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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Prelude in D minor from *The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I*
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.

Call to Worship

Leader: Jacob was left alone, and a stranger wrestled with him until daybreak.

People: **As you came to Jacob in the night, come to us,
that we may be satisfied when we awake.**

Leader: Jacob said, "I will not let you go until you bless me."

People: **The stranger said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,
for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."**

Leader: And there God blessed him.

People: **As you blessed Jacob, bless us, that we may behold your face.**

Leader: Jesus saw a great crowd, had compassion for them, and cured their sick.

People: **As you healed the sick, heal us, that we may tell of your wondrous love.**

Leader: Jesus ordered the crowd to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven,
blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the crowd.

All ate and were filled.

People: **As you blessed the bread, bless us, that we may be bread for the world.
Come to us, heal us, and bless us, Everlasting and Merciful God.**

Gathering Song

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee
Glory to God #816, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Leader: God is not mean-spirited or vengeful.
God is gracious and merciful, always willing to listen to Our prayers,
and to hear our hearts.
Let us join in the prayer for forgiveness, saying:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We are sure we do not have enough to end hunger in our communities, Holy God. Forgive us that we forget that, by your presence and power, very little can do so much.

We believe we are the only ones who carry heartache around with us. Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, that we do not see, or embrace the despair of those around us.

We think we do not have the words with which to offer hope and healing to strangers. Forgive us, Welcoming God, for not having the courage to run up to them with your grace.

We convince ourselves that we need to devote all our time, our energy, our resources, our lives on keeping up with others. Forgive us for not living that joyful, gracious life modeled for us by you, Jesus our Teacher, through whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news.
God's mercy is plentiful, and God's grace is abundant.
Receive the bread of forgiveness and steadfast love.

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

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Glory to God #591, refrain

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Holy God, as your Word is read and proclaimed teach us today as Jesus taught the crowds long ago. May we hear the voice of compassion and sense the healing touch which we need as much as they did. Multiply among us the food of your Word, that as we are fed, we may be eager to pass on your gifts to us with a transforming generosity of spirit, in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob

called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

by Michel Guimont

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **"Turning our 'Nothing But' into Something Beyond our Imagining"** Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
Glory to God #498, v 1-4

Offering

Invitation

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Receive these gifts we offer, Gracious God, and multiply them to meet the needs in your world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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

Leader: May the Table-setting God be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Lift your hungry hearts to our God.

People: **We offer them to the One who feeds us with grace.**

Leader: God gives us all we need in every moment.

People: **Our mouths will sing God's praise in these moments.**

Leader: When the hour thanksgiving to you:

**People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of gracious love.
All creation rejoices in you.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One filled with great compassion.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: You are gracious truth in Christ:

**People: Christ died, the witness to obedience;
God raised Christ, the witness to the resurrection;
Christ will come, the witness to the promises to us.**

Leader: Here at this ... 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)

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your Table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the Bread of Life and quenching our thirst with the Cup of Blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Bring Many Names
Glory to God #760, v. 1-3

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

“Idylle” from 6 Romances sans paroles
by Cécile Chaminade

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Diane O'Brien

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

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)

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

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR AUGUST 2ND, 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

Trinity now is the proud owner of a handbell tree that was first used during the livestreamed service this past Sunday by Handbell Choir member Kevin Harkins to accompany soloist Janelle Pierce.

Our new handbell tree was purchased this summer from Jeffers Handbell Supply, and is considered the professional model. While a handbell tree had been used before at Trinity, this is the first owned by the church. A long wished for item, the desire to have handbells again during this time brought the handbell tree into reality. According to Trinity Director of Music Christian Hendricks, the handbell tree “increases the variety of music we can perform overall, and also allows for solo handbells.”

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.

We recently received the excellent news that **Trinity's Winger Food Pantry will be receiving a \$1,200 grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health and the University of Missouri Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security.** The grant is the result of Cathy Smith participating in a multi-week online series of grant-writing workshops and successful completion of bi-weekly “homework” assignments including filling out an actual grant application.

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