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Fourth Sunday After  
Pentecost

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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

**“Vissi d’arte” from *Tosca***  
*by Giacomo Puccini*

#### Welcome & Announcements

Leader: This is a day that God has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Time for sharing news of the church.*

#### Call to Worship

Leader: With joy and celebration, God welcomes us as we gather in many places for worship.

**People: How good it is to gather from many places virtually in God’s house!**

Leader: With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.

**People: Through the gift of technology, we greet each other by name;  
we are equal in God’s Realm.**

Leader: We open our hearts, to welcome God’s love;  
we open our arms, to welcome God’s people.

**People: As we gather from our many places,  
every single one of God’s children is welcome.**

#### Gathering Song

**God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn**  
*Glory to God #787, v. 1-3*

#### Invitation to Confession

Leader: Created to live with one another and our God,  
we know the truth about our shattered lives and relationships.  
Yet, out of this brokenness, God shapes new people,  
giving every one of us a new start.  
Let us confess those things which separate us from one another,  
that we might be made one in Christ:

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**All:** In your house, there is room for all; at your Table, we find a place set for us. But we admit, Inviting God, that we find it difficult to be as accepting as you and we find it easy to shoulder others away from your feast. You fling wide the doors of your Realm, Welcoming God, but we are quick to try to shut them to those who are different from us. Your heart is open so that all might experience your Grace, and we reluctantly remember our ungracious words and deeds.

Forgive us, God of every person: heal our broken lives; mend our fragmented souls. Open our hearts to your vision of your Realm where all are welcome, all are affirmed, all are beloved, even as we receive these gifts from Jesus Christ, our Savior, through whom we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

**Leader:** Can it be any clearer? God has created us to be a family – siblings, neighbors, friends. No longer strangers, we are all welcome in God's Realm of love, grace, and hope.

**People:** In Christ, we are one. There are no barriers, no differences, no divisions. We are a new people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

**Passing of the Peace**

**Leader:** Since God in Christ Jesus has forgiven us, let us forgive one another. The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all. Please share the peace of Jesus Christ with those with whom you are joining us for worship.

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Leader:** Eternal God, whose provision for us is generous and compassionate, and whose will for us is total commitment in love of you, of neighbor, and of self, keep us from withholding any part of ourselves from obedience and loyalty to you, so we may be free to give genuine welcome to all people, to your honor and glory. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**

**Genesis 22:1-14**

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham

looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

### Second Scripture Reading

**Romans 6:12-14**

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **“Brought Back From Death to Life”**

**Rev. Brian Ellison**

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### Song of Response

**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**  
*Glory to God #649, v 1-5*

### Litany Prayers of the People

Leader: Most Loving God, you have put it in our hearts to pray for one another.

People: **Please hear our prayers, correct their errors,  
and bless all that is wise and loving.**

Leader: We pray for the young and the strong,  
and all who are full of joy and high hopes today.

People: **We pray for the elderly and the weak,  
and all who are utterly weary and disheartened today.**

Leader: We pray for the wise and the generous,  
and those who are looking for new challenges today.

People: **We pray for the foolish and the selfish,  
and those who evading their responsibilities today.**

Leader: We pray for peacekeepers and peacemakers,  
and all who work for justice and peace today.

People: **We pray for the hostile and the treacherous,  
and all who will resort to violence today.**

Leader: We pray for the well housed and well fed,  
and those who share their good fortune today.

People: **We pray for the homeless and the hungry,  
and all whose plight is ignored today.**

Leader: We pray for the patient and the merciful,  
and all who will make new friends today.

People: **We pray for the hasty and the judgmental,  
and all who will create some misery today.**

Leader: We pray for the healthy and the buoyant,  
and those who will share much happiness today.

People: **We pray for the dying and the sad,  
and those who will weep inconsolably today.**

Leader: We pray for the faithful and the loving,  
and all who will worship with delight today.

**People:** We pray for the faithless and the cynical,  
and all who will find life a drag today.

Leader: We pray for our loved ones and our friends,  
and those whom we may meet casually today.

**People:** We pray for strangers and enemies,  
and those who will think evil of us today.

Leader: And now, God of healing and hope hear us  
as we offer our individual prayers  
from wherever we are gathered to worship this day,  
for ourselves, for our neighbors, friends and loved ones:

*Silent Prayer*

Thank you, Loving God, for hearing all these our prayers.  
Loving God, please bring the day nearer  
when our prayers and our deeds will work in perfect harmony,  
and we will be a blessing to all those whose lives touch ours.  
Through Christ Jesus our Savior we pray,  
and who taught disciples when we pray to say:

**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.**

**Offering**

**Invitation**

Leader: The earth and all it contains belong to God, the world and those who live in it.  
With gladness let us now offer from our life and labor our gifts to God.  
We continue to welcome your financial gifts to Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
and the ways to share are being shown in the live stream.

**Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
*Glory to God #607, v. 1*

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

**Generous God, we offer our gifts, not with thought of reward, but because we are grateful. We give, not from guilt over having so much, but because it is such a privilege and joy to share. We dedicate these gifts, not to pay bills, but to enable a ministry that meets basic human needs with the good news of the Gospel. May your people be empowered to give the service each moment requires, in even a deed as simple as giving a cup of cold water to quench another's thirst. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Song of Service**

**My Song Forever Shall Record**  
*Glory to God #67, v. 1-4*

**Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

**“On Bended Knees”** from *From the Southland*  
by Henry T. Burleigh

Participants in Today's Worship

**Guest Preacher** – Brian Ellison

**Director of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Liturgist** – Lorie Damon

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Featured Soloist** – Aleksandar Dragojevic

**The Trinity Choir:**

*Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)*

*Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)*

*Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)*

*Bass – George Van Hare, Nigel Holloway, John Galczynski, Aleksandar Dragojevic (Section Leader)*

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NEWS AND NOTES FOR JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

*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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Marilyn will be on vacation June 23-29.**

**About This Sunday's Preacher:**

The Reverend Brian Ellison has served as the Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians since 2012. He also serves as Stated Clerk of both the Synod of Mid-America and of Heartland Presbytery. Brian is a regular host/contributor at NPR affiliate KCUR-FM. Previously, Brian served as pastor of Parkville Presbyterian Church near Kansas City, Missouri for 13 years. His writing on matters of faith and theology have appeared in numerous church and independent publications. Brian is a graduate of Harvard University and Princeton Theological Seminary. He and his partner, Troy Lillebo, live in Kansas City.

**Continuing at 7 p.m. June 28, Trinity Director of Music Christian Hendricks will host from his home computer and piano a six-week Sunday evening adult education discussion “Music and History in the 20th Century.”**

To support a more complete worship experience while attending a Sunday service online, **Trinity members and friends now can obtain a copy of “Glory to God,” the hymnal used for most congregational singing during Sunday worship.** If you are unable to come by for a hymnal, email Cathy at [cathypen@aol.com](mailto:cathypen@aol.com) to arrange for a hymnal to be delivered to your home.

**Trinity has a new Diversity and Anti-Racism Resources page on our website.** If you have diversity and/or anti-racism resources you would like to share on this page, please send them to Communications Coordinator Katie Gibbons.

**Trinity is “broadcasting” our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on Sundays.** Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace.

Sandy and her grandkids, Eleanor and Ethan, received (and inventoried) the latest food donation from First Pres. Over 400 items! **Thanks to First Pres for continuing to support our pantry!**

Kids and parents probably already know about this, but if you are not a parent of a young person and have **wondered what goes on in “Children’s Church,” now you can experience it!** Hannah Peters has taped a YouTube video, and updated links will be posted regularly on the “Sundays at Trinity” section of our website homepage.

**As we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us.**

Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacons Margy Brown, 314-452-7241, or Cathy Smith, 314-725-0586. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Transitional Pastor the Reverend Marilyn Gamm. You also can email her directly at [Marilyn.Gamm@TrinityUCity.org](mailto:Marilyn.Gamm@TrinityUCity.org)

**Supporting the church through your financial gifts continues to be encouraged!** Please mail your contributions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Att’n: Linde, 6800 Washington Ave., University City, MO 63130, or check out the online giving instructions below.

1) Text the code TPCDONATE \$[your gift] to 73256. You'll receive a text back with a link that lets you complete your online donation.

2) Log in to your Realm account and click on the "Giving" tab.

#### **Session**

Gordon Brown, Dayna Early, Nigel Holloway, Kris Kerr, Mary Klingensmith, Mike Krivonak, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Rachel Presti, John Roman, Jan Schulte-Glad, George Van Hare

#### **Deacons**

Margy Brown, Bill Cahoon, Kathie Cahoon, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Jennifer Higginbotham, Corie Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorensen