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Third Sunday After  
Pentecost



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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

Barcarolle from *Songs without Words*  
by Felix Mendelssohn

#### 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: Discipleship is never easy.

**People: People don't understand when you say  
you want to serve in Jesus' mission and ministry.**

Leader: They think you are peculiar, and they are fearful.

**People: But Emmanuel is with us, giving us courage and strength.**

Leader: There is much work that needs to be done, and we cannot be slowed down by those who don't understand or are fearful of serving God.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us with your power and presence.**

**Be with us, Jesus, as we prepare to be your disciples.**

#### Gathering Song

**Baptized in Water**  
*Glory to God #482, v. 1-3*

#### Invitation to Confession

Leader: When we would keep our faults and failings in the shadows,  
you call us to bring them into the Light of your grace and forgiveness.  
With such a promise, with such a hope,  
how can we not confess to the One who loves us so much?  
Let us pray together saying:

### **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**All:** Forgive and Gracious God, we have gathered virtually to worship this day with so many things on our hearts. We've managed to get through spring and have entered the extra complexities of this summer during a pandemic. These months for many will be times of transition: young people graduating from school and hoping to head out into the world; people in love getting married, though perhaps not in the way they imagined; families adjusting plans for vacations; and even some people making plans for retirement.

For others the transitions may be from healthy living to lives filled with illness and pain. We confess that we haven't always paid attention to these transitions, unaware of the spiritual and emotional adjustments that they require of those in the process.

Forgive us when we get so busy with our own lives that we don't take time to reach out to someone who is ill; someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one; someone who feels lost and alone. Remind us again of how the Christ offered his whole life that we might live. Jesus taught us how to be people of compassion and reconciliation. Be with us as we seek to turn our lives around, back toward you, O God; for it is in Jesus' name that we offer this prayer. Amen.

### **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

**Leader:** Jesus does not say that discipleship is easy.  
He says that we are called to serve and that he will be with us.  
That is truly good news.  
Our service will be supported and encouraged by our Savior  
who has healed and restored us.  
Rejoice! For you have been called and made whole by the love of God.

**People:** 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:** Gracious God, in whose eyes every sparrow has value, and in whose love even the hairs of our heads are counted, as your Word is read and proclaimed, lead us to the Light, that we might proclaim your love from the housetops and put you first in our lives. May our discipleship reflect the witness of our Teacher, Jesus, the Christ, that all nations may bow down before your and glorify your name. Amen.

### **First Scripture Reading**

**Genesis 21:8-21**

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 86**

*by Michel Guimont*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 10:24-39**

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** **“Prioritizing God’s Realm and Values”**

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Song of Response

**Come! Live in the Light!**  
*Glory to God #749, v 1-3*

### Affirmation of Faith:

adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**People: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

Leader: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

**People: We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

Leader: In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all the families of the earth.

**People: Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

Leader: Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**People: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

Leader: With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

### Father's Day Litany Prayers of the People

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

Leader: God among whose many attributes is that of a Loving Father,  
we give you thanks for fathers everywhere,  
who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.**

Leader: For fathers who have lost a child through death,  
that their faith may give them hope,  
and their family and friends support and console them.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.**

Leader: For men who, though without children of their own,  
acted like a father and have nurtured and cared for us.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.**

Leader: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy,  
who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.**

Leader: For adoptive fathers, who have claimed the orphan  
and loved the once unwanted as a precious gift from God.

**People: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.**

Leader: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength,  
who have not responded to the needs of their children,  
and have not sustained their families.

**People: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.**

Leader: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction.  
For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

**People: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.**

Leader: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom.  
For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

**People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.**

Leader: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship.  
For those who have taught us, guided us,  
shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Savior.

**People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.**

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.  
Creating God, in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless our men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their and our faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, our parents' sons and daughters,  
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ your Beloved Son,  
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**

#### **Doxology**

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

## Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

On this lovely June day, we praise and thank you, O God. We offer to you our gifts, our lives, our talents. Take all these gifts and use them for work in your Holy Realm. Bless the gifts and the givers of all gifts. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Song of Service

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee  
*Glory to God #738, v. 1-4*

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Improvisation of "Cwm Rhondda"

### Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

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

**Liturgist** – Bob Wagoner

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

### **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 21<sup>ST</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

**Beginning at 7 p.m. June 21, 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.** Hymnals will be distributed curbside near the church's kitchen door (on Kingsland) by Jan Schulte-Glad and Cathy Smith for those who can drive by the church this coming Tuesday or Thursday,

June 23 and 25, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. 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.

**Pastor Marilyn will be on vacation June 23-29.** Our virtual guest preacher Sunday, June 28 will be Rev. Brian Ellison, Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, and Stated Clerk of both the Synod of Mid-America and of Heartland Presbytery. Brian is also a regular host/contributor at NPR affiliate KCUR-FM.

**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.

Thanks to a grant request written by Joanne Roman, **the Winger Food Pantry last week received more than 2,000 pairs of socks** as part of Bombas’ program for organizations helping the needy.

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.

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#### **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