

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 19, 2025

GATHERING AND PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE: "Prelude in G Minor"

J. S. Bach

Readying Our Hearts (A time of silent prayer and reflection in preparation for worshiping God together.)

Scriptures for Reflection and Memorization: Matthew 5:16

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us;

People: That God's ways may be known on earth, God's salvation among all nations.

Leader: May the peoples praise our God. May all the people praise Christ the Lord.

People: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for our God rules the peoples justly, and guides the nations of the earth.

Leader: May the peoples praise our God. May all the people praise Christ the Lord.

People: Then God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will worship God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION/INVOCATION

*GATHERING SONG: #82 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to all people in distress.

Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears He knows.

In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him, you behold Him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before Him; all who dwell in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:9-12 (Pew Bible p. 1888)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison prayer after a time of silent personal confession.)

Blessed Redeemer, the Son of the Most High God, Who is so loving toward us despite having been so despised and rejected by us; Who is so patient and forbearing with us despite the pain our sins brought upon You; Who shows grace upon grace toward us even when we disobey Your commands and dishonor Your name; grant that through Your wounds we would be healed. Forgive our selfish actions and self-centered attitudes, and so fill us with Your Spirit, that we might walk in Your ways, and speak of Your goodness and truth. Cleanse us from our sins that the radiance of Your glory might flow through us, and that those who are lost might come to know the love and acceptance that is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (adapted from Matthew 11:28-30)

Leader: In love Jesus calls out to all God's children saying, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Remembering the forgiveness that's ours through faith in Christ's atoning sacrifice, let us take hold of that forgiveness and walk in the peace and rest that's ours in Christ.

***All:** (*Gloria Patri*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 2:22-26 (Pew Bible p. 1854)

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to

a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

“Anthem of Gladness”
Choir

Joseph Martin

SCRIPTURE READING: Titus 3:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 1859)

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Three Strategies for Reaching a Tough Culture for Christ”

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD THROUGH AFFIRMATION,
OFFERING, AND PRAYER**

*SONG OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE: #563 “Song for the Nations”

**May we be a shining light to the nations,
a shining light to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world sees the glory of Your name.
May Your pure light shine through us.**

**May we bring a word of hope to the nations,
A word of life to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world knows there’s salvation through Your name.
May Your mercy flow through us.**

May we be a healing balm to the nations,

**A healing balm to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world knows the power of Your name.
May Your healing flow through us.**

**May we sing a song of joy to the nations,
A song of praise to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world rings with the praises of Your name.
May Your song be sung through us.**

**May Your kingdom come to the nations,
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord.
May Your kingdom come on earth.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND OFFERING

Invitation

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements and the Giving of Our Offering

"His Glory and My Good"
Acoustic Worship Team

Fielding/Thompson

**I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ.**

**And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies.
When I gaze upon His beauty,
When I see Him as I should,
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good.**

**There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn.
So, in faith, I follow Jesus
On the road not understood,
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good.**

**To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good.**

**See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day.
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood.
Yes, I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good.**

**To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good.**

**Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good.
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good.**

**To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good. (repeat)**

Yes, I know His glory is my good

(For those joining us in the Sanctuary this morning, you are invited, as you come forward to receive the Communion Elements, and as you feel so led, to place your offering in one of the plates up front. For those unable to be with us physically, you are encouraged to partake of the elements in your home at this time. Also, as you are able, we invite you to set aside your offering as an act of personal dedication at this time, either to be mailed in, dropped off at the church, or brought in when you are able to join us in worship. Let this time be one of receiving from and offering yourself to our Lord -- to the praise of His glory.)

Prayer of Commitment

*Sung Response (Doxology)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION/SUPPLICATION

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.

BRINGING OUR WORSHIP INTO OUR WORLD

*SENDING SONG:

"My Life Is in You, Lord"
Acoustic Worship Team

Daniel Gardner

Chorus

**My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord.
In You, it's in You. (repeat)**

Verse

**I will praise You with all of my life.
I will praise You with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength,
All of my hope is in You. (Chorus)**

*BENEDICTION (Romans 15:13)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Postlude:

“Finale in D”

C. L. Koch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Note: Church's email address – office@trinitychurchtroy.org. Website address – www.trinitychurchtroy.org.)

1. If you would like to help support the work of Hope 7 in our local community, we encourage you to drop off **non-perishable food items, toiletries and other hygiene items** either at Trinity Church, or at Hope 7 directly (M-F 9:30-11:45), or call Sue Laz (518-892-4042) to arrange for a pick-up.
2. **We are receiving new or gently used clothes for the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM).** There is a box in the narthex for donations. You may bring your items to the church or call Sue Laz to arrange for a pick-up.
3. **Church “business-style” cards** are available in the narthex. You are encouraged to take some to hand out as you invite others to join us in worship.
4. Copies of the booklet, **“The Gospel of Jesus Christ”** are in the back of the church. It presents an overview of the good news of Jesus. The truth about who God is, who we are, and how we may live with God now and forever is presented. You are encouraged **to pick up a few copies and share them** with those you know who do not yet know Jesus or who may be questioning what it means to be a Christian.
5. **Sunday morning prayer, 8:30-9:00am** in the Prayer Room/Library. Join us as we pray for Sunday's worship as well as other needs, concerns, praises and thanksgivings.
6. **Adult Sunday morning Bible Study** meets before worship (9:15-10:00am). We are studying in the New Testament book of Titus.
7. **Wednesday evening Bible Study** will meet on October 22nd at 7:00pm. The text will be Romans 11:11-15. You can find the Zoom link at the church's website under “Digital meetings” or as included here -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84268790436>.
8. **Capital City Rescue Mission's annual banquet, “Restoring Hope,”** will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, beginning at 6:00PM at the Marriott Albany. Tickets are \$40 and reservations are required. Dinner options are pot roast (gluten free) or gnocchi and vegetables (vegetarian). Along with dinner there will be an online auction. Please speak with Sue Laz if you are interested in attending.
9. **Operation Christmas Child:** Through simple shoe boxes filled with toys and other small gifts children receive the assurance that God loves them and what may be their only Christmas gift. Shoeboxes and brochures with instructions are available in the narthex. Extra shoebox labels are available in the narthex if you are filling more than one box. Boxes should be returned to the church by **November 16th**.
10. **Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, November 8th from 8:30 – 12:30.** Please lift the drive in your prayers and consider donating blood or helping at the refreshment table for a portion of the morning. Every pint of blood collected by the Red Cross can save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. If you would like to register to donate, volunteer, or if you have any questions, please speak with Peter Laz.
11. **Veteran's Recognition, November 9th,** we will be recognizing service personnel who have served or are currently serving. To include someone in this recognition please speak with Sue Laz or call the church office at 518-283-2420 with their name, branch of service and dates of service.