



building God's Church...blessing our community
THE LORD'S DAY MARCH 15, 2020

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....FROM PSALM 97

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice!

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

The heavens proclaim His righteousness; and all the peoples see His glory.

For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous ones, and give thanks to His holy name

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**JOYFUL, JOYFUL
No. 1

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**.....THE APOSTLES' CREED¹

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell²; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGGENESIS 48

HYMN OF ADORATIONSATISFIED

WORDS: CLARA WILLIAMS MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS

All my life long, I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
that I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings; through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me 'till my strength was almost gone
longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.

Poor I was and sought for riches: something that would satisfy
but the dust I gathered 'round me, only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

¹Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century.

²By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces three truths. First, we acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering 33 years of temptation. Second, he received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Thirdly, he experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion.

³The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....PROVERBS 28:13

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE.....IN CHRIST ALONE

WORDS & MUSIC: KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNSEND

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take a moment to record your attendance in the black folder as it is passed down the row.
Visiting? Please fill out a **Connect Card** and bring it to the Welcome Table in the Narthex after the service.

OFFERTORY

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE MARK FORD

SERMON.....JOHN 12:36-50

³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

⁴⁴ And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.

⁴⁵ And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. ⁴⁷ If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸ The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

SERMON NOTES

JOHN 12:36-50

LACK OF BELIEF

EXTREME UNBELIEF

A LITTLE BIT OF BELIEF

FINAL APPEAL

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**.....THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

No. 277

***BENEDICTION**

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GENESIS 49	GENESIS 50	MARK 1	MARK 2	MARK 3	MARK 4

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Roger & Dianne Smalling, writing and publishing reformed literature for training programs and seminars in Latin America

Our Troops: pray for our troops and their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: Metro North Church, Goose Creek; currently seeking a pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Frank Myers: recovery after back surgery

Brooke Pantaleon: undergoing treatment for breast cancer

Louise Beckett: knee replacement surgery scheduled for March 24, relief from pain

Linda Wactor: wisdom for doctors in better managing her pain

Claudia Wilkes: recovering from ankle surgery

Lawton Porter: recovery from broken leg, ongoing therapy after brain aneurysm

Linda Wells: neuropathy, improved stamina

Mark Cash: suitable employment

Willie Lou Jackson: at The Oaks in Orangeburg

Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

Ann Betsill: at Calhoun Convalescent Center

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BULLETIN BOARD

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

The Session and Diaconate have agreed that we should give our under-utilized 15-passenger van to our sister church, New City Fellowship, who could use it on a much more regular basis. Our leaders decided that the ongoing maintenance and insurance costs were not the best stewardship of our resources considering how infrequently we used the van. For future travel needs, we can use private vehicles or rent a van, and still come out on the positive side financially - AND we will have been able to be a blessing to another church family.

FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENTS DUE MARCH 29

Now that our Missions Conference is over, it's time to consider your Faith Promise commitment for the coming year. While some of the church's general budget is earmarked for missions, much of the support we send our ministry partners comes from Faith Promise, an offering our members give above and beyond their tithe specifically for Trinity's global gospel outreach. The Missions Committee asks that you prayerfully consider how you can participate this year and fill out a commitment card by Sunday, March 29. These pledges help the committee to allocate and plan financial support for our missions partners throughout the coming year. Commitment cards are located on the information counter.

SAVE THE DATE: RELAY FOR LIFE LUNCHEON IS APRIL 18

The Relay For Life Survivor Luncheon is coming on Saturday, April 18th from 12 noon until 1:30 at the Trinity Picnic Shelter, and your help is needed! More info to come - see Cheryl Walling with questions.

DID YOU LEAVE SOMETHING IN THE REFRIGERATOR?

It's time to clean out the refrigerator in the church kitchen. If you left something in there that you'd like to collect, please do so by Sunday. We plan to throw all unclaimed items away early next week.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

SERVING	MARCH 15		MARCH 22	
	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP
0-3	Karen Ford	Kerry & Ashton Folk	Susan Ulmer	Mary Beth Myers & Hannah Lambrecht
USHERS	Brian Pantaleon, Brian Henson, Avery Folk, Lyle Polson			

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CALENDAR		
SUN 3/15	8:30AM 9:15AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 3/17	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 3/18	6:30PM	EMS OUTREACH DINNER - NO DWELL
SUN 3/22	8:30AM 9:15AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

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