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## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EIPHANY

### “DREAM” SUNDAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

*Adagio from Concerto in D minor  
by J.S. Bach, after Alessandro Marcello*

#### 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.*

#### Opening to the Creative Spirit Music

**Let us Be Drawn In**  
*Words by Marcia McFee; Music by Jason Shelton*

Leader: All creation began with the dream of God,  
the will and intention for life to exist in the void.  
People: **All of our actions are born out of desire,  
out of a dream and vision for the future.**  
Leader: This is our birthright: to imagine and to create.  
People: **What brings you alive? What truly moves your soul in the deepest way?**  
Leader: What you create out of that answer is your greatest gift to the world  
and the way in which you are part of God’s unfolding and ongoing creative dream!

#### Opening to the Creative Spirit Music Reprise

#### Opening to the Creative Spirit Prayer

Leader: Creating God, you called forth all that exists in a moment of divine brilliance.  
People: **Open us again to that spark which you ignited in each of us at our creation  
so that we might generate more life-giving energy in this world.**  
Leader: Draw us into your story of hope.  
People: **Give us the courage to dream. Amen.**

## Gathering Song

## God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*Glory to God #24, v. 1-4*

### Invitation to Confession

Leader: It's in the waters of baptism,  
that we first publicly acknowledge the free gift of God's unmerited grace.  
It's through the waters of baptism that God forgives us our sins  
before we are even consciously aware that we are sinners.  
With faith let us confess our sin  
before God and one another as we pray together.

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Dreaming God, you know us all too well. This morning we will hear about the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped and prayed for and also what they have feared.**

**Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to embrace your dreams for humanity and this world and be willing disciples. Help us to be people who dream and embrace your promise and hope. In Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

### Affirming and Connecting

Leader: What holds us back from the joy of our creativity?  
Social activist Dorothy Day said, "God is our Creator.  
God made us in God's image and likeness.  
Therefore we are creators...The joy of creativeness should be ours."  
**People: Sometimes what holds us back is not believing that we ARE a child of God.  
Many of us think "oh, I'm not 'creative'!"**

Leader: Hear the Good News!  
Know that you are creative simply because you were created by God!

**People: Thanks be to God! 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.

As our greeting and passing of the peace today,  
I invite you to type into the chat what you like to create.  
It could be typically artistic like writing or painting –  
but it could also be something like baking, fixing the car, playing with the kids,  
decorating the house, making someone smile, or the things you do in your work. What do  
you like to make in this world?

### Song of Praise

### Let the Whole Creation Cry

*Glory to God #679, v. 1-2*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### An Imaginative Word

**There is a Vitality**  
*By Martha Graham*

Leader: “There is a vitality, a life-force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action. And because there is only one of you in all of time, this expression is unique. And if you block it... the world will not have it. It is not your business to determine how good it is nor how valuable nor how it compares with other expressions. It is your business to keep it yours clearly and directly, to keep the channel open...whether you choose to take an art class, keep a journal, record your dreams, dance your story or live each day from your own creative source. Above all else, keep the channel open!” Amen.

### The Word in Music

**God the Sculptor of the Mountains**  
*words by John Thornburg, music by Amanda Husberg*

### Scripture Reading

**Luke 4:14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **“Daring to Dream Bigger”**

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### Song of Response

**I Danced in the Morning**  
*Glory to God #157, v 1-5*

## Church Officer Ordination and Installation

### Sentences of Scripture

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### Statement on Ordination

Pastor: We are all . . . of the sacraments.

Clerk of Session Brian Muegge:

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church,  
the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church  
now ordains to ministry as Ruling Elders Kevin Harkins and Sarah New Mayer,  
and installs them to active service in this congregation.

The Session installs to active service as Ruling Elders  
these who have been previously ordained: Diana Gray and Tim Rand.

### Profession of Faith:

Pastor: As God calls . . . holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**Elders: I do.**

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,  
trusting in his grace and love?

**Elders: I do.**

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**Elders: I will, with God's help.**

Pastor: With the whole church, affirm our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Constitutional Questions

Pastor: Kevin, Sarah, Diana and Tim, . . . to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior,  
acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church,  
and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**Elders: I do.**

Pastor: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be,  
by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ  
in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**Elders: I do.**

Pastor: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith  
as expressed in the confessions of our church  
as authentic and reliable expositions  
of what Scripture leads us to believe and do,  
and will you be instructed and led by those confessions  
as you lead the people of God?

**Elders: I do and I will.**

Pastor: Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ,  
under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

**Elders: I will.**

Pastor: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?  
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry,  
working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**Elders: I will.**

Pastor: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ,  
love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**Elders: I will.**

Pastor: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**Elders: I do.**

Pastor: Will you pray for and see to serve the people  
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**Elders: I will.**

Pastor: Will you be a faithful Ruling Elder, watching over the people,  
providing for their worship, nurture, and service?  
Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church,  
and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**Elders: I will.**

Clerk of Session Brian Muegge:

Do we, the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
accept Kevin, Sarah, Diana and Tim as Ruling Elders,  
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation  
to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?  
Please answer in the chat.

**People: We do.**

Clerk of Session Brian Muegge:

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them,  
To respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us,  
serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?  
Please answer in the chat.

**People: We do.**

## **Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

### **Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

#### **Welcome**

### **Praying for the World We Co-Create and Prayers of the People**

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

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Led by John Galczynski**

**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 of the Creative Spirit and our Financial Gifts**

#### **Invitation**

Leader: The earth and all it contains belong to God, the world and those who live in it. With gladness let us now offer from our life and labor our gifts to God. We continue to welcome your financial gifts to Trinity Presbyterian Church, and the ways to share are being shown in the live stream.

As you consider your financial offering,  
please type into the chat a creative practice in your life  
that lifts your spirit or the spirits of those around you.

#### **Doxology**

**Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**

*Glory to God #648, v. 1*

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

Leader: "This is my creative spirit in the world, this is my offering. May you see the things you do, no matter how small or mundane, as the way that you contribute goodness to the world, creating more life, more joy, more love."

People: **Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is! Amen.**

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

#### **Song of Service #**

**Loving Spirit**

*Glory to God #293, v. 1-5*

#### **Commission and Blessing**

#### **Postlude**

**Tales from the Vienna Woods**

*by Johann Strauss II*

Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

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

**Liturgists** – Brian and Cricket Gordon

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss and John Roman

**Soloist** – Janelle Pierce

**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*

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NEWS AND NOTES FOR JANUARY 10, 2021**

*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.*

**Ordaining and Installing Newly Elected Elders and Deacons**

In order to keep everyone safe during these times, the Session has set the ordination and installation of newly-elected Elders and Deacons during our live stream worship services for two Sundays – January 10 and 17.

We will ordain and install four persons each of these Sundays.

A special thank you to DeAnne Brown, Sue Lorenz, and Nancy Wagoner for creating two stoles with the handprints of previously ordained persons to be worn as a spiritual representation of having our hands laid upon them as we ordain them to their respective offices of Elder and Deacon.

**January 17 Sunday Symposium**

Our January Sunday Symposium will be January 17 at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. In addition to a time of fellowship, we will launch our third round of transitional conversations with the theme of “Seeking God’s New Thing: What is the Mission and Ministry God is Calling Us Toward?”

In preparation for our conversation, in the Trinity e-news are links to our Core Values word cloud, a synopsis summary of our October-November “Seeking God’s New Thing: Where Are We Now?”, a full set of those conversation transcripts, and a video sharing what the Session and Pastor Marilyn think are the most significant learnings from these conversations for your review.

Then when we gather virtually on January 17 to examine “What is the Mission and Ministry God is Calling Us Toward?” we will particularly discuss the following three questions during our conversation:

1. In your imagination what are your dreams for Trinity Presbyterian Church, who are the people we will be worshiping and serving with, what is the church doing, how does it feel to be a part of its mission and ministry in 2025?
2. How might we foster a spirit of exploring and adventure to move Trinity toward such a 2025 vision?
3. What qualities, gifts, skills in your next pastor would be important for your new pastor to have to join with you in moving toward such a 2025 vision?

**The Worship Committee has chosen as our series theme for the six Sundays between Epiphany and Lent - “Drawn In: Living Out the Creative Life with God.”**

According to the worship series resources, “We spend too much time being ‘driven’ rather than ‘drawn in.’ We focus on what we ‘should’ do rather than what we feel excited and compelled to do in our lives, in this world. During this series, we will connect with our inherent creativity and nurture this foundational aspect of being human, giving us renewed energy for passionate work, delightful play, and creative problem solving to make this world a better place for all.”

As such, our weekly worship format will be modified to include a time of “Opening to the Creative Spirit” as we from wherever we are gathering “enter” into the service, a time of confession that includes “Affirming and Connecting,” the offering of an “An Imaginative Word” before the weekly Scripture readings, a time of “Praying for the World We Co-Create” during our prayers of the people, and an invitation for “Offering of the Creative Spirit” as one of our gifts.

Each week as we’re “Drawn In: Living Out the Creative Life with God,” will have a different emphasis:

January 10 – “Dream”

January 17 – “Hover”

January 24 – “Risk”

January 31 – “Listen”

February 7 – “Re-integrate”

February 14 – “Resting”

**Our first New Year's Adult Ed will be tonight, January 10, at 7 p.m.** The honorable Terry Crow, Mayor of U City and friend of many at Trinity, will talk about the Role of Churches in the Loop with lots of time for questions and answers. ZOOM meeting details are available in the Wednesday newsletter or you can contact Katie in the office at [communications@trinityucity.org](mailto:communications@trinityucity.org)

**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

**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, Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Nigel Holloway, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Rachel Presti, Tim Rand, Jan Schulte-Glad, George Van Hare

#### **Deacons**

DeAnne Brown, Bill Cahoon, Stacey Carman, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorenson