



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

August 23, 2009
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE The Fifers
Composer: Jean Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 126*

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

Leader: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

People: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

Leader: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

People: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

HYMN 466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON (from Polynesia)*

Lord, today you made us known to friends we did not know, and you have given us seats in homes which are not our own. You have brought the distant near, and made a brother of a stranger. Forgive us Lord...we did not introduce you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all your sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON (Tune: Amazing Grace)*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 207 How Lovely, Lord

Those who have been standing may sit.

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a long-standing commitment to peacemaking. At this time of our worship, we lift up the areas of our world that are in need of peace, we discover ways we can be peacemakers in our lives, and we pray for peace. We light the Peace Candle to remind us that “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

OFFERTORY

Hear my prayer, O Lord

A. Dvorak

Hear my prayer, O Lord,

Give ear unto my cry.

Thou art my refuge and my hope,

Thou shalt tread down my enemies.

I will dwell forever in Thy tents

And hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

Lord! Thou art indeed my God,

Yea, I will seek Thee early.

My soul is faint, my body longeth after Thee

In a barren desert where there is no water.

Now I will bless Thee daily

And lift my hands in prayer and adoration;

Yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my life long.

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him[†] all creatures here below!

Praise Him[†] above ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost![‡]

[†]*You may substitute the word “God”*

[‡]*You may substitute the words “Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 433

There’s a Spirit in the Air (*verses 1 and 2 & 6 and 7*)

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Sent Forth By God's Blessing (Tune: Ash Grove)

Composer: arr. Bill Wade (b. 1953)

The second period of Ordinary Time begins following Pentecost and continues until Advent. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, the color of life and growth.

Flowers – The flowers on the communion table today are given by Keith and Ann Fischer in celebration of their first 40 years of marriage.

Liturgist – Brian Muegge, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – Liz Nelson

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Soloist – Tom Sitzler

Cantor—Vicki Carmichael

Fall 2009 Adult Education Offerings

9/20/09–10/4/09: 3 Sundays: *Trinity Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

Join the Stewardship Committee as we discuss the importance of Stewardship in our personal lives and the life of Trinity. This fun, discussion-based class will be a forum to discuss our feelings about church giving, and the ways our lives can be enriched by generosity.

September 20: Trinity's Foundation. What is stewardship, and why is it important in the life of our congregation? How does a church budget get made, anyway? Participants are invited to share memories and history of stewardship efforts at Trinity through the years.

September 27: Trinity's Sanctuary. How does stewardship influence my spiritual life? Where have we seen our gifts put to good use in the world and our church? This class will celebrate the ways that the spiritual discipline of giving deepens our faith. We will also discuss spiritual approaches to making a pledge.

October 4: Trinity's Bell Tower. Stewardship is ultimately what allows us to project our presence beyond our walls. How is God calling you to give of your time, talents, and treasures? How can our congregation and ministry be transformed by a spirit of cheerful giving? An engaging discussion and study on the history and future of Trinity featuring various members of our congregation.

10/11/09 – 11/8/09: 5 Sundays: *Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today*

A five session DVD study featuring theologian *Walter Brueggemann*

- **Session One: The Way Out**
- **Session Two: The Decalogue**
- **Session Three: Countering Caesar**
- **Session Four: An Act of Imagination**
- **Session Five: On Not Doing God Any Favors**

"It is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again... [because] Pharaoh has immense power always to draw us back into slavery."
- *Walter Brueggemann.*

...stay tuned for information about the next topics:

11/15/09–11/29/09: 3 Sundays: *Stained Glass: Colorful. Luminous. Beautiful.*

12/6/09–12/20/09: 3 Sundays: *Swimming Against the Tide: Lessons from a modern day "Christian Cult"*



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News and Notes for August 23, 2009

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to speak with the pastors. Information about our schedule can be found in the welcome brochure in the pews. We welcome children in worship, with childcare provided downstairs for children pre-school age and younger if wanted. Spiritual growth classes for children and adults are held at 9:30 am. Our 'uncommon' worship service, *The Commons@The Loop*, is held on Saturdays at 5pm in the Chapel.

TODAY AT TRINITY

THE THURSDAY BUILDING & BRIDGING SMALL GROUP will sponsor an ice cream social following worship today. Plan to stick around to enjoy food and friends and to welcome Wash U. students returning to the area.

THE ENDOWMENT BOARD will meet following worship in the Chapel.

THE WILD WITH WORDS writing group will meet at 6:30 this evening in the Chapel.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult (and children's) Spiritual Growth classes will begin again on September 13th. Dan Anderson-Little will lead: *Health Care from a Christian Perspective* (one session). In this session, we will explore the resources we as Christians bring to the health care debate: scripture, our theological heritage, and our own experiences. Our goal is not to formulate a definitive answer to the health care debate, but rather to help bring our faith to the debate. See the back of the bulletin for the rest of the fall program details and plan to set aside time for your own spiritual growth and nurturing this fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SURPRISE FOR GINNY SCHOLIN: Ginny is turning 80 on September 7th at their Cape Cod home and her daughter, Suzie, is organizing a card shower for her. You can send a birthday card to: Ginny Scholin, 9 Nobska Road, Woods Hole, MA 02543. Shhhhhh, it's a surprise.

RECYCLE YOUR BULLETINS: As environmental stewards of this earth, we have to opportunity to do our part by recycling our worship papers. After worship, please dispose of your bulletin in the blue or green recycling containers in the Narthex or outside the Kingsland sanctuary doors.

JOIN THE NEXT BATCH OF SMALL GROUPS, starting the week of September 14, meeting weekly through November 16. All Trinity members and friends are invited to join a Bonding and Bridging (B&B) group. B&B's are small groups, gathering in members' homes or at Trinity, where members grow together in study, faith and service. Would you like to join a small group or learn more about B&B's? Contact Julie March at 825-3550, juliammc@sbcglobal.net, or talk to any member of the Equipping Ministry Team: Dave Nelson, Rick Jeter and John Merker.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF A STRONG FAITH... Serve God by serving our youth: Teachers are needed for all age groups. Commitments range between a few Sundays this fall to 3 Sundays per month. Minister of Spiritual Growth Dawn Fleishman has all the details and can help you make the spiritual formation of our kids fit your schedule (24.dawn@gmail.com).

LAST CALL FOR MOUND RIDGE. The office needs to get final numbers to Mound Ridge tomorrow for the all-church retreat the weekend of **August 28-30**. Contact Liz at: 314-725-3840.

YOUTH LITURGIST SIGN-UPS: Go to the youth website (www.trinityyouthonline.com) and sign up by leaving a comment for Dawn in the comment section.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS in worship and let the office know if you need a new one. Kids now have name tags, too!

ARE YOU IN YOUR 20'S OR EARLY 30'S and looking for the opportunity to connect with others in a similar life stage? Contact dawn (24.dawn@gmail.com) to be a part of a casual dinner and conversation this fall.

COME CHECK OUT THE COMMONS@THE LOOP SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL ON SATURDAYS AT 5PM. Each week of the month has a theme that is explored during the service: 1st Sunday: Storytelling, 2nd Sunday: Wedge Words, 3rd Sunday: Spiritual Practices, 4th Sunday: Musical exploration of the spiritual, 5th Sunday: The "service" service. Invite your friends and neighbors—come find out what this is all about!

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you would like an addition to the prayer list or know of a member in need of prayer, please [contact the church office](#).

Joys

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For Dayna Early and Meleia Carter, who were married in Davenport, Iowa on Friday, July 24, with their children in attendance.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For the family of Jim McGinnis, a friend of Trinity Church and a courageous activist for peace and justice, who died on August 13.
- For the family of Juanita Bruns who died on August 5.

Prayers for Safety:

- For Jon Gibbons, son of Pat and Jane Gibbons, husband of Emily Shapiro and father of Harriet and Frances, who will be serving as an anesthesiologist at a military hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan from October 2009- May 2010.

Prayers for New Beginnings:

- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.
- For Cricket & Brian Gordon, spending a semester in Canterbury, England for a University program.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Evelyn Patterson, in St. Mary's with a bladder infection.
- For Digna Hodgson, our security person & Birty's wife, at St. John's Hospital for Diabetes and other concerns.
- For Maggie Terry, former Trinity member, who underwent cancer surgery the week of August 17.
- For Rose Ann Bodman, healing at home from knee replacement surgery.
- For Genny Richmond's nephew, Steve Warren, recovering at home from a serious infection and her niece, Pat Warren, starting chemo in Atlanta prior to partial lung cancer removal.
- For Art Platt's brother, Rev. Louis Platt, recently diagnosed with lung cancer.
- For Katy Gordon, daughter of Cricket and Brian Gordon, who is being treated for cysts on her liver.
- For Harold Glad & Jan Schulte-Glad as they continue to gather information about Harold's Early Stage Alzheimer's.
- For Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, in a nursing home after a stroke.
- For Dick Berg, a former member of Trinity, who is recovering from a stroke in North Carolina.
- For Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal cancer that has spread to his liver.
- For Susan Lim as she receives treatment for breast cancer.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- For Trinity's Pastor Emeritus Don Weems, receiving treatment for prostate cancer; and for Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.
- For Lydia Eckwald, Vicki Carmichael's grandma, in hospice care.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who is dealing with liver disease.
- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, receiving hospice care for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- For the Pontious family as they help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- For Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- For Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

- Helen Bauer Myrtle Beckmeyer Eleanor Griffin Mabel Howell
- Maxine Story Jim Pettus

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, 8/24: The Commons planning meeting, 7pm (Person/O'Brien home)

Tuesday, 8/25: Presbyterian Women, 11am, Dining Room; Evangelism meeting, 7pm, Chapel

Friday-Sunday 8/28-30: Mound Ridge Retreat

Saturday, 8/29: The Commons@ The Loop worship service, 5pm, Chapel