

# **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Order of Worship for October 4, 2020**

**World Communion Sunday**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Opening Prayer in Unison

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world,  
and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?**

**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up  
their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

**—Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV**

Anthem – **We Share Your Life**

Call to Confession

Our Lord Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments,

and because we have not lived in full obedience,

let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and

Lord.—based on Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

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

## Assurance of Pardon

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”  
—John 3:16-17, NRSV

## \*Our Response **Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children – Jan Hunt

**\*Hymn Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.**

**First Scripture Lesson**

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

20:1 Then God spoke all these words:

20:2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

20:3 you shall have no other gods before me.

20:4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

20:7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

20:8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

20:13 You shall not murder.

20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

20:15 You shall not steal.

20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

20:18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance,

20:19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

20:20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

## **Second Scripture Lesson**

## **Matthew 21:33-46**

21:33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

21:34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

21:35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

21:36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

21:37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

21:38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

21:39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

21:40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

21:41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

21:43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

21:44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

21:45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

21:46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon – **Cornerstones and Tablets**

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\*Hymn **O God of Every Nation**

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,  
2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,  
3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease  
4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,

Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;  
From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,  
From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;  
When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,  
From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,  
When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;  
Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign

In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.  
De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.  
With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

## Communion

**As we gather around tables you will be invited to partake of the elements that you received upon arrival or that you have at home.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

\*Doxology (Hymn 592)

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

\*Sending Forth and Benediction

\*Choral Response **God Be with You Til We Meet Again**

**God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Refrain**

**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.**

**God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still divide you,  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]**

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