

[We practice "Open Communion" — which means that even if you are visiting with us today, you are welcome to participate. Ushers will release each row in turn and each row will go to the front by the SIDE aisles, and return by the CENTER aisle. The following instructions may help you feel comfortable as you take communion. First, receive the bread from the server and then either dip it in a bowl with grape juice, or dip it in the cup with wine and then partake and return to your seat. Or, you may receive the bread and partake, and then proceed to the Common Cup in the center which is wine, and drink from it, and return to your seat. Do not be afraid to ask a question of the server if you are unsure. No worries!]

Communion Servers: The Rev. Timothy Merrill, The Rev. John Willison, Stephen Minister Judy Kim, Jim Richmond

#### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion:

May the Strength of God pilot us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Host of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil ones.  
Against temptations of the world

May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!  
May Thy Salvation, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

—Saint Patrick's Prayer for the Faithful

**\*Recessional Hymn:** *In Christ There Is No East Nor West* No. 548

**\*Benediction** Pastor Timothy

**Postlude:** "Fantasia in G Minor" by J.S. Bach Ignatius Banda

#### Worship Leaders

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,  
Stephen Minister Judy Kim

Acolytes: Natalie Williamson and Masha Doering

**Our musicians:** Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

**Greeters:** Craig and Lori Gingerich

**Communion Bread Provider:** Liam Richmond

**Hospitality Hosts:** Ginger Merritt, Judy Kim, Suzanne Byerly

**Friendship Baker:**

**Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering:** Craig Gingerich, Jeff and Karen Eekhoff

**Altar Flowers:** Tong Doering

**Lenten and Saint Patrick Banner:** Joan Lueth

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For those who are grieving for loved ones lost
- For Lette Malipe's brother Donald who is home recovering after being in the hospital.
- For Meg and John Ideker's brother-in-law who is being treated for prostate and bone cancer.

Please email Pastor Timothy with requests to be placed on this list.

P A L M  
Sunday



#### Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

- Palms for everyone!
- Children's Procession of the Palms
- Music from the children
- Pastor Timothy preaching: "Christopher," based on the Mark text, 11:1-11.
- Ignatius Banda at the organ

## CALENDAR

#### Tomorrow, Monday, March 19

Church board meets at 6:52 p.m. iPhone time. Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday

Confirmation Class, 9 a.m. at Pastor Timothy's

Worship at 11 a.m.

Confirmation Class, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Judy Kim's

#### Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday Joint Service with AGIF

7 p.m. in our chapel

Pastor Timothy will have a brief message

Pastor Rick will lead Holy Communion

#### EASTER SUNDAY, April 1, 2018

Worship at 11 a.m. Pastor Timothy preaching: "The April Fool."

We resurrect our "Alleluia!"

#### Sunday, April 8: NO WORSHIP SERVICE DUE TO SPRING BREAK.

Please join the 3 p.m. congregation in large sanctuary.

#### Sunday, April 15: Risus Paschalis (Holy Humor Sunday)

Come to church for a laugh.

#### Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day)

Flowers for all the women!

We honor our 2018 High School graduates.

#### Electronic Giving or Giving in the USA

Would you prefer to give electronically?

Please see our Treasurer, John Ideker, for details.

根据中华人民共和国的法律，只允许外国护照持有人在场参加。

In accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of China, only foreign passport holders are allowed to attend services here at Trinity Congregation.

#### Weekly News & Updates

Want to receive Trinity emails? Send Pastor Timothy an email at: revtfmerrill@aol.com. Or drop your business card in the offering plate

# TRINITY CONGREGATION

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## MARCH 18, 2018 11 AM

Please remember to silence your smartphone and other devices during the worship service! Thank you!

# THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

*\* All who are able may rise to praise God.*

Liturgist: Judy Kim, Stephen Minister

**Prelude:** Ignatius Banda

*“O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß”* by J.S. Bach

**\*Processional Hymn:** *Be Thou My Vision* No. 451

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Holy One, dwell within us.

**People: Whisper in our ears;**

Leader: Glimmer in our vision;

**People: Write upon our hearts.**

Leader: We wait

**People: With open ears, open eyes, open hearts.**

**ALL: Amen** —By Joanna Harader, based on Jeremiah 31:31-34

**\*Invocation**

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Timothy

**Old Testament Reading:** *Jeremiah 31:31-34* Lette Malipe, Reader

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Reading:** *John 12:20-33*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord / **ALL: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Sermon:** “God WILL do something about it!” Pastor John

**\*Hymn of Response:** *Christ Beside Me*

Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ at my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

—Adapted from *Saint Patrick’s Breastplate*.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** No. 895

**Offertory** Ignatius Banda

“All Praise to Thee” No. 682 *Verse 5 only*

(Sung as a round, MEN begin, and WOMEN follow at circle)

## CONFESSION BEFORE COMMUNION



Leader: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. In your great compassion blot out our offenses.

**People: Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins, for I know my transgressions, and my sins are ever before me.**

Leader: Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. So you are justified when you speak and upright in all your judgments.

**People: Purge me from my sins, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Leader: Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit, O Lord. Give to us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful spirit.

**People: Open my lips, O God, and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Leader: Lord God, you are the one who forgives us and teaches us what is right and shows us the way we should go. You are the one who provides us with all that we need and protects all those who call upon your name. Help us O God to remember your unfailing love, to give thanks for your forgiveness and your mercy, and to rely upon your saving and healing power. For these and all our blessings, help us now to praise you with thankful and contrite hearts, we ask it in Jesus' name.

**People: Amen**

—Based on Psalm 51.

## HOLY COMMUNION



**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you;

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts;

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise!

**Celebrant:** All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all place, our true and loving God, through Jesus Christ your Eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom your created all things. You laid the foundations of the world, and enclosed the sea when it burst from the womb. You brought forth all crea-

tures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of blessing! All you create is a sign of hope for our journey. Yet, forgetting these blessings, we rebelled against you and wandered far away. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. Hear us now as we pray for mercy:

**\*People (singing):**

Celebrant sings first; people repeat

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us. grant us thy peace.

**Celebrant:** Glory, honor and praise are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself to be a light to the nations. You delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human and to share our life, announce the coming of your Holy Reign and to offer himself for us a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer you freed us from sin, brought us to new life, reconciled us to yourself and restored to us the glory you intend for us. On the night on which Jesus was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is my body given for you. And in the [Celebrant continues] ... Send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, being alive to your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people into the joy of our true, eternal home. Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor, glory and praise to you, O God, now and forever.

**\*People (singing): “Amen”**

Celebrant sings first; people repeat

A - men, a - men, a - men. men.

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**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People:** We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in one bread.