



Trinity Times

For the week of March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

KEEP DIGGING

I can feel change inside of me.

It's a slow burn.

Change usually starts out hot—

Defensive and angry,

A self-righteous blanket

Of, "I am right and here's why . . ."

I wrap it around my shoulders

Like a barricade.

I fight the temptation to lean forward,

To play the challenger,

To argue with confidence.

But in time, almost always, the heat fades.

The air leaves the balloon.

The audacity of it all starts to wear off.

And eventually, what I am left with

Is myself

And a big, open sky.

It's colder here.

It's quieter.

I can hear my thoughts.

And in this big, wide openness

I am able to say out loud,

"Maybe I wasn't right.

Maybe I need to learn.

Maybe it's time for change.

Maybe that's okay."



*And if I'm quiet, and if I'm paying attention,
I can usually hear God whisper inside of me,
"Good work, my child. Now keep digging."*

-by Rev. Sarah Are

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Worship Schedule

- Join us for **Worship at 10:00am on Sunday, March 21st 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

"Above All"

Call to Worship**

One: Every week is a new week, another chance to say:

All: "Here I am. Use me."

One: Every day is a new day, another chance to say:

All: "Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow."

One: Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,

All: "Again and again, make me new."

One: We do not come to this place to stay the same.

All: We come to this place to be changed.

One: So let us worship holy God,

Who created yesterday, will create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn #63

"The Lord is God"

Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

We want to see you.

We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus;

But not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts.

Why do we feel so far away from that at times?

What went wrong?

Where did we lose our way?

Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts?

We would be so grateful.

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 – Handbell Choir

"Near the Cross"

arr. L. Warner

Installation of Elders and Deacons

Faith Formation Moment

Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that flowers need the rain.

We believe that humans need community.

We believe that bodies need rest.

We believe that hearts need connection.

We believe that mornings need sunrise.

We believe that seasons need change.

We believe that grief needs space.

We believe that change needs time.

We believe that love needs security.

We believe that pain needs art.

We believe that joy needs company.

We believe that our spirits need God.

Again and again, our spirits need God.

Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here. God is at work in our lives.

God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up. 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 119: 9-16

⁹ How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart,

so that I may not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes.

¹³ With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

¹⁴ **I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶ **I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Prayer of Illumination**

Holy God,

Scripture tells us that your word is written on our hearts, but we struggle to hear it.

Is it possible that we have covered up your words with our own self-narratives?

Is it possible that we have erased your truth to write our own?

Is it possible that we have forgotten your words entirely?

Take us back to the beginning. Remove the self-talk that distracts. Clear away the cobwebs of doubt.

Show us how to look inside ourselves for your truth, and then write on our hearts once more.

We are listening. We are hopeful. We are here. Speak now. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hymn #546

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-33

Meditation

"We Are Reformed"

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

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O 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	Rich Gaulding Red Gensch Goff & Mock Family Sylvia Gosztyla Angela Grussing Stanley Hannum* Clark Hessen A.J. Jebbia Vicki Jebbia	Florence Lyman Kenny Mack*	Bradford Robinson
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Joe Digby* Patrick Floyd*			Matthew Winternheimer*

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:



Marlene Williams	3/22
Judith Spurrell	3/23
Wendy Earle	3/24
Marie Mento	3/25
Sharon Hay	3/26

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2021

Lance Alred
Carol Graff
Marc Hitchins
Kathleen Cooke*
Jenn Kaczmarek*
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CLASS OF 2022

Ken Mettler
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Martha Gioielli*
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Leslie Russo#
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Barbara Donahue
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Ginny Elgin
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Julie Pearson
Joye Woods*
Patty Edwards*
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Ruth Gordon#
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Paul Burkhart
Brenda Digby
Leisa Gardner
Maudie Parker
Joyce Peters
Alison Reid
Marlene Williams*
Cyndy McCormick#
Bill Butler#
Donna Decina#

* Officers to be Installed

Officers to be Ordained and Installed

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.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Enclosed, please find a giving envelope to share your gift for this special offering.

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.





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

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!**

Next week's Trinity Times will be a double-issue encompassing Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday for the weeks of March 28th and April 4th. There will not be a separate mailing for the week of April 4th. Please send in any announcements by Monday, March 22nd to Judy at trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com



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