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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

“Bydlo” from *Pictures at an Exhibition*
by Modest Mussorgsky

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 calls us from a burning bush.

People: Wherever we have joined this service, we are standing on holy ground!

Leader: The Spirit calls us to proclaim God’s Holy Name to all generations.

People: We are standing on holy ground!

Leader: Jesus calls us from the cross: come and follow me.

People: We are standing on holy ground!

Gathering Song

Here I Am, Lord
Glory to God #69, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Leader: We marvel at the witness of Moses
who received your call to liberate your enslaved people.
We also struggle with the issues of safety and security
that plagued Peter when Jesus set his sights on entering Jerusalem.
Be with us this day, guiding our spirits and opening our hearts
to hear your forgiveness and call to us as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Awe-Inspiring God, perhaps your voice issuing forth from a burning bush is what we need to shake us from our complacency. We have a hard time comprehending your call to us because we feel so inadequate to respond in faithful service. So we look to others to do the work. We are happy to support their efforts with our funds and our limited interest. Now, O God, we need to take the next step into actual service to you. Merciful God, forgive our slowness of action and heart. Quicken our spirits to accept the call you have for us. Give us courage and strength to do your will and help others in need. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: In the power of the burning bush, in the quiet stillness,
in the everyday noises of living, the Holy One is calling to each one of us,
telling us to trust in the gifts which God has bestowed on us.
You are beloved and blessed by God to be a blessing to others.
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

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross. Turn our lives upside down with your radical love. Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced by your all-encompassing grace and mercy. We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all: your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen..

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 105

by Michel Guimont

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Grounding Ourselves in God's Promises"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

Glory to God #52, v 1-4

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God's mysterious nature
that encircles and encompasses all aspects of life.
We believe in a Spirit who revives weary souls
and allows humans glimpses of God's nature.
The Holy Spirit, God's imprint on our hearts.
In a world that is constantly changing,
we continue to listen for how the Holy Spirit
will reveal the Word to us in our current circumstances.**

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 #609, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Holy God, just as you called Moses so long ago, so you call each one of us to speak and act on your behalf in our world today. Thank you for calling us, for gifting us with abilities, for blessing us with resources to share. Give us courage to step out in faith, to follow where you lead without hesitation or fear, trusting that your presence goes with us, and that you will provide all that we need. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Glory to God #265, v 3-5

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Symphony No. 8, Mvmt. II (Excerpt)
by Antonin Dvorak

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Patrick Gibbons

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Soloist – Evan Babel

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 30TH, 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

This month's virtual after worship Trinity Sunday Symposium will serve as the re-launch for our transitional adventure in preparation to search for our next called and installed pastor. Join us following worship this morning at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. The Zoom login information was included in the Wednesday newsletter, a dedicated email that went out Thursday, and in the worship reminder email that went out yesterday.

Pastor Marilyn is calling this first phase of the transitional adventure "Seeking God's New Thing: From Where Have We Come?"

If you are unable to join with us this morning, Pastor Marilyn will lead additional sessions in September.

Trinity's new website has gone live! The new site will provides a more dynamic experience, more pictures of Trinity people and activities and provides an enhanced experience for Trinity members and visitors alike. The link has not changed – continue to browse to <https://trinityucity.org> as usual on your desktop or mobile device. We look forward to your comments and suggestions for improvements to the site.

We are also looking for help to keep the site fresh and inviting. Do you have pictures of Trinity activities and/or people you would like to share for the new site? Please send them to Katie Gibbons at communications@trinityucity.org.

Do you enjoy watching the Sunday services on Facebook each Sunday, but have trouble hearing everything that is said? Well, 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!

Save the Date: Next Adult Ed September 13

Stay tuned for more information about our next Zoom-based adult education program, scheduled for Sunday, September 13 at 7 p.m. It will be based on the work of a St. Louis-area not-for-profit The Unpaid Labor Project that takes a unique, non-confrontational, unifying and proactive approach to building a new national mindset focused on racial reconciliation.

Save the Date: Adult Ed starting September 20

Is Christ just the second part of Jesus' name? Bringing together thinking about Jesus the historical person with Christ as savior, "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr will be the basis for the next adult education study, led by Trinity members Diane O'Brien and Jim Person. The six-week series will begin Sunday, September 20, from 7 to 8 p.m

We are always seeking a variety of musical guests for our services, especially from our own congregation.

If you would like to participate, or know of someone who would, please reach out to Director of Music Christian Hendricks. These musical gifts can be shared in person or recorded (video or audio only), and we welcome all varieties of styles and levels of ability.

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