



Welcome to our church!

We're glad you're here! We hope you experience the warmth and welcome of Christ our Savior in this community.



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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“If the true loveliness of all God’s perfections arises from the loveliness of His holiness, then the true love of all His perfections arises from the love of His holiness. They that don’t see the glory of God’s holiness, can’t see anything of the true glory of His mercy and grace.”

- Jonathan Edwards, *Religious Affections*

COVER ARTWORK

"Patience"

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Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is traditionally the first element in a Christian liturgy, serving as the moment of consecration. God’s Word is used to invite us into the sacred time of corporate worship, and we respond with our voices as an answer to His call.

Congregational Singing

A unique aspect of Christian worship is that we sing together. Our singing is an expression of love for God and joy in His gospel. Singing strong hymns grounded in the truths of our theology raises our eyes from awe of the created to awe of the Creator. Scripture commands us to sing. Beautiful voices are not required, but a community joining together to sing truth and to sing it with passion and conviction is beautiful to our God.

Order of Worship

March 20, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: Come into this sacred space to worship God

PEOPLE: whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

LEADER: Come into this holy place to worship God

PEOPLE: whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear; whose judgements are true.

LEADER: Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide. Come — let us worship God.

PEOPLE: Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to Your will, O God. Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Text: Henry van Dyke

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

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**Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee**

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Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

(Sung in unison)

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

Welcome & Announcements

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:17-20

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

LEADER: The Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Confession of God's People

In the Confession of Sin we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This is the most honest moment of our week, as we confess our sin and shame together. We do this corporately through a unison litany or prayer and individually through a moment of silence for private confession.

Repentance of God's People

Our time of confession becomes a time of fresh commitment through corporate repentance. Together we boldly turn from all evil and offer our lives again to God. Only say these words if you are indeed willing to repent of your sins.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Confession and repentance is always met with the surety of God's grace. The minister proclaims to the penitent community words of pardon from Scripture, assuring our hearts of the grace that is already ours in Christ Jesus.

Confession of God's People

UNISON: Author of all grace, we are quick to blame rather than confess, lament the sins of others rather than our own, fear external enemies rather than the enemy within. Help us to see the idols that are hidden, the desires that are deceptive, and the evil that is concealed. O Lord, show us the depths of our sin that we might know the heights of Your grace. Make us willing to be saved in Your way alone – perceiving nothing in ourselves, but all in Jesus.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Will you repent of your lawlessness?

PEOPLE: We will.

LEADER: Will you return to God's law?

PEOPLE: We will.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Isaiah 55

LEADER: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Hymn of Renewal *My Heart Is Filled*

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My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

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My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

LEADER: What is the chief end of man?

PEOPLE: The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

LEADER: What is God?

PEOPLE: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

LEADER: Are there more Gods than one?

PEOPLE: There is but only one, the living and true God.

LEADER: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

PEOPLE: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convictional truths of orthodoxy by reciting the ancient creeds of our faith. We share these words with saints throughout the centuries as well as those throughout the world today. This also serves as a bold proclamation to the watching world of what we believe is true.

Offering

The offering is received, not merely as a way to pay the bills, but as an act of worship. In response to the God from whom all blessings flow, we give freely, joyfully, and sacrificially to His beloved bride, the Church.

Hymn of Preparation *Sweeter Than Honey (Psalm 19)* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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O God, revive us with words of truth.
Come shine your light on our way.
Make wise the simple, bring joy to hearts,
Give ears to hear and obey.

REFRAIN:

**Our firm foundation of old,
Our prize far greater than gold,
And sweeter than honey is your word to us:
True bread, delighting our souls.**

O God, instruct us with words of truth,
For each commandment is pure.
May all your wonders our eyes behold.
Your law, how perfect and sure. **(REFRAIN)**

O God, correct us with words of truth,
By them your servants are warned.
Expose all error and draw us near,
For here is greatest reward. **(REFRAIN)**

O God, sustain us with words of truth.
Come speak your promises sure,
O may we follow in all your ways,
Your word shall ever endure! **(REFRAIN)**

GOSPEL STORYTIME

At this time, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 103 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon to be with their families during Communion.

Scripture Reading Psalm 19

- 1**The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.
- 2**Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- 3**There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

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- 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them He has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers
and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham

“Words of the Lord”

Musical Reflection

Sermon

The preaching of God’s Word in the context of holy worship is the primary means of God’s voice to His people. Our trust is not in the ability of the preacher, but in the promise that God, by His Spirit working in and through His word, is speaking to us in exceptional ways. Therefore, we open our minds and hearts to the uniquely formative power of ordained preaching.

Communion

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a holy ordinance, wherein Christ and his gospel are represented and applied to His people. Though the bread and wine are not literally the body and blood of Jesus, this meal is far more than a sentimental reminder. It is spiritual nourishment to our souls and a means of growth in His grace. Communion is the family meal of Christians, and all followers of Jesus who are in good standing with His Church are invited to partake.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to share prayer requests with our church prayer chain, we would love to pray for you. Please feel free to send an email to:

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Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE:

You will be released from your pew to come forward and receive the communion elements, and we will take the elements together once everyone has been served.

Words of Institution

MINISTER: Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

UNISON: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!

MINISTER: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, He took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Holy Communion

Hymn of Response *Holy Holy Holy*

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**Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

**Holy holy holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be**

**Holy holy holy though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity**

**Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God; **PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.**

Announcements

Handbell Players Needed

The handbell choir is looking for 1 or 2 new members for our group as well as people willing to substitute if the need arises. You do not need to have played bells before but an understanding of music rhythm reading is important. We will be rehearsing on Thursday nights this session and will play in worship April 10, Palm Sunday. Please contact Suzanne Dovel at sdovel@tcpca.org if you are interested or for more information.

Save the date! VBS on June 13-17

VBS is back this summer! During the mornings of June 13th-17th we will be hosting Vacation Bible School with great lessons, music, crafts and plenty of fun! More details will be forthcoming. If you would like to serve on the VBS committee we'd love to have your help to plan a wonderful week for our kids. Please contact Nicole Dorton: ndorton@tcpca.org.

MDO Teachers & Subs Needed

TCPC's Mother's Day Out is looking for substitute teachers for the remainder of this year as well as teachers for next school year, 2022-2023. These positions are perfect for college students or others who have experience with kids and would like part-time work. Moms who teach may enroll one child in the program free of charge. Teacher hours are 8:00am -1:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If either position sounds like a good fit for you, contact Nicole Dorton ndorton@tcpca.org to set up an interview.

Trinity Job Openings

Trinity Christian Academy is currently hiring for the 2022-23 academic year, looking for qualified, experienced applicants for the following positions:

- Band Instructor
- Elementary Teachers - 1st-6th grade
- Elementary STEM Teacher
- Bible Teacher - Grades 7-9
- Middle School History Teacher
- High School Math Teacher
- High School English Teacher
- Guidance/College Counselor (full time)
- Latin Teacher (Grades 6-9)

To apply, visit Trinity's website at trinitylex.org and click the "Employment" option in the About menu.

Giving Report: For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

February Giving:	\$242,230	Total FY Giving (Oct-Feb):	\$1,262,507
February Goal:	\$198,879	Giving Goal (Oct-Feb):	\$1,163,512
Difference:	+\$43,351	Difference:	+\$98,995

Sweeter Than Honey (Psalm 19)

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O God, re - vive us with words of truth. Come
O God, in - struct us with words of truth, for
O God, cor - rect us with words of truth, by
O God, sus - tain us with words of truth. Come



shine Your light on our way. Make wise the sim - ple, bring
each com - mand - ment is pure. May all Your won - ders our
them Your ser - vants are warned. Ex - pose all er - ror and
speak Your prom - i - ses sure, O may we fol - low in



joy to hearts, give ears to hear and o - bey. *Our*
eyes be - hold. Your law, how per - fect and sure.
draw us near, for here is great - est re - ward.
all Your ways, Your Word shall ev - er en - dure.



firm foun - da - tion of old, *Our* prize far great - er than



gold, and sweet - er than hon - ey is Your Word to us: *True*



bread, de - light - ing our souls.

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