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BAPTISIM OF THE LORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on “Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam” BWV 685
by J.S. Bach

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.

Introit

Baptized in Water
Glory to God #482, v. 3

* Call to Worship

Leader: Like the soft whisper of a little child singing
to herself before anyone else is awake,
People: ever so gently, God’s voice cradles us with songs of wonder and awe.
Leader: With the persistence of teenagers and young adults,
heady with the newfound freedom of questioning everything,
**People: God’s voice rumbles like a river through our lives,
sweeping away all the boundaries between us.**
Leader: Like the grandpa who passes on the secret to his bread,
like the nana who teaches her grandkids how to drive,
**People: God’s voice is always reminding us
that we are precious, esteemed, beloved.**

*** Gathering Song**

Take Me to the Water
Glory to God #480, v. 1-4

*** Invitation to Confession**

Leader: Broken? God promises to make us whole.
Lost? God promises to come and find us, gather us up, and bring us home.
Confused about tomorrow? God promises our future is grounded in Love.
Let us confess that, though we have heard the promises over and over,
we have trouble believing them, as we pray together saying:

*** Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the wrong places – success, power, adulation. We carve our names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism but live as if they have not changed us.

We need to hear your sure word, ‘do not fear,’ Shaper of our lives. Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus, the Christ, our Savior, through whom we pray. Amen.

*** Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

Leader: God’s words of comfort and restoration are more powerful
than any foolishness, any mistakes, any sins we commit.
This is Good News: we are God’s people!

People: Thanks be to God!
By Water and Word, by the Spirit of God’s redeeming Grace,
we are marked and sealed as God’s beloved children. Alleluia!

*** Passing 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.

*** Song of Praise**

The God of Heaven
Glory to God #259, v. 1-3

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: God of Gifts and Blessings, who opened the heavens to the prayers of Jesus, send your Spirit among us that we, too, may learn to please you and live as your beloved children. As your Word is read and proclaimed baptize us anew with the Holy Spirit so our lips may sing to your glory and our hands reach out to heal and bless your people. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

* Anthem

Be Not Afraid
by Bob Dufford

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Being Claimed by and Receiving God's Pride"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Response

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways
Glory to God #164, v. 1-3

Reaffirmation Of The Baptismal Covenant

Opening Sentences

Leader: Hear these words....so it is with Christ.
People: **For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body –
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free –
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Renunciations

Leader: Beloved people of God, ...
Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?
People: **I do.**
Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?
People: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**
Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

* Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
People: **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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Come to the Water

*Within the baptismal font are clear pieces of glass,
which following worship you are invited to take
and keep with you in a pocket or coin purse*

*or other place where you will touch it often
as a reminder that you are a baptized and beloved child of God.*

Prayers of the People

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Prayers of the People.

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

*** Doxology**

We Praise You, O God
Glory to God #612, v. 1

*** Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

God who names us as your beloved ones may our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with the Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

*** Song of Service**

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed
Glory to God #489, v. 1, 2 & 4

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

Piano Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp minor, Mvmt. II
by Ludwig van Beethoven

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Soloist – Evan Babel

Liturgist – Brian & Cricket Gordon

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – DeAnne & Gordon Brown, Corie Merker

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

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR JANUARY 16, 2022

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.

Memorial Service for Sally Dunn Postponed Due to Omicron

The memorial service for Sally Ann Dunn, a long-time Trinity member before she moved to Atlanta, has been postponed due to the Omicron Covid-19 outbreak. The service had been set for January 22. A new date will be announced later.

During her time at Trinity, Sally was a key figure for the Winger Food Pantry, a Sunday School teacher and she specialized in organizing large events for church celebrations. She died in November.

CATCH THE VISION 2022

Financial Pledge Update

Our 2022 financial pledge stewardship campaign continues!

Stewardship is a time to rededicate ourselves to the mission and ministry of Trinity Church.

In the words of our stewardship hymn, God “[empowers] us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!”

For those of you who have submitted your “Catch the Vision” 2022 financial pledge to Trinity’s mission and ministry, Thank You!

As of January 11, 2022 Trinity’s 2022 Financial Pledges were:

51 households \$ 217,616.64

This compares with total financial pledges for the past two years as follows:

2021: 53 households \$210,290

2020: 60 households \$254,750

If you have not yet made a financial pledge, please join me in prayerfully considering what you can give in 2022.

Each of us is important, and every gift is a blessing.

- Jenn Clodi

The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry. We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

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. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

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 Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. 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

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 Onrealm account (onrealm.org) and click on the "Giving" tab.

Session

Gordon Brown, Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Nigel Holloway, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Bob Parks, Rachel Presti, Jan Schulte-Glad

Deacons

DeAnne Brown, Bill Cahoon, Stacey Carman, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorensen