



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE If Thou But Trust in God To Guide Thee (Wer nur den lieben Gott)
Composer: Georg Neumark (1621-1681) arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT I Need Thee Every Hour
Words: Annie S. Hawkes, alt.; Music: Robert Lowry

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.
Bless us now, O Savior, we come to Thee.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: When our faith is lifted high and we move firmly in your love,
People: you will be our God and we will be your people.
Leader: When the pilgrimage is long and all our paths seem to lead to pain,
People: you will be our God and we will be your people.
Leader: When the way ahead is clear and we are surrounded by faithful community
People: you will be our God and we will be your people.
Leader: When the young diminish in number and the old grow feeble in mind and spirit
People: you will be our God and we will be your people.
Leader: Gather us, know us, teach us, lead us, write your name on our hearts so always...
People: you will be our God and we will be your people.*

HYMN 390 O Savior, in This Quiet Place

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *RESPONSIVELY*

*Leader: At times our hearts are empty.
We expend all of our attention
at work, at school, at church, in community
until we have nothing left to give
and our inner beings feel like vacant shells.*

People: Hear us as we pray,
Create a new heart in me, O God. *(the people will keep silence)*

Leader: *At times our hearts burn with resentment.
Life has been unfair
and we rehearse the dealings of our past
until forgiveness of ourselves and others
is nearly impossible.*

People: Hear us as we pray,
Create a new heart in me, O God. *(the people will keep silence)*

Leader: *At times our hearts are paralyzed with fear.
We wonder: Where is the safe and familiar?
How will we move forward?
What are we to do?*

People: Hear us as we pray,
Create a new heart in me, O God. *(the people will keep silence)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: *God longs to place truth in our inner beings;
to make our hearts beat with the love and justice of God's own heart.
With the dawning of each day,
God creates newness without and within
and our spirits are restored
with the joy of saving grace.
"You are my sacred one,"
is written on our hearts so live now in this truth.*

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON First song of Isaiah (Jack Noble White)



PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." Those who have been standing may sit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

Jesus, So Lowly

Music: Harold Friedell; Words: Edith Williams

*Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth;
Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;
Teach me that only Love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;
Be this the token Love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;
Teach me how glorious death is to be.*

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Old Testament, page 735)

SERMON The Power of Knowing Without Knowing

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 400 When We Are Living

Those who have been standing may sit.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – One Great Hour of Sharing

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

OFFERTORY

Beautiful Savior

Words: Traditional ; Music: Chester L. Alwes on tune “Crusader’s Hymn”

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of Creation,
Son of God and Son of man.
Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the flowers of blooming spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Beautiful savior, ruler of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine!*

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

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![‡]

[†] *You may substitute the word “God”*

[‡] *You may substitute the words “Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Lead Me, Lord

1
Lead me, Lord, Lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make thy way plain be-

2

7
fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, on-ly that

13
mak-est me dwell in safe-ty.

The musical score is written for two parts, 1 and 2, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Part 1 is the vocal line, and Part 2 is the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lead me, Lord, Lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, on-ly that mak-est me dwell in safe-ty." The score includes measure numbers 1, 7, and 13.

POSTLUDE

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Composer: traditional Spiritual arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

The season of Lent is the forty-day period that leads to Easter. During Lent, we remember Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness. We also call to mind our own need for God's forgiveness and renewal. The liturgical color of Lent is purple, the traditional color of sorrow.

Liturgist – Leah Anderson-Little, Pat Gibbons, the Rev. Julie March

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Handbells – Trinity Handbell Choir

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Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little, Pastor

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The Rev. Nancy Wagner, Parish Associate

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News and Notes for March 29, 2009

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to speak with the pastors. Information about our schedule can be found in the welcome brochure in the pews. We welcome children in worship, with childcare provided downstairs for children pre-school and younger if wanted. Spiritual growth classes for children are held at 9:30 am.

ADULT EDUCATION

LIFE TRANSITIONS: Sundays, until April 5—Dale Kuhn, Care & Counseling. This class looks at life changes that are forced, that are developmental and that are chosen. The class will examine issues of grief, growth, anxiety, energy and the role of faith in the process of transition. Class will be held at 9:30 am in the Chapel.

TODAY AT TRINITY

We will gather for a potluck lunch and conversation about March's discerning questions today after worship in the Dining Room. We will hold monthly lunches through June to allow for fellowship and ongoing conversation about God's future for Trinity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the monthly Trinity News or our website (www.trinityucity.org) for more details on these items

PALM SUNDAY PLANS: Plan to come at least a few minutes early on Palm Sunday (April 5th) to get your eco-palms (responsibly harvested palms from communities in Mexico and Guatemala where workers are paid fairly and engage in sustainable harvesting in order to protect the local ecosystem) and to gather outside as the Trinity marching band

TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS: Would you like to let the world know about the open, loving, welcoming community at Trinity? Pre-order your shirt in the Narthex. Come see a picture of the Trinity t-shirt (thanks, Sharon Christopher for the design) we plan to order in time to wear during the April 18th rummage sale (and beyond)! They will be a dark purple, cotton, and in kid sizes 6/8 and up and adult sizes from S to 2XL. Price: probably around \$7-8. You can also respond to the email I recently sent.

♫ **WANT TO SING GOSPEL** with Trinity folks and the Citywide Gospel Ministries group on Sunday, April 19? Talk with Vicki.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE: Start bringing donations Sundays and Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-4pm (make other arrangements with Liz). **We will hold a Trinity member preview night on Friday the 17th, 6-8:30pm for early shopping.** Contact Cheryl Evans or Liz if you want to help, or sign up in the Narthex - we still need more helpers sale day. Proceeds will support soloist/section leader costs so we can keep them past May.

TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS...order forms are in your pew pads. Orders are due by April 5th.

♫ **THE KINGSBURY ENSEMBLE** presents the *Folias of Spain and Italy* concert, Saturday, April 4th, 8pm; \$1; in the Sanctuary.

A PLACE APART—Our Lenten Spirituality Center in the basement is open on Thursdays until April 2nd from 7-8:30 pm. Families can learn about the stations at 6:45pm each week. It will also be open before and after worship on Sundays.

SHOP AT SCHNUCKS AND MAKE \$\$ FOR TRINITY. It's that simple. Activate a Schnucks Escrip card (in the Narthex), have it swiped each time you shop, and money is donated to Trinity. You need those groceries anyway...

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you would like an addition to the prayer list or know of a member in need of prayer, please [contact the church office](#).

Joys

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For Dawn Fleishman, Trinity's Minister of Spiritual Growth, as she pursues pastoral studies at Eden Seminary, Rhonda Dunbar as she studies at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA, and Diane O'Brien as she pursues theological studies at Eden Seminary.

