10:17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Sermon – **Sheep in a Ditch - Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

\*Hymn **Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.**

**Early let us seek Thy favor;  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

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Communion

We will bless Communion Elements together in worship this morning and you are invited to take them home and consume them 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

**The Old Rugged Cross**

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**Refrain:**

**So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]**

Postlude

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Liturgist: Barb Rinker  
Soloist: Jessica Hitchcock  
Head Deacons: Barbara Rinker & Fred Hunt  
Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer  
Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Ann Thomas. Given by: Nancy Thomas

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