TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



August 3, 2025

Communion

10:00 a.m.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The livestream for this service can be accessed from our main YouTube page: http://bit.ly/TPC-YouTube-Page The livestream will begin several minutes before the service begins. Feel free to tune in whenever you are ready. If you prefer to view the service later, the video will be available soon after the service has concluded.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

No matter where you come from or where you're going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or just don't feel today, no matter whom you love, you are welcome into this space to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and...who wants to have a relationship with you.

This morning, children/youth in grades K-12 are asked to remain in the sanctuary with their families for this special service of worship. Childcare is available for younger children.

When the prelude begins, please silence your cell phones and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

arr. by David Christensen (b. 1950)

Amazing Grace

Makena James, Organ

IN THE LIFE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.



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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pat Niles, Liturgist

Merciful God,
We have tried to be faithful to your Word,
reading the stories of Jesus over and over again.
Yet we often do not pay attention
with our whole selves,
and so we fail when we try
to follow Jesus' loving way.
Forgive us for not allowing our lives
to be touched fully by his life, his words, and his actions.
Open us to receiving all that Jesus teaches us.
In his name we pray,
Amen.

* A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

* GLORIA Hymn No. 584



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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Old Testament, Page 574

Psalm 131:1-2

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. ²But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

ANTHEM

John Carter (b. 1930)

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

TPC Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

New Testament, Page 46

Mark 10:13-16

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

Let Your Child Read the Bible

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Carl F. Mueller (1892-1982)

The One Hundredth Psalm

TPC Chancel Choir

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn No. 708, Verse 1



* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, use these gifts and all that we have for the building up of your work in this church and the wider world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Glory to God, Page 35

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.

Communion Response

Hymn No. 497, Refrain

Bread of Life From Heaven



Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion will be served in the following manner: The ushers will invite you to come forward via the center aisle. Pastor Jorge will give you a piece of bread; then take a cup from the tray, before taking Communion. Please hold the cup until all have been served so we may partake together. Return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is also available.

Communion Anthem

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

Pan Divino, Gracioso

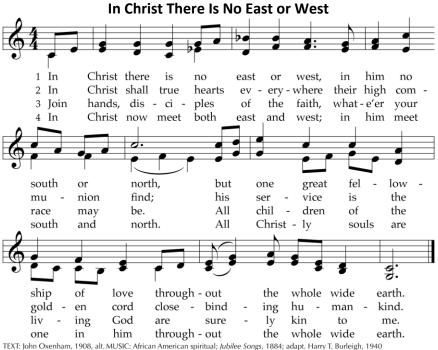
TPC Chancel Choir

Prayer After Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME



Hymn No. 317



BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

JS Bach (1685-1750)

arr. by David Christensen (b. 1950)

Musette

Makena James, Organ

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Guest Preacher Today

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