

# **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Order of Worship for October 31, 2021

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Opening Prayer in Unison

**Christ, in this hour of worship  
lift us out of the routine of our daily lives  
and set us up on your holy mountain.  
Let our worship come from our hearts,  
that it may be genuine.  
Let our praises for you leap from our mouths,  
that we may be alive with faith and joy.  
Make us fresh again! Amen.**

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 God,  
so many of King David's psalms show  
a heart out of tune, sighing, crying,  
and breaking with sorrow,  
yet still clinging to faith in you.  
So too, O Lord, are our hearts.  
In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most:  
his cross makes our forgiveness possible,  
and his Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises.  
Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins.  
Eagerly we plead your help to enthrone in our hearts David's Son:  
Christ Jesus, King of the universe, our Savior and Lord.  
And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love.  
Amen.**

## Silent Confession

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

## Assurance of Pardon

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have obtained access to this grace  
in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of  
God. —Romans 5:1-2, NRSV

Our Response

## **Open My Eyes**

**Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now, I wait for thee,  
ready, my God Thy will to see;**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

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# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,  
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -  
The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we  
Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.



1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following  
you!

Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.

<sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to  
me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from  
you!"

<sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

## Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup> and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's

neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Sermon – **Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

\*Hymn

## Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849  
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

Charlotte Elliott, 1834

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,  
4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -  
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise  
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee,  
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
I be - lieve,  
Thine a - lone,

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

**Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our  
cares.**

Postlude

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Liturgist: Sherri Newell

Soloist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Sandy Peoples & Karen Sassaman

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are given by Art and Sandy Peoples to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents: William and Edna Peoples and James and Louise Cole.