



Trinity Presbyterian Church

**April 7, 2024**

## *Welcome to Trinity! We are glad to have you worship with us this morning!*

Our ultimate purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. One of the greatest ways we can do this is to worship God corporately with God's people. At TPC we plan a worship service that is God-centered, God-directed, God-glorifying, anchored in the historical richness of tradition and is understandable by today's culture. This worship service seeks to focus on the majesty and grace of God through the use of the Scriptures, hymns (new & old), the sacraments, and prayer.

What follows is a liturgy or plan for our worship service. It seeks to tell the story of the gospel of grace. We are called by God into his presence to worship him alone. We remember the holiness and majesty of God and so we recognize our need of cleansing because of our sin. We remember the perfect provision God has made for us through Jesus Christ and his atoning death on the cross. We respond with thanksgiving. We are instructed by God through his Word. We commune with him through the Lord's Supper. And we are sent out with God's blessing.

As we worship God together through this re-enactment of the gospel, we pray that we will all grow in our knowledge of and love for the Lord, for one another, and in our desire to serve him in all we do.

### *Children in the service*

We believe God calls us to nurture and disciple our children in the faith. One of the ways we do this is through corporate worship. So, children are welcome to be with the congregation during the entire service. A room for nursing mothers is available on the north side of the sanctuary. The foyer can be used for children who are crying or need some extra attention. There are speakers enabling you to hear the service in both locations. A nursery is available (when staffing is available) off the main hallway for children from birth through three years of age.

### *Standing and sitting*

During parts of the service the congregation is asked to stand (indicated by the † in the bulletin). However, we understand that some are not able to stand for various reasons, and we hope that you will feel free to remain seated.

### *Giving*

Our members and regular attenders contribute financially to the Lord's work in and through our church. Visitors should feel no obligation to give. If you do not own a Bible or know someone who does not own a Bible, please accept a free copy of the Scriptures to take with you. You can find one at the Welcome Center in the foyer.

# **WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD & KING**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION**

# **GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE TO WORSHIP & WE RESPOND**

## **†THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 106:1 - [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross...Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

## **†HYMN OF ADORATION & PRAISE**

*Worship Christ, The Risen King! - #286*

## **†INVOCATION**

# **WE ARE REMINDED OF OUR NEED FOR CLEANSING & GOD'S PROVISION FOR US IN CHRIST**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Colossians 3:1-17 (p. 984)*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **Corporately**

*Lord God Almighty, you are our Creator, our Redeemer, our gracious and merciful Father in heaven. You are the one who has secured our peace with you, through the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray you would forgive us for the many times when the peace of Christ does not rule in our hearts. Forgive us for looking for our peace and comfort, first and foremost, from things other than you. Forgive us for all of our many sins. Renew in us the motivation and ability to rest in Christ, and to love and serve you in this week to come.*

### **Silently**

## **DECLARATION OF OUR ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*2 Corinthians 5:21 - For our sake he made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## **†HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*In Christ Alone, bulletin, p. 7*

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8am)**

*Naomi Jeanne Vander Wert, Madeline Mae Vander Wert*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH (11am)**

*The Apostles' Creed, hymnal, p. 845*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE  
& ARE INSTRUCTED BY HIS WORD**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

*Reverend Steve Johnson*

**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.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*John 20:19-31 (pp. 906-07)*

**SERMON**

*What Happens When Jesus Shows Up*

*Reverend Chris Harper*

**WE COMMUNE WITH GOD THROUGH THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*For further explanation of The Lord's Supper, please refer to the last  
page of this bulletin. All bread is gluten-free.*

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE**

**†HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands - #427*

**GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING**

**†BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

# In Christ Alone

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

♩ = 60

**VERSE**

A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$



1. Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful-ness of God in help - less  
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in

4 E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$



song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the fierc-est drought — and  
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came — to  
slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose — a -  
me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti -

8 E $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G B $\flat$ <sup>sus</sup> B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  Cm<sup>7</sup>



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings  
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
-gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 B $\flat$ <sup>sus</sup> B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$



cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I  
-fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I  
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood — of  
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

16 E $\flat$  Bm<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup> E $\flat$  E $\flat$ <sup>sus</sup> E $\flat$



stand.  
live.  
Christ.  
stand!

*What Happens When Jesus Shows Up*

*John 20:19-31 (pp. 906-07)*

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**Reverend Chris Harper**

I. From fear to gladness (19-23)

1. Reality of fear (19)
2. Result of gladness (19-20)
3. Response of belief (21-23)
  - (A) Jesus' representatives (21b, 23)
  - (B) With Jesus' message (21a, 23)
  - (C) With power of the Holy Spirit (22)

II. From doubt to confession (24-28)

1. What Thomas wanted (24-25)
2. What Thomas got (26-27)
3. What Thomas confessed (28)
4. What about you?
  - (A) For first time
  - (B) All the time

III. From death to life (29-31)

1. From death (Eph 2)
2. To life (29-31)
  - (A) John wrote with purpose (30)
  - (B) What was his purpose? (31)
  - (C) How do we get blessed? (29)



## April Verse of the Month:

### John 20:27-28

Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

## A Big Picture View of TPC – Our Purpose-Plan-Principles

### Purpose – Why does TPC exist – what is our purpose?

Our purpose is to make mature, grace-filled disciples of Christ who are growing in their knowledge and love for God, for people, and in their desire and ability to serve in the kingdom of God for God's glory.

- Matthew 28 - the great commission to the church → make disciples
- Matthew 22 - the great commandment to the church → love God and love people
- Ephesians 4 - equipping the saints for ministry and building up the body in love

### Plan – How will TPC accomplish our purpose of making mature, grace-filled disciples of Christ?

- (1) We plan to help people grow in knowledge and love for God by:
  - having weekly worship that is God-centered, God-directed, God-glorifying; is anchored in the historical richness of tradition; is understandable by today's culture; presents the grace of God; focuses on the Word, sacraments, and prayer
  - providing an education program for adults and children
- (2) We plan to help people grow in knowledge and love for others by:
  - encouraging gospel-centered community through small groups and fellowship opportunities
- (3) We plan to help people grow in their desire and ability to serve in the kingdom of God by:
  - equipping/training people to serve inside and outside TPC
  - providing opportunities for people to serve on committees and ministries inside TPC
  - sending people to serve in the kingdom of God with organizations/ministries outside TPC

### Principles – What are the things most important to us?

- (1) *Scripture* - We are committed to the inerrant Word of God, which is inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the revelation of God's truth, and is infallible, authoritative, and trustworthy in all matters of faith and practice.
- (2) *Grace* - We are committed to the gospel of God's amazing grace as the foundation of all we do at TPC and as the primary motivation for growing into mature disciples.
- (3) *Reformed Theology* - We are committed to the reformed faith as it is articulated in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms and to teaching that is a warm and winsome demonstration of it.
- (4) *Missions* - We are committed to the gospel going out into every aspect of culture, locally and globally.
- (5) *Discipleship* - We are committed to a life-long process of growing in Christian maturity and Christ-likeness.
- (6) *Fellowship* - We are committed to building community within the church by demonstrating God's love for us in our love for each other.
- (7) *Welcoming* - We are committed to being a welcoming community - open and welcoming to both Christians and non-Christians - to the convinced and to the skeptic.
- (8) *Growing* - We are committed to being a growing community - internally as members of TPC grow both numerically and in Christ-likeness and externally as we see churches planted in SE MN for God's glory.

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ and are under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God and an active member of a congregation in which the gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament of bread & wine. For those who prefer, grape juice is provided in the tinted cups at the center of the communion trays. If you have any questions about participating, please speak with one of the elders before or after the service.*

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE DESIRING TO TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FIRST TIME**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.*