



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Prelude No. 2, op. 37
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Many: Who made heaven and earth.

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

Many: They are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

One: Let us draw near to God with grateful hearts.

Many: Let us worship the Lord with gladness and praise.

†GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 665

[As Morning Dawns](#)

WAREHAM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess the ways we have fallen short of your good purposes. You have met us with grace, yet we have not always extended grace to others. You have called us into community, yet we allow resentment, judgment, and self-interest to separate us from one another. You have shown us the way of Christ, yet we often choose paths of our own making. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone. By your Spirit, restore us to right relationship with you and with one another, and lead us again in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

At this time, you are invited to silently offer your personal prayers of forgiveness to God.

KYRIE ELEISON (*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 575*)

[Lord, Have Mercy upon Us](#)

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

†WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The mercy of God is greater than our sin, and the grace of God reaches farther than we can imagine.
Many: Through Jesus Christ, God meets us with forgiveness, restores us to relationship, and calls us into newness of life.
One: Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Many: Thanks be to God!

†THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –
And also with you!

†GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582

[Glory to God](#)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103 1-12

ANTHEM

Alleluia

Elaine Hegenberg (1979-)

All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest, and we shall see. We shall see, and we shall know. We shall know, and we shall love. Behold our end which is no end. (St Augustine)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18: 21-35

SERMON

Forgiveness Without a Ledger
Rev. Nick Cheek

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 444

[Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive](#)

DETROIT

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

A MOMENT FOR OFFERING

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come unto him from *Messiah*
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Anna Grace Stiltner, soprano

Come unto Him, all ye that labor, that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
(Jennings, paraphrased from Matthew 11:28–29)

† [DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

†PRAYER FOR OFFERING

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

†SENDING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 694

[Great God of Every Blessing](#)

AURELIA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluia (conclusion)
Elaine Hagenberg

† *All who are able are invited to stand.*

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Nick Cheek, preacher; Dr. Eric Robinson, Director of Children, Youth and Families, liturgist; Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music and Cultural Events; Shayne Doty, organist; and the Trinity Choir.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

You are welcome and there is a place for you here at Trinity! We strive to be an open and inclusive community, acknowledging and embracing the rich diversity of God's creation so we embody our calling to, "grow together and welcome all." We love having children, and their wiggles, worship with us at Trinity. If you choose, childcare is provided for ages four and under. We are happy your family is here! Whatever in your life brought you to worship with us today, you are welcome, and we hope you feel at home.

NAME TAGS - As an intergenerational church, we value welcome and belonging. Name tags help us learn one another's names and build connections across generations. If you are new or have been visiting and would like a name tag, an usher will be happy to help you.

INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN THE LIFE OF TRINITY? - Are you interested in learning more about Trinity or exploring the next steps in your faith journey here? Whether that means getting involved, joining the church, or simply asking questions, we would love to connect with you. Please reach out to Rev. Nick, Rev. Rebecca, or the church office, and we will be glad to help you find your place at Trinity. You can also fill out a Welcome Card by asking a greeter before worship.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN WORSHIP - We're excited to introduce new worship tools for our young people! Each week, children and youth will get dedicated scripture activity bulletins. Plus, keep an eye out soon for our new "build your own" worship bag carts, packed with activities to help them engage!

CHILDCARE - Childcare for ages 0-4 is available, in **Room 116**, during Sunday morning activities, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** (or **10:30 a.m.** if Sunday School is not held). Our nursery care providers are a Weekday School teacher and a volunteer from the congregation. Children, aged five and older, are invited to join Worship, but younger children are also welcome. We offer a "Prayground" where children can engage and play during the service.