



Trinity Times

for the week of February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

TRUTH THAT RICOCHETS*

by Rev. Sarah Are

*I went to a lecture once—
An interfaith conversation with interfaith leaders.
Whispers bounced off the church's tile floors
As people shuffled into place,
Carrying hope alongside assumptions—
Mixed into pockets like loose change.*

*About halfway through the evening,
A young woman in a blue hijab began speaking.
She was the youngest person on the panel,
Seated far to the left. You might almost miss her
If you weren't paying attention;
But not here, not when she spoke.*

*In quiet determination she told us of fear
and persecution.
She told us of hatred and racial slurs,
Thrown at her people from car windows like bombs.
It was a truth I did not know,
And that truth ricocheted like sunlight
through the cathedral windows,
Touching almost everyone that day.*

*Then a man in the back, who could have been me—
Who has been me—
Approached the microphone and said,
"Your people are persecuted. You live in
fear. You are battered by hate.*

*If that is true, then why am I just now
hearing about it?
Why is your story not on the news?
Why have you not spoken up about it?"*

*And the air was still, partly because we held
our breath in anticipation,
And partly because the Spirit slows her
dance when we stand at the edge of truth.
The woman in the blue hijab leaned into
the microphone
And whispered with a quiet strength that
can only come from years of practice:
"We are screaming."*

*If there is one truth in my life that unfolds again and
again, it is the need to listen.*

*For again and again, I will try, with good intentions,
To act and walk with love.
But again and again, I will make mistakes.
Again and again, I will say the wrong thing.
Again and again, they will call me Peter,
And again and again, they will be right.*

*So again and again,
I will pray for a truth that ricochets,
For ears that will listen,
And for space to hold truth.*

*If people are screaming,
And to be clear—people are screaming—
I do not want to miss it.*

Worship Schedule

- Join us for **Worship at 10:00am on Sunday, February 28th in the Sanctuary.** Reservations can be made online from the Church website or by calling the Church office. Masks and social distancing observed.
- Join us for Online Worship at trinitypalmcoast.org or on Facebook: Trinity Presbyterian Church USA
- Worship independently by following along with the bulletin.
- Join Dr. Beebe online every week for a mid-week message. Catch up anytime by visiting our website.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Call to Worship**

Today in worship, we will be reminded that again and again, we are called to listen. This is part of our invitation as people of faith—to not only speak, pray, and sing, but to listen. And I will be the first to say, listening is hard. From our toddler years on up, we struggle to listen, particularly when we don't know what we're listening for or we don't agree with what we're hearing. So for just a moment, as we gather ourselves for worship, I want to invite you to join me in a kinesthetic call to worship by embodying our prayer as I prompt you. Let us listen, let us pray:

Family of faith, I invite you to close your eyes. Rest your feet on the floor beneath you. Release any tension you are holding—In your jaw, your neck, your shoulders, your hands, your legs, your feet.

Take a deep breath in and slowly let it out. The Hebrew word for breath (*ruach*) is the same word for Spirit.

So as you breathe, imagine that it is God who is filling up your lungs with energy and love.

Trust that God is as close as your very breath. Now I invite you to still your mind. Imagine your mind as a river.

Thoughts will drift into view; they always do. However, instead of holding onto those thoughts, allow yourself to let them float by. And listen. Listen deep. Listen far. Listen wide. Listen. The sound of your breath is the sound of the Divine. This is a holy space. Let us worship God.

Hymn #452

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see You; I want to see You;

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

Prayer of Confession**

One: Listening God,

All: Take what is closed in us and open it. Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it. Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you. For we are like Peter, O God. We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen. So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you more fully. With hope we pray, and with gratitude we confess. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem – Jason Wheeler, Tenor

"In Christ Alone"

Faith Formation Moment

Affirmation of Faith**

All: We believe.

One: Sometimes our belief is confident, like a child on a dance floor—unashamed and wildly genuine.

One: We believe.

All: Sometimes our belief is distant, flickering and calling out to us like a lighthouse on the sea.

All: We believe.

One: Sometimes our belief shows up as passion, guiding the way we vote, shop, give, live, trust, and hope.

One: We believe.

All: Sometimes our belief is like a shadow—

Faith stitched to our heels, unmovable, unlosable, a gift for winding journeys.

All: We believe.

One: Sometimes our belief exists like growing pains. We step forward. We fall back. But again and again, Jesus invites us to listen, to grow, and to take another step.

All: So again and again, We speak these truths out loud: We believe.

One: We believe.

All: Again and again, we believe.

One: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Eternal God, holy and faithful, what can we give in return for our life? Teach us to take up the cross of Christ with grateful hearts and humble spirits, offering all for the sake of the gospel, so that we may receive life in fullness; through Christ, who is coming in glory and who taught us when we prayer to say:

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

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹**To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;**

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

Prayer of Illumination**

Creator God,

We cannot hear the trees growing—seeds pushing up through the dirt into the sun. And we cannot hear a single drop of rain, missing one in the many. We cannot hear the weight of people's grief, a burden that so often is silent. And we cannot hear when hearts are changed, but you can. You hear it all. So once again, we come to you with bowed heads and hopeful hearts, asking that you would lend us your ears. Help us to hear as you hear so that we can live as you lived. We are listening. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give

you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Hymn #406

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:31-9:8

8³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." **9**¹ And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power." ² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Meditation

"Called to Listen"

Dr. Jeff Beebe

Charge and Benediction**

"Again & Again, A Lenten Refrain"

As you leave this space, may your mouth speak of God's goodness. May your arms hold those in need. May your feet walk toward justice. May your heart trust its worth. May your soul dance in God's grace.

And may this be your rhythm—again and again and again, Until God's promised day. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself, go with courage, go with heart, go in peace. Amen.

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.

Postlude

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

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Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know: (386) 445-4757 or trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com.

Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

Bob Aitken

Gail Alvaro

Mary Batailo

Jason Bradley*

Tom Brinton

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June Carlson

Jasper Casey

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Bonnie Slager

Yvonne Smith

Maria Soares

Bill Tate

Gene Thrower

Ryan Tugas*

Ronald Warwell

Matthew Winternheimer*

NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



- **Trinity's Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11:00am.**

This meeting will also include the election of Deacons and Elders.

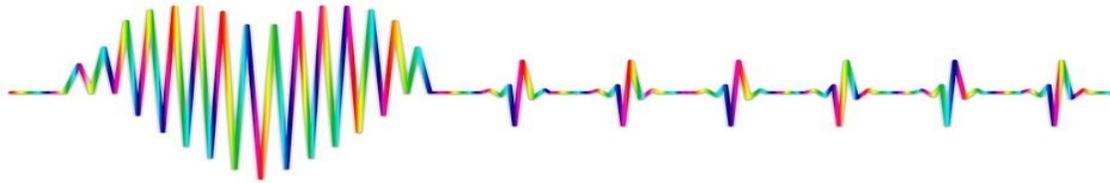
-Annual reports are available now for download on our church website or you can pick up a copy in the Church Office or in the Narthex on Sunday morning. If you pick up a paper copy, please bring it with you to the meeting on the 28th.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Dalton Connors 2/28
Walter Schaaf 3/2
Maudie Parker 3/3
Hailey Mock 3/4

Happy
Birthday

Matthew Winterheimer 3/5
Andrew Wheeler 3/6
Eleanor Moore 3/6
Kenneth Wittmer 3/6

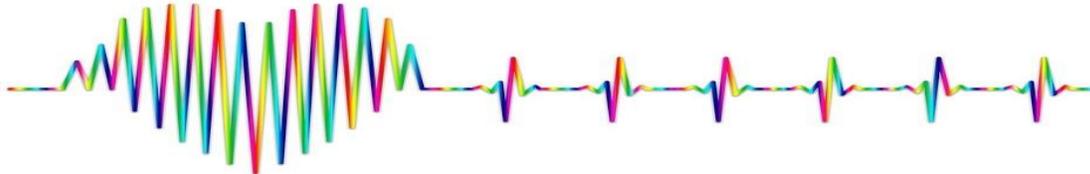


Rhythms of Grace: Sunday Morning Family Faith Formation

We are excited to launch "Rhythms of Grace." This is an outdoor Sunday time/place to help families walk with God and have Him teach us about the "unforced rhythms of Grace." It may be messy, it may get loud but we will find God's heart beat in the midst of it all.

Join us on Sundays from 9:15am-9:45am in the fenced play area. All ages are welcome (parents bring your kids, kids bring your parents, and bring the grandparents too)!

"Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace" Matthew 11:29



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS – MARCH 2021

"INTO THE LIGHT" Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament by P. Lynn M

Lesson Six: Lament Over the City



BOARD MEETING: March 3rd, 2021 @ 10:00 am in Mehaffey Hall

MARY & MARTHA meets 2nd Wednesday, March 10th @ 6:00 pm in the Narthex. Kelli Jebbia-study leader.

MIRIAM CIRCLE meets 3rd Wednesday, March 17th @ 10:00 am in Mehaffey Hall. Joan Zicht-study leader.

FAITH CIRCLE meets 3rd Wednesday, March 17th @ 1:00 pm in the Courtyard. Shirley Richards-study leader.

REBECCA CIRCLE meets 3rd Thursday, March 18th @ 10:00 am in Mehaffey Hall. Priscilla Cahill-study leader.

*Please note that the bible studies are open to all women, so please feel free to visit any one or all at the scheduled meeting time and place.

Bible Study Leaders will meet with Rev. Beebe on Monday, March 1st @ 2:00pm in KCR.

Join Troop 281 & 4281 as
we seek donations for our
local shelter.



We are collecting:

- New pairs of socks (thick, athletic-style)
- New men's boxer briefs & underwear
- New ladies underwear (small), and bras (smaller sizes)

**Donations accepted
through March 7th**

*Drop-off at the church office,
or collection box in the church narthex.*

**Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday
9:00am – 12:00pm
386-445-4757**



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an announcement to be
included in the weekly Trinity
Times, please have in by 9am
Monday morning. Due date for
the next bulletin is Monday,
March 1st. Please email to Judy
at trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com.**

2021 Proverbs Scholarship Fundraiser

TPC Day of Games



How to Virtually Participate!

- ⇒ Complete the donation section of the announcement flyer and mail in, or drop off, or on-line donate to the 2021 Proverbs Scholarship Fund
- ⇒ Pick a time of your choosing and on your own (virtual) play in one, two or multiple favorite games!
- ⇒ As you play your game(s) reminisce about what *good* your donation has done for each of our six 2021 recipients
- ⇒ If you play in multiple games please consider that in your donation level

-TPC Scholarship Chairperson-Kelli Jebbia

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