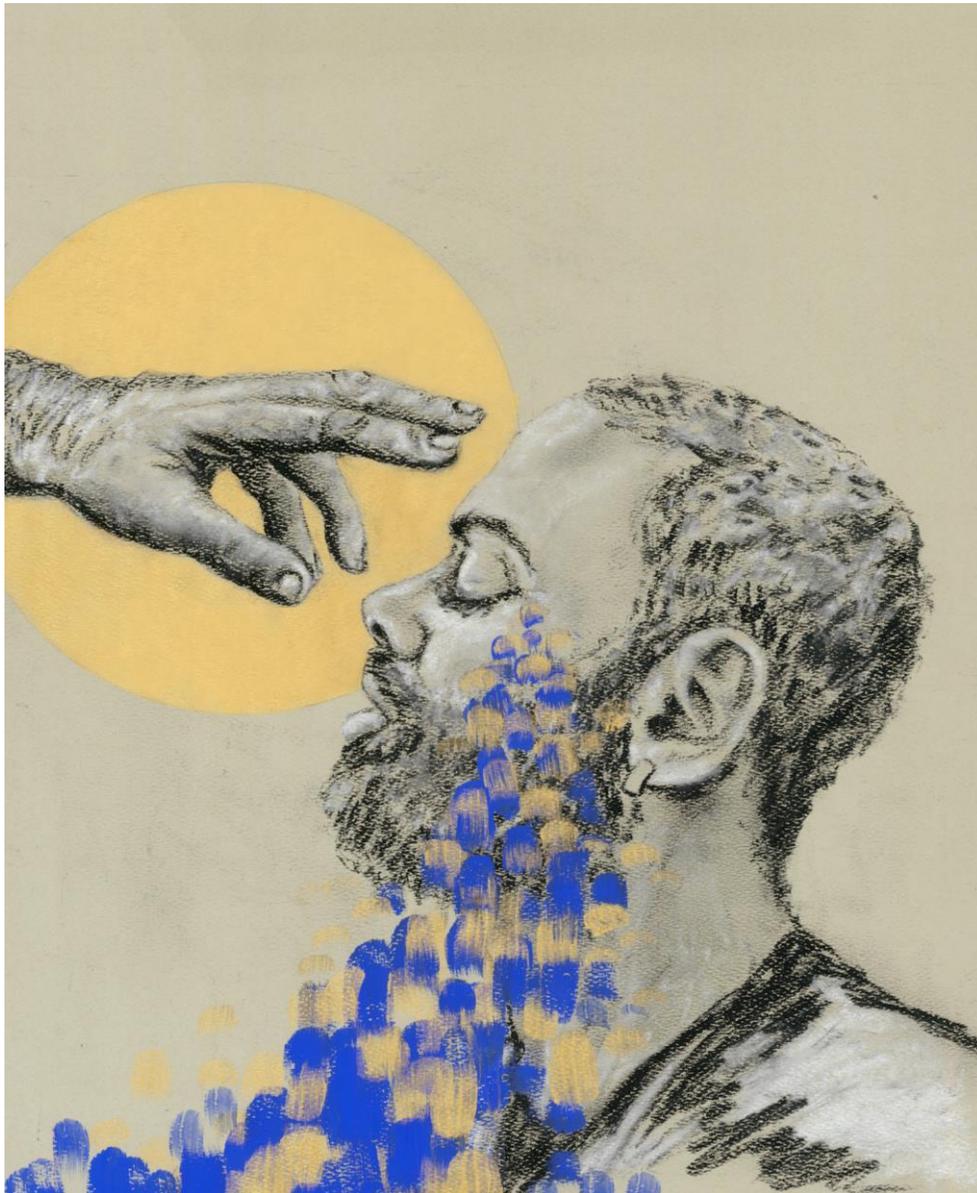


# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Order of Worship and announcements for the week of May 10, 2020*

UNRAVELED  
SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART



*Restored (The Conversion of Saul) by Lisle Gwynn Garrity*

We hope this bulletin finds you healthy and well. For the next four weeks, we will be using the worship series "Unraveled" by A Sanctified Art on both Sunday Worship and Thursday Bible Study. This is meant to stand alone, as well as complement our weekly online worship, teachings and musical selections.

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*Sunday, May 10, 2020*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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Preparation for Worship-Let us join together now and prepare for worship.

Dear Family of God – these are trying days in God’s beloved world. As Christ’s Church, sustained by the Holy Spirit, we have gifts and a call by which to care for one another and our neighbors. Worship in which we encounter our living God and know ourselves connected to the body continues. So this day we expand our worship into our homes, knowing that as we read the same Scriptures, and share in the same prayers, we are held together on this Sunday morning. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship the living Lord.

Prelude “This Little Light of Mine”  
Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

God of mystery,  
You called Ananias by name, and he responded,  
**“Here I am”**  
You called Paul to the work of your Church, and he responded  
**By giving his life to your Word.**  
Similarly, you call us into community and faith,  
**So we respond with love and time, energy and hope.**  
**We respond with worship.**  
Let us worship the God of transformation and grace.  
**Amen.**

Hymn #4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Grosser Got, Wir Loben Dich

1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.	3 All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
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2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”	4 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you, while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you, and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.
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Prayer of the Day

Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. Now fill us with the breath of your Spirit to tell the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of new life,  
What would we give to have you appear with a flash of light and a clear voice like you did for Saul?  
**Maybe then, our doubts would disappear.**  
Maybe then, we would live as you called us to live.  
**However, when our lives depend on faith, we forget your surprising grace.**  
**Instead, we draw lines around enemies and friends, who’s in and who’s out.**

**We see the “other,” faster than we see our “neighbor,” and refuse second chances.**

Pull the scales from our eyes.

**Help us see as you see. Help us live as you live, and forgive us when we fail to.**

**Humbly we pray,**

**Amen**

(Silence for Reflection)

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. (Romans 8:34) Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone and a new life is begun. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Anthem “The Lord is My Strength”  
Children’s Choir

#### Children’s Sermon

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-20 -- The Conversion of Saul

**9** Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Meditation “Discovering New Paths” Dr. Jeff Beebe

#### Time for Reflection

-Take a few moments to gaze upon the artwork on the front cover.

-Breathe deeply in quiet meditation as you observe the visual qualities of what you see: color, line, texture, movement, shape, form.

-Now take a deeper look. What parts of the image are your eyes most drawn to? What parts of the image did you overlook?

- Now engage your imagination. What story do you imagine for the figure?
- What has unraveled and/or is unraveling in this story?
- In this story, what events and elements fulfil Paul's conversion?
- Throughout your life, what identities, beliefs, or practices have you shed? How has unraveling from former patterns and identities helped you to grow or become more whole?

#### Affirmation of Faith (Liturgy by Sara Are, *A Sanctified Art*)

I believe in God, the Great Sewer--

Who weaves us together in community,  
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.

I believe in the Holy Spirit--

Who hems us in before and behind,  
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.

And I believe in Jesus Christ--

Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to disregard  
Anyone as scrap.

I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,  
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.

I believe the fabric of my life is weak,  
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.

I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,  
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.

And I believe that when life unravels,  
God is there to stitch my wounds together,  
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,  
And to invite me into a new journey.

Amen

#### Prayers of the People

Loving God, we belong to you. The Bible says, "where two or three are gathered." And many, in this moment, will gather no closer than six feet. The Bible says, "they were all gathered together in one place." And we do not know when we will be together next. Triune God, you exist in eternal relationship. You are One and yet are three. In a time of isolation, draw us closer to this mystery. May it remind us of your truth: even in physical isolation, we are never truly alone. Your love links us together, making us a people. For the Bible also says: We belong to each other. We belong to you. Even now. Especially now. Amen. —Bryce Wiebe, PCUSA Director of Special Offerings

#### 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.**

#### 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.**

Hymn

"Faith of Our Mothers"

Jack Jeffe, violin; Judith Spurrell, Jody Dutton, Lillian Warner, Jason Wheeler, Quartet

1 Faith of our mothers, living yet  
 In cradle song and bedtime prayer,  
 In nurs'ry love and fireside love,  
 Thy presence still pervades the air:  
 Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
 We will be true to thee till death.

3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
 For youthful longing-youthful doubt,  
 How blurred our vision, blind our way,  
 Thy providential care without:  
 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
 We will be true to thee till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,  
 The fount of childhood's trust and grace,  
 O may thy consecration prove  
 The well-spring of a nobler race:  
 Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,  
 We will be true to thee till death.

4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith  
 In truth beyond our man-made creeds,  
 Still serve the home and save the church,  
 And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:  
 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
 We will be true to thee till death.

Congregational Response (Hymn #306)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
 The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones*

**Bob Aitken**, Gail Alvaro, Nick Alvaro, Addie Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Kim Atchison, **Anne Atkins**, Shirley Baker, Sandra Ball, **Mary Batailo**, **Margaret Best**, Adrienne Betts, Cakiah Betts, Bonnie Bikos, Doris Boone, Jason Bradley\*, Tom Brinton, Jasper Casey, Matthew Conley, Davidson Family, Austin Davis, Margaret Deck, Britt Desperza, Maverick Dennis\*, **Joe Digby\***, **Eleanor Eidson**, Lou Farlow, Patrick Floyd\*, Christian Galloway, Steve Gates, Angela Grussing, Stanley Hannum\*, Ryan Hart, Claudia Hillyer, **Marc Hitchins**, Hazel Hoffman, Carissa Jackson, A.J. Jebbia, Vicki Jebbia, **Janet Johnson**, **Javan N. Jones\***, **Jennifer Kaczmarek**, **Dave Knight**, Joe Krier, **Derris Ledin**, **Daniel Leutner**, **Florence Lyman**, **Kenny Mack\***, Marissa Mallicote, **Jan Markiewicz**, **Diane Matta**, Mina McAlister, **Bobbie McCarthy**, Brian McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Sue McCarthy, **Wilma McRae**, **Art Mikkelsen**, **Ellie Mikkelsen**, Declan Mitchell\*, Eli Morris, David Nelson, Kathryn Nelson, Joseph C. Orr\*, Mark Odle, **Howard Parker**, Janet Pegg, Madison Peters, Luke Pierce, **Bea Pison**, **Sue Pope**, **Alice Powell**, **Helene Read**, Wilma Reinholz, Bradford Robinson, Ralph Rossheim, **Frances Sampson**, Ian Samuel, Claire Santuae, **Gloria Scandariato**, **Don Shelton**, Jennifer Sheringham\*, Sara Shoreland, **Joe Shull**, **Diane Simmons**, **Bonnie Slager**, Vivian Smith, Angela Spirito, Athalie Thibou, **Ryan Tugas\***, Ronald Warwell, **John Waugaman**, Judy Wilson, **Matthew Winternheimer\***, **The Winternheimer Family**

We are happy to pray for you and your loved ones. If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know: trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

Celebrating Birthdays this week are:



Muriel Fallon	5/10	Lynn Martin	5/13
Dana Mack	5/10	Heather Pfeiffer	5/14
Ron Weidner	5/10	Willa Burns	5/16
Jarrold Connors	5/11	Queenester Jones	5/16
Joye Wood	5/12	Donna Tate	5/16
McKayla Davendonis	5/13		

## *A Litany for Mothers' Day*

Like a mother hen brooding over her young, like a mama bear protecting her cubs, or an eagle stirring up the nest to teach the young to fly, God gives us earthly mothers to bear, nurture, teach, and protect.

So to all who are mothers in flesh and spirit,  
**we honor you.**

With those who are pregnant, however anticipated, expected, or surprising,  
**we support the flourishing of new life.**

With those who gave birth this year,  
**we celebrate with you.**

With those who are in the trenches with little ones every day  
and wear the badge of food stains and spit up,  
**we appreciate you.**

With those who lost a child this year,  
**we mourn with you.**

With those who experienced loss this year  
through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or children leaving home,  
**we ache with you.**

With those who walk the hard path of infertility,  
fraught with pokes, prods, disappointment and tears,  
**we walk with you.**

With those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms,  
**we thank you.**

With those who have warm and close relationships with your children,  
**we rejoice with you.**

With those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children,  
**we sit with you.**

With those who lost their mothers this year,  
**we grieve with you.**

With those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother,  
**we minister to your pain.**

With those who miss your mothers,  
**we sympathize with you.**

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood,  
**we are better for having you in our midst.**

This Mother's Day,  
**we salute you.**

Forgive us when we fail to support you or say foolish things. We don't mean to make your job harder than it is. Mothering is not for the faint of heart, and your love has revealed God's love for us in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. For this we are grateful. Thanks be to God!



*--Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, based on a blog post by Amy Young; from PCUSA website.*

### **YOUTH GROUPS**

Weekly youth meetings via Zoom on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7:30pm.  
Email Brooke at [Brookeerintucker@gmail.com](mailto:Brookeerintucker@gmail.com) for more information.



### **SUMMER YOUTH UPDATES**

Last week Montreat decided to move Week 1 of the Summer Youth Conference to an online format. We are prayerfully considering our options and are hopeful that we can give our youth an awesome summer faithful experience regardless of this news. Thank you all for your support and your donations!

We are still hopeful that we will be able to provide the youth of this county with a Vacation Bible School experience this summer!

We are still looking at the week of June 22nd and are considering many different options to make it a safe experience for all!  
Stay tuned for more information!



### **BIBLE STUDY**

Every Thursday join us virtually for an "Unraveled" Bible Study. Thursday night you will receive via email or Facebook, a video from Rev. Beebe and Brooke Tucker going over the day's scripture lesson and story. Whenever it is convenient for you, get comfy and settle in to watch and interact with the Bible study from the comfort of your own home.

### **EMAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

If you subscribed to receive email updates from the Church website and have not seen any emails yet, please check your SPAM folder. I received many requests that came back as already subscribed or need to confirm emails. You must click 'Confirm Follow' in the email received, to start your subscription. Any questions, please contact Judy in the Church office at ext. 321 or by emailing [tpc-finance@cfl.rr.com](mailto:tpc-finance@cfl.rr.com)



One of our shut-in members would like to hire someone for housekeeping once a week. Please contact Dana in the Church office for more information.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN-MAY 2020 CIRCLE MEETINGS**

FAITH CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.  
MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 am on Zoom.  
REBECCA CIRCLE will meet Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 am on Zoom.  
MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 pm on Zoom.



Detailed login instructions and link will be sent by your circle moderator closer to the meeting date. For all circles, If you wish to make donations toward your pledges, remember to make your check out to Trinity Presbyterian Women so it gets credited to the PW account. Checks will go to Jane Lippian, PW Treasurer either by mail or put them in the PW Mailbox by the church office.

**OFFERING**

Thank you for your continued contributions! Offerings can be received in the Church by mail or you may utilize online banking options at [www.trinitypalmcoast.org](http://www.trinitypalmcoast.org)

***\*\*If you would like to submit an article to be included in the weekly bulletin, please have in by 9am Monday morning. Due date for the next bulletin is Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Please email to Judy at [trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com](mailto:trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com).***



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