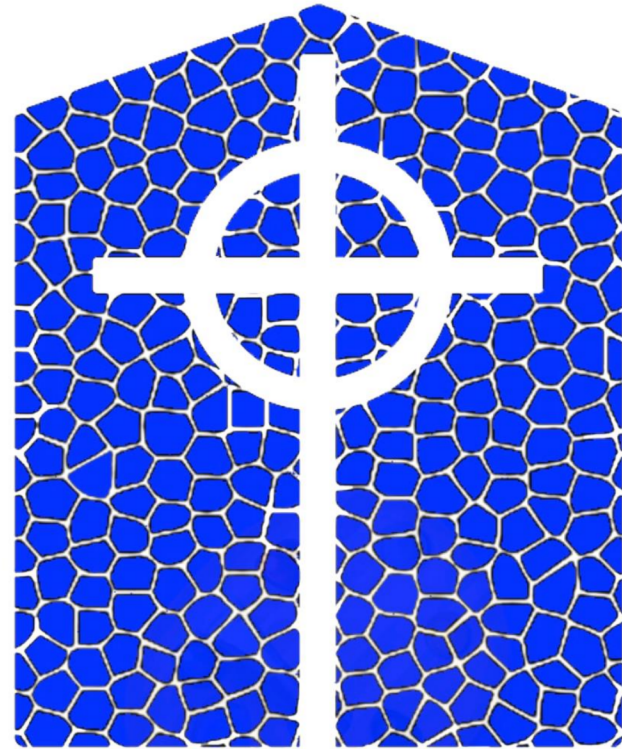


Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023



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*Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a **worshipping, nurturing and serving** community.*

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Prelude "This Is My Father's World" arr. Che

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Call to Worship

We may not know the time or the place,
but we know that God is restoring the world.

We may not see the risen Christ before us,
but we know his spirit rests on us.

We may not know what God is doing next,
but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn #363 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Call to Confession

Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ, that we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus, who restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us. Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness.

Prayer of Confession

Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign. (Silence for Reflection)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Listen to this prayer: "Protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." This is the prayer that Christ prayed on our behalf. This tenderness and care for us shows us who Jesus is— the one who hears our prayers, responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.

Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, glory be to the Holy Spirit.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism— the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Response of Praise (Hymn #240)

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name!**

* Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Faith Formation Moment

Brooke Tucker

Presentation of Scholarships

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

"Walking With Jesus"
Madeline Arnold

* Doxology (Hymn #606)

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and 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.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

² **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

³ But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴ **Sing to God; sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the LORD—be exultant before him.**

⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶ **God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners
to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

⁷ O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence
of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;

¹⁰ **your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

³³ **O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.

³⁵ **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

Anthem "O, That I Had A Thousand Voices" Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Meditation "Also With You" Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

* Hymn #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

New Testament Reading Acts 1:6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of

Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of^[a] James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

* Blessing and Charge

May the love of the holy triune God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

* Postlude "Onward Christian Soldier" arr. Che
* Denotes please stand if able.

WORSHIP NOTES

Greeters: Susan Kopyar

Ushers: Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland, Brenda Digby

Lay Reader: Carol Corson **Audio Tech:** Ken Mettler

Flowers: The flowers this morning are given by John and Sandy Glasner in honor of their parents.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

¹⁷ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nicholas Jebbia	5/21		Shirley Jennings	5/23
Nancy Jo Clark	5/21		Judy Grady	5/25
Lynn Breitenberg	5/22		Alison Reid	5/27
William Tate	5/22			

PENTECOST

Next Sunday is Pentecost where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Traditionally, red is the color that represents Pentecost; therefore, we encourage you to wear red next Sunday to fill the church with the visual representation of the Holy Spirit!

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

Gail Alvaro, Margaret Applegate, Baby Winn, **Ajit Banerjee**, John Barrie, Billings Family, **Doris Boone**, Jason Bradley*, Dontrell Brown, Eliza Brown, **Al Burgess**, Jasper Casey, John Chappa, **Hal Childs**, **Gary Clickard**, Norma Colbert, **Peter Colgan**, Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe, Dickiesons Family, **Joe Digby***, William Downs, Patrick Floyd*, Clarisa Gibson, Stanley Hannum*, **Judy Hennenlotter**, **Cathie Huff**, A.J. Jebbia, **Bob Johnson**, **Gene Johnson**, **Javan N. Jones***, **Kathy Jones-Mills**, **Jennifer Kaczmarek**, Brady Klefman, Bruce Lee, **Florence Lyman**, Marissa Mallicote, **Ed Manen**, **Gloria Martin**, **Marie McCray**, Declan Mitchell*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, **Pat Olson**, Joseph C. Orr*, **Howard Parker**, **Paul Parker**, William Patterson, **Helene Read**, **Ginny Reisinger**, Bradford Robinson, Ian Samuel, Jennifer Sheringham*, **Diane Simmons**, **Bonnie Slager**, Michelle Smith, **Yvonne Haldane-Smith**, **Brian Thomas**, **Ryan Tugas***, Dee Dee Turlington, **Tony & Doris Valenti**, Monique Warmington, Norma Warwell, **BJ Waugaman**, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winternheimer***, **Theodore Winternheimer***

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know.
Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

PROVERBS SCHOLARSHIP

Today the Faith Formation Committee is pleased to award The Trinity Proverbs Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded to members of Trinity who have participated in the life of Trinity throughout their high school years, and who have been accepted to higher educational institutions (educational or trade). We as a congregation are excited to see the great plans that God has for these scholars. The Proverbs Scholarship is made possible by your donations. Thank you to all who donated to make this gift possible.

This week in our Church (Office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9am-12noon)

Sunday, May 21st

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 22nd

5PM-7PM I.O.U. Elder Series (Palm Coast Community Center)

5:30 PM Deacon's Meeting (Kepler)

6:15 PM Cub Scouts Pack 281 (Mehaffey, Calvin, Youth Rooms)

6:30 PM CCPC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 23rd

6:30 PM Scouts-Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

7:00 PM Troop 281 Court of Honor (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 24th

3:00 PM Stretch & Balance with Brooke (Chapel)

8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

Thursday, May 25th

6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

6:30 PM ALANON Meeting (Calvin)

6:30 PM Flagler County Orchid Society (Mehaffey)

Friday, May 26th

6:30 PM NA Meeting (Mehaffey)

Saturday, May 27th

12:30 PM Curtiss Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Sanctuary/Mehaffey)

Sunday, May 28th

10:00 AM Worship Service

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