

Prelude: Prepare to Enter God's Presence

Music: Nature's Praise of God, composed by Ludwig van Beethoven

Opening Hymn: Standing on the Promises

(please join us in singing with your mask on!)

Welcome

Before we worship, **we struggle with God**. We struggle with fear, shame, guilt, blame, and broken relationships. **We struggle with power, authority, and control**. We struggle with confession, repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Cain missed the Mark. **Struggling with God teaches us to worship in the Spirit and the truth of God's love.**

Special Music: Come Ye Sinners (Duet with Calli and Rick)

Prayer

Father, we believe in Jesus. We believe he suffered all our sins to show us Your Mercy. Why do we struggle with one another seeking forgiveness? Like Jacob, teach us to wrestle with you, not our brothers, sisters, neighbors, or enemies.

Bless us like you did Jacob. Bless us to be a blessing to those who harm us, curse us, and revile us. Like Jesus, lead us to deny our selves, take up our crosses, and rise to do unto others as Jesus did unto us.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit isn't a Saint a sinner who struggles with God and humanity? Isn't a Saint a sinner who overcomes sin by struggling with You until we limp away in Your Mercy, Grace, and Love.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Reading of Scripture: Genesis 32

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. ²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." ²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

Instrumental Meditation: Just As I Am, arranged by Greg Howlett

Message: Communion Looks Like a Sinner Struggling with God to see Jesus

Esau and Jacob are twins. Like Cain, God placed the Mark upon them. The Mark God places up God's children is the promise.

Deny the World. Struggle with God who created the world and gave us the Son. Deny Satan. Struggle with God who has power and authority over Satan, Sin, and Death. Deny The Law of Moses and the Prophets. Struggle with Jesus who fulfilled The Law and Prophets.

Saints live in the world. They keep the laws of government. They have jobs, pay taxes, and purchase possessions. Saints have rules, doctrines, creeds, traditions, and liturgy. Therefore, Saints look patriotic, productive, and religious! At each junction of life they watch, wait, and listen for God's Promise. Jesus is with us always!!! Saints struggle with God. They are know by their limp! They are known by their limp! Limping is a sign of roundedness and weakness. Such is the person who overcomes the World, Government, Business, and Religion through God's Promised Mercy, Grace, and Love. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Apostle's Creed

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day he rose for the
dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right had of God
the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick
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.

Closing Hymn: Blessed Assurance

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Tithes and Offerings

Postlude

Music: Love of Our Neighbors, composed by Ludwig van Beethoven

Announcements:

The Reverend Tim Robinson is projected to Pastor Trinity UMC. His
first Sunday will be July 4th. Nicole, his wife, works for MEOC. Join me
in prayers for Tim and Nicole.

A new copier was installed in the Church Office on Thursday.

The Church Rummage Sale is Monday, May 3rd, through Friday, May
7th, in the Parsonage Basement.

Final plans are being made to install a Carillon in the Church. It plays
bells, music, and chimes the hour. Trinity is known for its music.

Join us for Sunday School to learn what Jesus teaches that equips
people to heal and restore relationships.

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Standing on the Promises

Verse 1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, standing
 Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,

standing on the promises of God my Savior;

standing, standing
 standing on the promises, standing on the promises,

I'm standing on the promises of God.

Verse 2

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fearing assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, standing
 Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,

standing on the promises of God my Savior;

standing, standing
 standing on the promises, standing on the promises,

I'm standing on the promises of God.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Verse 1

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 2

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Blessed Assurance

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long; (x2)

Verse 2

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love*

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long; (x2)