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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“HOVER” SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

The Spruce from *Five Pieces for Piano*
by Jean Sibelius

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: Hovering is the creative posture of taking a moment to see the “big picture.”
People: **In a world of quick fixes and instant gratification, we sometimes want to skip the step of paying quiet attention to this question: “what one thing do we need to focus on now?”**
Leader: Clearing the decks in order to give ourselves space and time to think, to ruminate, to consider what is necessary, feels like a luxury but in fact both creativity experts and Jesus point to the importance of taking reflective time.
People: **The “project” of our lives and work in the world as Christians depends upon this as well.**
Leader: If you didn’t feel that you have to do or fix *EVERYTHING*, what *ONE* thing would you work on at this point in your life? What do you feel drawn to?

Opening to the Creative Spirit Music Reprise

Opening to the Creative Spirit Prayer

Leader: Hovering God, you are as close as the air we walk through and breathe.

People: **Open us to stop and feel your presence this day
so that we might learn what *you* would have us do
in the midst of so *much* to do.**

Leader: Draw us into your quiet patience.

People: **Give us the courage to wait. Amen.**

Gathering Song

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Gory to God #53, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Come, all who have inflicted or accepted oppression; we share in the world's sin.
Come, all who make distinctions among people;
we participate in the brokenness of God's family.
Come, all who respond to the false voices of the world;
God is calling us away from our former limitations.
Let us confess our sin to God as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Hovering God, we confess that we would rather pursue whatever makes us feel better or important rather than spend time soul searching to find whatever energies, desires, and passions we have that may be aligned with your creative calling. We prefer to wander down streets to all the places we know so well yet are reluctant to be led by your Spirit into unfamiliar neighborhoods. We sometimes are in such a hurry to get our heart's desires we stumble past the grace you are longing to give us.

Hear our hearts and see our brokenness, Hovering God, and forgive us. May we grow in our trust of you, rather than continuing to test you. Gather us up and bring us into the presence of Jesus Christ, your Servant, our Savior, that we might follow him all the way to Jerusalem, and beyond – into that place of hope and peace you are giving us. Amen.

Affirming and Connecting

Leader: What holds us back from connecting with the Presence of our Creator?
Artist Pablo Picasso said,
"Every act of creation is first of all an act of destruction."
That means that whenever God leads us into new territory in our lives,
"the way we've always done" life will change, something will be different.

People: **Sometimes what holds us back
is our fear that if we don't just plow forward in the same old ways,
we won't be able to handle the change.**

Leader: Hear the Good News!

You CAN handle changes. Why? Because God is always with us!

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 “You’ve got this!”
We don’t need to know what it is
that each of us is struggling to change in our lives
in order to create more goodness and freedom,
we just need to remind each other that we are not alone
and we are supporting one another!
“You’ve got this!”

Song of Praise

Let the Whole Creation Cry
Glory to God #679, v. 1

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

An Imaginative Word

Bedspread Forts
by SARK, Inspiration Sandwich

Leader: “Remember the safety of a good fort? Bedspreads draped across chairs, weighted down by giant books, with a tunnel leading under the card table. Maybe there was a hole in one of the bedspreads, put there so you could peer out, unseen. You might pass a stack of comic books and a row of cookies into your fort, and stay there all day in the dull glow of bedspread light. The fort was your refuge, your secret spot. The interior untouched by adult hands or eyes. It was a world you built for yourself.”

What if we could remember to build a world of forts made with blankets? Where we each had time to focus, to hover, in the quiet, dull glow of bedspread light?

The Word in Music

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Glory to God #339, v. 1-3

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Message: "Spending Time Hovering"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

Be Still, My Soul
Glory to God #819, v 1-3

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 Pro Tem of Session George Van Hare:
Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church,
the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church
now ordains to ministry as Deacons DeAnne Brown and Stacey Carman,
and installs them to active service in this congregation.

The Session installs to active service as Ruling Deacons
these who have been previously ordained: John Merker and Joanne Roman.

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?

Deacons: I do.

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

Deacons: I do.

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

Deacons: 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: DeAnne, Stacey, John and Joanne, . . . 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?

Deacons: 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?

Deacons: 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?

Deacons: 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?

Deacons: 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?

Deacons: 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?

Deacons: I will.

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

Deacons: I do.

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

Deacons: I will.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern,
and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need,
and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Deacons: I will.

Clerk Pro Tem of Session George Van Hare:

Do we, the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church,
accept DeAnne, Stacey, John and Joanne as Deacons,
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 Pro Tem of Session George Van Hare:

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

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

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Glory to God #543, v. 1-5

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Dance of the Blessed Spirits from *Orfeo ed Euridice*

by Christoph Willibald Glück

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Bob Wagoner

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Soloist – Madeline Black

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 17, 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

The Session virtually ordained and installed newly elected Elders during worship this past Sunday, and will virtually ordain and install newly elected Deacons during worship this Sunday.

A special thank you to 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 this Sunday, 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.

"The Trinity you knew and loved in March of 2020 is gone. Whenever we reopen the doors, Trinity will already be different than what you remember and cherish. The truth is that what is now Trinity Presbyterian Church has been evolving and changing throughout its long history. The pandemic shutdown may have accelerated Trinity's present transition beyond what we could have imagined 10 months ago. Although we don't believe God caused the global pandemic, we think our Creator may be working through it to guide us forward."

So, when we gather virtually this Sunday 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?

If you are unable to join us for the January Symposium conversation, additional opportunities to participate will be with the:

Men's Lunch Bunch Tuesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. via Zoom
Kitchen Cabinet Thursday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
Choir Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Deacons TBD

Trinity Church will Join National Moment of Unity and Remembrance

We have all been touched in one way or another by the tremendous number of lives lost due to COVID-19 across the country. Ironically, because of the virus we have not had very many opportunities to acknowledge this as a nation and communally remember the people we have lost.

On Tuesday, January 19th at 4:30CT, the Presidential Inaugural Committee will host a memorial to remember and honor the lives lost to COVID-19 in cities and towns across the country.

Along with a lighting around the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, communities are invited to illuminate buildings and ring church bells at 4:30 p.m. CT in a national moment of unity and remembrance.

Trinity will be joining other churches in ringing our bell, so roll down your windows or step outside, pause, and take a moment to remember all those we have lost to this pandemic and all their lives ones who are grieving.

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”

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 Deacon 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, 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