



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

September 20, 2009
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE Rippling Brook
Composer: John Bartsch (b. 1944)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Come and Fill Our Hearts
Words & Music: Jacques Berthier

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 102

Leader: Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
People: They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like clothing, and they pass away; but you are the same, and your years have no end.
Leader: The children of your servants shall live secure;
People: their offspring shall be established in your presence.

HYMN 442 The Church's One Foundation (Tune: Aurelia)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Love has its source in you, Creator God.
It flows from you
like an ocean into a world as unyielding
as any shoreline cliff.
And like the ocean
which batters, erodes, and wears away
even the hardest stone,
your love persists,
finds cracks and inlets
in hardened hearts.
It flows inside and works a miracle.
Who would think that water
was more powerful than granite;
love mightier than the hardest heart?
Thank you, Creator God
for the power of your love.

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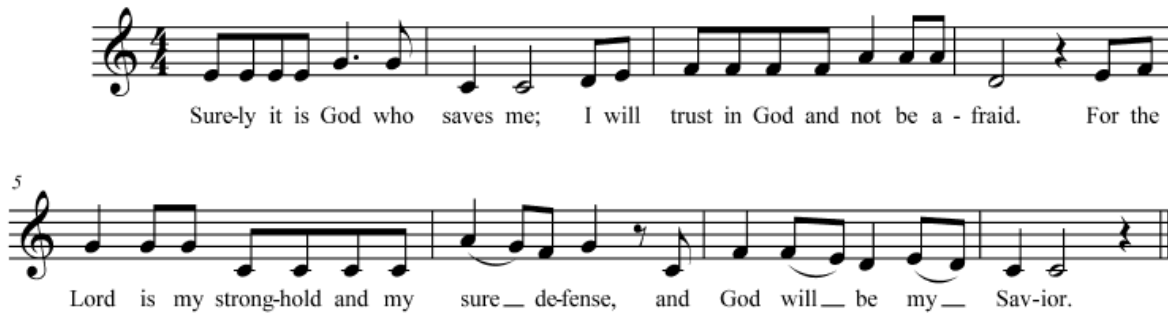
SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *(ancient Celtic Blessing)*

*Leader: Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you, for ever.*

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON



Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be a - fraid. For the

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Lord is my strong-hold and my sure_ de-fense, and God will_ be my_ Sav-ior.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

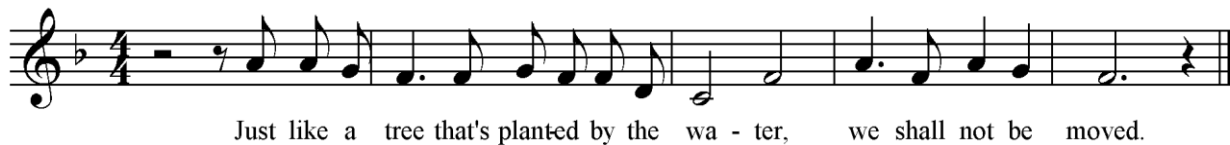
People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." Those who have been standing may sit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 1

Refrain:



Just like a tree that's planted by the wa - ter, we shall not be moved.

*Choir: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night. (Refrain)*

*Choir: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper. (Refrain)*

*Choir: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away. (Refrain)*

*Choir: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. (Refrain)*

SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 2:4-10 (New Testament, page 233)

ANTHEM**Christ Is Our Cornerstone***Music: Noel Rawsthorne (b. 1929) ; Words: 7th C. Latin, trans. by John Chandler*

*Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;
 With his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled;
 On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joy above.*

*Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh;
 Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;
 In copious show'r on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.*

*O then with hymns of praise these hallow'd courts shall ring;
 Our voices will we raise the Three in One to sing;
 And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long that glorious name.*

SERMON**Foundations**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 344 Christ of the Upward Way (Tune: Sursum Corda)

Those who have been standing may sit.

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 STEWARDSHIP**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**Canon of Grace***Arranged by Linda R. Lamb*

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 361****How Firm a Foundation** (Tune: Foundation)**WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING****POSTLUDE****Rigaudon***Composer: Andre Campra (1660-1744)*

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 in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Meena Philips (daughter of George and Alice Philips) and Steven Hoffman at Washington University’s Graham Chapel on Saturday, September 19th.

Liturgist – Erin McKenzie, Rob Peglar

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir, Hand Bell Choir, Intergenerational Chime Choir

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Notes on today’s music: *The theme of today’s service is Foundation. The musical selections emphasize the essential elements of both physical and spiritual foundation. The prelude paints a picture of constantly flowing water, an essential element of life, foundation, and a symbol of spiritual rebirth and growth. The psalm refrain expands the symbolism of sturdy trees rooted in the earth and reaching heavenward. Noel Rawsthorne’s setting of the 7th century Latin text of Christ is Our Cornerstone confirms the spiritual foundation and triune pillars of our faith. The offertory, Canon of Grace, combines Johann Pachelbel’s Canon in D and John Newton’s Amazing Grace into a reflection that reminds us of the timelessness of the peace that surpasses all understanding afforded to all by God’s grace. The Intergenerational Chime Choir participates for the first time with the Trinity Handbell Choir as we encourage and welcome participation from all ages and backgrounds in the music ministry at Trinity. The accompaniment of the closing hymn, How Firm A Foundation, is punctuated by the tireless rhythm of the bells using a percussive technique known as martellato to symbolize the pulse of the living church and the ongoing construction of the church eternal. The postlude is a majestic march symbolizing our responsibility to move beyond the walls of the physical church as we fling wide the doors of our building and go boldly into the world to share the foundation of our faith with others. Soli Deo Gloria.*

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, September 21

8:45 am Facilities meeting, Library

Tuesday, September 22

11 am Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

7 pm Evangelism meeting, Chapel

Wednesday, September 23

1-4 pm Food Pantry

Thursday, September 24

5:30 pm Bell Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

7 pm The Commons Team planning meeting, O’Brien/Person home

Saturday, September 26

5 pm *The Commons@ the Loop* service, Chapel



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News and Notes for September 20, 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.

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY -10/4/09 (3 SESSIONS): STEWARDSHIP AS TRINITY'S FOUNDATION, SANCTUARY, AND BELL TOWER. Join the Stewardship Committee as we discuss the importance of Stewardship in our personal lives & 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. Come explore the discipleship of stewardship: thoughtful discussion, laughs, and even games with "prizes." The next series (10/11/09 – 11/8/09) is a 5-session session DVD study featuring theologian *Walter Brueggemann*: **Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today**. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 11th will be Trinity's "Invite a Friend Sunday."

THE COMMONS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: For the past three years, Trinity has had a connection with the God's Child project in Guatemala. Come on Saturday Sept. 26 at 5 pm to hear God's Child founder Patrick Atkinson share his story about this amazing mission project. A light dinner will follow. Join us for a time of informal worship, rich fellowship, and the story of God's love in action in the world.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Mark your calendar for your fall event on Sunday, October 4th. You will leave from the church at 11:45am (immediately following Worship). Plan to have a parent pick you up at the church at 8:30pm. You must sign up for this event by September 27 so we can know how many vehicles are needed for transportation.

THE CHURCH HAS A LARGE RUG TO GIVE AWAY—it will be laid out in the kid's area after worship. Talk to Liz if interested.

REPRESENT TRINITY AT A LOCAL CONFERENCE TO LEARN HOW TO BE A WELCOMING CHURCH for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. Friday-Sunday, October 9-11 at Bethel Lutheran. Talk with Liz if interested in helping Trinity continue its mission of welcome for people of all sexual orientations.

MOUND RIDGE IS HOLDING A QUILT FUNDRAISER (raffle tickets are available from Liz in the office; picture is on the board by the elevator) and a Mystery Dinner on Friday, October 16, 6:30 pm, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

JOIN THE NEXT BATCH OF BONDING AND BRIDGING SMALL GROUPS (B & B'S), starting the week of September 14, meeting weekly through November 16. Join one and grow together in study, faith and service. 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.

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

ONE MORE DVD PLAYER NEEDED: Thanks to George Van Hare for the DVD player donation. We can use one more to

meet our spiritual growth curriculum needs this year. Let Liz know if you can help. Thank you! (tpcucity@swbell.net).

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 the marriage of Meena Philips, daughter of George and Alice Philips, and Steven Hoffman, on September 19th.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Rachel Howell and her family at the death of her grandmother Sarah Eichar who died on Sept. 14.

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 the teachers and students at Trinity who are beginning a new school year.
- 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 the Pontious family as they work to help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities, including his move to Beverly Farm in Grafton, IL.
- For Trinity's Pastor Emeritus Don Weems, beginning another round of radiation for prostate cancer.
- For newborn Max Griffin and his parents Jordan & Claire, friends of Stephanie Ball. Max is in intensive care with a Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH).
- For Vicki Carmichael's brother (Warren), his wife, Lori, and his family as they go through difficult times.
- For Maggie Terry, former Trinity member, recovering from cancer 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, being treated for lung cancer.
- For Katy Gordon, daughter of Cricket and Brian Gordon, being treated for cysts on her liver.
- For Roberta McBride's neighbor, Lorraine McGhee, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- For Harold Glad and Jan Schulte-Glad as they deal with Harold's Early Stage Alzheimer's.
- For Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, in a nursing home after a stroke.
- For Suzanne Trahan, friend of Traci O'Bryan, who is being treated for breast cancer; and for Suzanne's father John Foushee who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- For Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, diagnosed with 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 is recovering from surgery for pancreatic cancer.
- For Susan Harris, close friend of Cheryl & Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor.
- For Lisa Becker, Karon Bilbrey's niece, who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung & brain cancer.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a bone marrow disorder.
- 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 Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- For Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

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| • Helen Bauer | Myrtle Beckmeyer | Eleanor Griffin | Mabel Howell |
| • Maxine Story | Jim Pettus | Evelyn Patterson | |