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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Prelude**

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

#### 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: Come at dawn!

**People: Come at noon!**

Leader: Come late in the day!

**People: Come to the vineyard,  
where the last and the first harvest God's good fruit together.**

Leader: Come!

#### Gathering Song

**Brethren, We Have Met to Worship**

*Glory to God #396, v. 1-4*

#### Invitation to Confession

Leader: We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart.

But God's grace is given to each of us,  
for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always.

Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Forgiving God, we are such jealous people. We want to make sure that we get what we deserve, that we are always treated fairly. Yet we complain when you treat others, who have not worked as hard or been as faithful, with such love. Just like the workers in the Gospel lesson, we want to know why you are as generous with the late comers as you are with us, after all, we whine,**

**we've been here longer. You are merciful and compassionate. You do not count the time, but the quality of the heart. Forgive us, Generous God, when we have been so petty about your love. Heal and restore us. Help us reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.**

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

Leader: What we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing.  
God hears our complaints, but also our prayers.  
God will not forget us.  
Friends, believe the Good News

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

### **Passing 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, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your Word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **First Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 145**

*by Michel Guimont*

## Second Scripture Reading

**Matthew 20:1-16**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **"Receiving Generosity Instead of Equity"**

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

*Glory to God #716, v 1-3*

Minute for Mission

**"Advent Bags" Sandy Norkaitis**

Prayers of the People

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

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**

**O Lord, Our Lord**  
*Glory to God #613, v. 1*

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Receive our tithes and offerings to your honor and glory, Loving God. May fruitful results occur through and beyond our sharing. Call us all into the vineyard of meaningful labor and constructive leisure, that your Word, living through us, may call our neighbors to joyous reunion with you. May we help one another to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

**Song of Service**

**Go in Grace and Make Disciples**  
*Glory to God #296, v 1-3*

**Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Songs for Piano, No. 3, Op. 6, Andante cantabile**  
*by Fanny Hensel*

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

**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)*

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NEWS AND NOTES FOR AUGUST 20<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**

**September 20 and October 25 Sunday Symposiums**

Our September Sunday Symposium will be this Sunday, the 20th at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. In addition to spending some time in fellowship, we will mourn and remember together three of our Trinity church family:

Nancy Wagner, Jim Shoemaker, and Genny Richmond. We will also have a conversation exploring interest in trying to have an off-site outdoor gathering of some kind one Sunday this fall.

Our October Sunday Symposium will be on the 25th at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. In addition to a short fellowship time, we will launch the second leg of our transitional adventure: “Seeking God’s New Thing: Where Are We Now?” Watch the bulletins and newsletters for more information in October.

**Tonight our Adult Education series on The Universal Christ begins!** 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. Also, 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!

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