



Trinity Times

for the week of March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent

HOLD by Rev. Sarah Are

*If you hold a newborn in your arms,
All at once you will understand
The crook of your elbow
And the cup of your palm
As never before—
Ordinary curves of the body
Transformed into a resting space.
You were designed for love.
And if you're lucky enough
To hold a newborn in your arms,
And that newborn curls
Its tiny fingers around yours,
Making your hands look
Like the hands of a giant—
Then time might stand still,
And those around you might point and say,
"Look! That little one is holding you back."
And in that moment,
If you pay attention,
You will catch a glimpse
Of the circle that love was meant to be.
God is love,
Our resting place.
With small hands,
We hold back.*



Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Worship Schedule

- Join us for **Worship at 10:00am on Sunday, March 14th 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 LIVE Worship Online at 10:00am at trinitypalmcoast.org or tune-in at your convenience to watch the live recording later.
- Worship independently with the Trinity Times.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Pastor
Heasuk Che, Director of Music/Organist
Brooke Tucker, Director of Faith Formation
Lillian Warner, Director of Handbell Choir
Tom Buonocore, Sexton
Judy Grady, Financial and Administrative Assistant
Dana Mack, Church Receptionist

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"God is Here"

Call to Worship**

One: Before we were born,

All: Before we took our first breath,

One: Before the week started,

All: Before the year started,

One: Before we said, "I love you,"

All: Before we said, "I'm sorry,"

One: Before we figured out who we really are,

All: Before we figured out who we want to be,

One: Before it all—

All: God loved us.

One: Unconditionally and freely,

All: Fully and honestly—

One: God loved us.

All: Again and again, this is where our story begins.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn #415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. **[Refrain]**

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. **[Refrain]**

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. **[Refrain]**

4 Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. **[Refrain]**

Prayer of Confession**

God of love,

We forget the beginning of the story—

That we were made from love, to be love, to give love.

Instead of rooting our narrative in the goodness refrain of creation,

We skip ahead and find our worth at the fall, with Cain and Abel, lost in the wilderness.

We forget that first there was you, and you are love.

We forget that out of that love you created us.

We forget that from the very first day, you loved first.

We forget, because a love like that doesn't make sense to us.

Forgive our low self-esteem. Forgive our resistance to love ourselves.

Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good.

And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on—from generation to generation.

Write a new beginning for us that roots our confidence in your unrelenting love.

With hope we pray, again and again. 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 – Jack Jeffe, Viola

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Faith Formation Moment

Affirmation of Faith**

We believe God is love—

Unconditional, constant love.

We believe this love exists for all,

Choosing each and every one of us,

Day after day,

Again and again and again.

We believe that God's love is like a river.

Rivers cannot help but flow toward the sea;

God's love cannot help but move toward us.

We are swimming in it.

We believe that God loved first.

We believe that God breathed life into dust.

We believe that God said, "This is good,"

And because we believe that God loved first,

We strive to build lives that reflect God's love.

May we begin again here. 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 107: 1-3, 17-22

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

³ **and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

¹⁷ Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

¹⁸ **they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.**

¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

²⁰ **he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.**

²¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

²² **And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

Prayer of Illumination**

God of the here and now—

We have heard the words,

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son,"

Time and time again.

We have read them on billboards, heard them in worship, and seen them on signs.

And yet we know, there is a difference between hearing those words in passing and truly, deeply listening.

We long to listen, God. We long to hear your truth.

We long to know your love. Open our hearts and minds.

We are listening. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

2 You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hymn #649

"Amazing Grace"

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Gospel Lesson

John 3:14-21

3 ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Meditation

"God Loves First"

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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

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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	Rich Gaulding Red Gensch Goff & Mock Family Sylvia Gosztyla Angela Grussing Stanley Hannum* Clark Hessen A.J. Jebbia Vicki Jebbia	Florence Lyman Kenny Mack* Jan Markiewicz Walt McRae Declan Mitchell* Joseph C. Orr* Howard Parker Janet Pegg Bea Pison Alice Powell Helene Read Ginny Reisinger Bob Rizzo	Bradford Robinson Hawley Rogers Frances Sampson Gloria Scandariato Jennifer Sheringham* Joe Shull Diane Simmons Bonnie Slager Yvonne Smith Maria Soares Gene Thrower Ryan Tugas* Ronald Warwell Matthew Winternheimer*
Mary Batailo Jason Bradley* Tom Brinton	Janet Johnson Javan N. Jones* Dave Knight Jennifer Kaczmarek		
Al Burgess June Carlson Jasper Casey John Decina Maverick Dennis*			
Joe Digby* Dan Ferriol Patrick Floyd*			

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Karen Thomas	3/14		Ross Marteney	3/18
Cathie Huff	3/14		Marla Mitchell	3/19
Mimi Baruch	3/15		Leisa Gardner	3/20
Susie Bereda	3/15		Sandy Boland	3/20
Madilyn Winternheimer	3/15			



**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

LIVE STREAMING IS HERE

Trinity is now LIVE STREAMING. An email announcement will be sent at 9:30 am and will contain a link for you to "click" that will take you to the broadcast of the live service. Both the *Live Service* and the *Live Stream* will begin at 10:00am. If you visit the link before 10am, a countdown timer will assure you that you are in the right place! If you are not available during the 10 o'clock hour, you can visit the same link any time after the service ends to watch a recording of the service.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday Worship Service, Sunday, March 28th at 10:00am in the Sanctuary and Live-Stream online
- Family Easter Celebration, Sunday, March 28th at 4:00pm on the front lawn
- Stations of The Cross Self-Guided Walk-Through Monday, March 29th – Friday, April 2nd on the front lawn
- Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Thursday, April 1st at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary and Live-Stream online. The Lord's Supper will be observed.
- Good Friday, guided walk through, Friday, April 2nd at 12 noon. Join Dr. Beebe on a guided journey through The Stations of the Cross. There will also be a pre-recorded online Good Friday message emailed at noon.
- Easter Sunday Worship Service, Sunday, April 4th will be an outdoor service in the front parking area, weather permitting. Inclement weather back-up will be in the Sanctuary with overflow in Mehaffey Hall. There will also be a pre-recorded online Easter message emailed at 10:00am.



EASTER FLOWERS

Dear Trinity Family/Friends,

Our flower supplier has informed us that Easter potted plants are in very short supply this year. Therefore we regret that we are unable to fill individual orders for Easter Sunday. We will have a smaller display of plants that will serve as a tribute from Trinity in honor and/or memory of loved ones that will be in place on Easter whether the service is held indoors or outdoors. Since these flowers are going to be purchased, donations to offset the expense would be appreciated. Please note on the donation envelope that it is for the Easter Flower Fund. Thank you. We appreciate your understanding and pray that we can continue our usual flower ministry in the future.



2021 Proverbs Scholarship Fundraiser

TPC Day of Games



We Did It!!

- ◆ Our Need Has Been Filled (We have reached the goal dollar amount!)
- ◆ Our High School applicants are completing their applications for committee review
 - ◆ The TPC congregation had JOY when they played their games

Winners

BINGO : Shirley Richards, Anthony Richards, Libbie Butler

\$25 Gift Card: Ruth Gordon

Dear Congregation, The committee thanks you for your support of this Virtual fundraiser. Your support shows commitment to these young adults, that we've seen grow up, at Trinity Presbyterian Church as an influencer in their lives. Our 6 high school senior graduates will apply for the scholarship money this spring. The application process has been in place for a number of years and has helped 80 high school seniors since 1992 in scholarship assistance. This year we have 6 high school seniors applying for a scholarship.

Kelli Jebbia-2021 Proverbs Scholarship Chairperson

Trinity Presbyterian Budget Update end of January and February, 2021

COVID related practices and a downward trend within the denomination have limited our abilities to collect pledges and gifts in a systematic way. We are looking for new ways to encourage giving and collecting gifts. Please review your giving practices to make sure you are on track with your commitments to the church. Thank you.

2021 Budget	Monthly Approved Budget	Actuals January, 2021	Actuals February, 2021	Comments
Estimated Giving				
Pledges	\$17,652.84	\$35,396.43	\$13,877.77	
Unpledged Giving	\$6,250.00	\$3,375.00	\$8,797.00	
Plate Offering	\$133.34	\$69.00	\$109.00	
Total Revenue	\$29,789.00	\$38,840.43	\$22,783.77	Year to date giving was \$61,624.20. Year to date expenses were \$62,230.77. This is a shortfall of \$606.57
Total Expenses	\$30,570.07	\$32,323.17	\$29,907.60	

The church has \$29,000 in fixed expenses per month and at a minimum another \$3,000 to \$5,000 in missions and ministry we want to do. You are generous in supporting special events and concerns and Finance Committee certainly appreciates and thanks you for these gifts. Please remember our fixed costs (facilities care and maintenance, utilities, grounds care, postage, office, cleaning supplies, personnel, and now live streaming) need to be taken care of so we may continue to be God's presence in this place and beyond! Thank you again for your continuing stewardship!

Please be generous with giving of your time, talents, and money as we serve our God in His world.

Family Easter Celebration



Sunday, March 28th 4pm

**Join us in our front grass lot for games, crafts, a scavenger hunt, Easter story time, and an egg hunt!
All are invited and welcome!**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS – MARCH 2021
"INTO THE LIGHT" Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament by P. Lynn Miller



Lesson Six: Lament Over the City

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.



**Reminder to move clocks ahead
one hour this Sunday, March 14th.**



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May your arms hold those in need.
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In the name of the Lover, the Beloved,
and Love itself,
Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.
Amen. –Rev. Sarah Are*



*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.*