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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

“La fille aux cheveux de lin” from Preludes, Book I
by Claude Debussy

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: God called forth Abraham and Sarah to the land of Canaan.

People: God calls us to follow.

Leader: God called Isaac and Rebekah to become a family.

People: God calls us the family of Christ.

Leader: God called the prophets to speak against injustice.

People: God calls us to live out justice and mercy.

Leader: Jesus calls us to fish for people to join in his mission and ministry.

People: We gather from many places to worship God and to learn from Jesus.

Gathering Song

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Glory to God #475, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Leader: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.
With the confidence of children of God,
let us humbly confess our sin as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

All: Holy One, you breathed in us the breath of life, and yet we confess we do not always acknowledge your presence. We get caught up in the ways of the world and are concerned only for ourselves. We put our wants above the needs of others. We put our desires above the needs of the church. We put our ways above your ways. Forgive us, O God, when we have turned away from you, from a sibling in need, or from the church, our family. Call us back to the path of living your Realm of God values so that we might walk in your ways. Turn us away from the control of sin, and let us be filled with your love, so that it might guide our path. We pray through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus calls us to forgive, and when we forgive others, we are forgiven ourselves.
When we love others, we feel God's love in us.
We are renewed and restored for the journey of faith.
Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
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.

Song of Praise

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God #582, v. 1-2

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: God of Mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45

by Michel Guimont

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 24:34-48, 42-49, 58-67

So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’ But he said to me, ‘The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and make your way successful. You shall get a wife for my son from my kindred, from my father’s house. Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my kindred; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son.

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And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“May you, our sister, become

thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.”

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk[b] in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **“Joining God’s Plan – Rebekah”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

God of Our Life
Glory to God #686, v 1-3

Minute for Mission

Immigration Sunday

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

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

With all the gifts of creation, you have blessed us, Gracious God. We give thanks for all your works. Gratitude is our first impulse for giving. Accept our grateful hearts, along with our gifts. As you are faithful to us, O God, may we be faithful in all things, seeking ways to live by your gracious will. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Glory to God #366, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Excerpt from *Scheherazade*
by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Parick Gibbons

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Featured Pianist – Karl Nelson

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 JULY 5TH, 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

The Session has called the Annual Congregation meeting for Sunday, July 12 at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting will be held within the July Sunday Symposium.

In order to ensure we have a quorum, Trinity members are requested to RSVP their attendance by Wednesday, July 8 to Clerk of Session Brian Muegge at trinityclerkofsession@gmail.com.

In addition to receiving annual committee and staff reports, there will be three action items:

A motion to amend the Trinity By-Laws as follows:

1. Meetings of Trinity Presbyterian Church should ordinarily be face-to-face. The congregation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for such a meeting is 10 percent of the Active Member Roll.

2. Electing two members of the Congregation to serve on the 2020 Nominating Committee. The proposed slate is: Patrick Gibbons and Sandra Norkaitis.

3. Electing one member to the Session Class of 2022. The proposed slate is: Dayna Early.

Continuing at 7 p.m. July 5, 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 cathyphen@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.

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

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