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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

Violin Concerto in G minor, "Summer," Mvmt. II  
*by Antonio Vivaldi*

#### 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 scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....

**People: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root.**

Leader: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

**People: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.**

Leader: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....

**People: These are the places of deep growth  
where the seed will send down strong roots.**

Leader: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering worship service!

**People: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root.**

#### Gathering Song

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old  
*Glory to God #77, v. 1-2*

#### Invitation to Confession

Leader: We could offer seeds of hope, but don't.

We could help a friend with a difficult problem, but won't.

We could smooth the way for someone stumbling through life, but can't.

Let us confess our harvest of sin to our God, as we pray together, saying,

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**All:** Seed-scattering God, we come to you this day with so many things on our hearts and minds. Some of the events this week have been very positive and have caused us to celebrate; but during this pandemic time and season of seeking racial and social justice we are constantly besieged by worries, doubts and fears. The bombardment of negative news at times seems to crowd out your Word and we become like the infertile soil, unable to receive and grow. Continue to pour your love on us because we really hunger and thirst for it. Forgive us when we allow all the negativity to drown out your Word. Scatter again the seeds of peace, love, hope and joy that we may be better disciples for you in this world which is in so much pain. We pray in the name of your Seed-scattering Son, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

**Leader:** Seed-scattering God, you tend us in steadfast love,  
unending mercies, and eternal faithfulness;  
you cultivate true friendship with you through boundless forgiveness.  
In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts.  
Gathered as your community of believers, our family of faith,  
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us,  
we can now produce forgiveness for each other as we are forgiven.

**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.

**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:** Seed-scattering God, we are virtually gathered together in your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with you, eager to hear your Word. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of your Word as it is scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray in the name of your Seed-scattering Son, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**

**Genesis 25:19-34**

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 119**

*by Michael Guimont*

### **Second Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

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

**Message:** "Planting Foolishly"

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Song of Response**

**A Sower Came from Ancient Hills**

*Glory to God #171, v 1-4*

**Offering**

**Invitation**

**Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*Glory to God #609, v. 1*

### **Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

**Seed-scattering God, thank you for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Receive these gifts that they may become seeds of hope and love and through the ministries of this church may be scattered with your loving Realm foolishness. We pray in the name of your Seed-scattering Son, Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

#### **Invitation**

#### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

*A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Great Prayer.*

**Leader:** May the Sower of grace be with you!

**People:** **And also with you!**

**Leader:** Seeds of hope and joy are planted in you.

**People:** **May our hearts yield a rich harvest for God.**

**Leader:** Join your voices with the valleys and mountains in praise.

**People:** **We rejoice in the One who welcomes us to Christ's Table.**

**Leader:** You cast your .... thanksgiving to you:

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy are you, God our Presence.**

**All creation is stunned by your deeds.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the Sower of the good news.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Leader:** Your holiness fills .... know as faith:

**People:** **Christ died, condemning sin to death;**

**God raised Christ, giving him new life;**

**Christ will come for us again, refusing to return to God empty-handed.**

**Leader:** The Sower casts ... And now let us pray together the prayer

Jesus taught his disciples 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.**

#### **Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup**

#### **Sharing the Bread and Cup Together**

#### **Prayer after Communion: (Unison)**

**Seed-scattering God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ Jesus. Help us to generously sow your love, salvation and joy throughout our hurting world. We pray in the name of Seed-scattering Son, Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

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

**Song of Service**

**To Bless the Earth**  
*Glory to God #38, v. 1-4*

**Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

**“July: Song of the Reaper”** from *The Seasons*  
by Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

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

**Liturgist** – Jayne Howard

**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 JULY 12<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

**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 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 12, 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’s **Winger Food Pantry has shared its Bombas sock bounty with the St. Louis Youth and Family Center (YFC)** in North St. Louis. On July 1, Nigel Holloway delivered 50 pairs of Bombas socks to Ms. Bridget Jones, executive director of YFC.

**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](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.

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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