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TWENTETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

By the Still Waters
by Amy Beach

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.

Introit

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!
Glory to God #437, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: What can we do to have life?
People: **We can seek God, who gives us life in every moment.**
Leader: What can we do to serve justice in our world?
People: **We can set aside that which keeps us from following Jesus –
wealth, pride, power, whatever.**
Leader: What can we do to share the Good News with others?
People: **We can open ourselves to the Spirit, so people can see God at work in us.**

Gathering Song

O Word of God Incarnate
Glory to God #459, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession Confession

Leader: Let us willingly embrace that which we believe is true –
we can come to the seat of grace,
bringing our prayers of confession to the One
who is filled to overflowing with love, mercy, and hope.
Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

There are so many things, Wise God, which keeps us from following Jesus. We try to turn justice into a bitter pill for others. We push righteousness out of the way, so we can seek those who tell lies. We know, deep down inside, that one thing which keeps us from faithful living, but just can't loosen our grip on it.

We can't seem to do it, God who remembers us, but because everything is possible with you, give us the wisdom to know what that one thing might be; the grace to let go and leave it behind us; and the courage to follow Jesus wherever he might lead us, especially into that life which you offer in love and hope. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the Good News!
God first loves and forgives us.
God then surrounds us with siblings by blood and of the heart
so that we do not journey through life alone.

People: **Committing everything to our Creator, trusting in the One who redeems us,
we choose to live as God's faithful and forgiven people.
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

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Glory to God #35, v. 3

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message

Pastor Marilyn

Anthem

In the Presence of Your People
Glory to God #631, v. 1-3

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I

have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message **“Taking a Step into the Future”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

Seek Ye First
Glory to God #175, v. 1-3

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) excerpt, written in 2011 by McCormick Seminary Students

**“We trust in Jesus Christ, both human and God.
As God’s Son, Jesus Christ came to this world
to present another way of living – one of forgiveness and love.
Jesus was a subversive citizen and gifted teacher,
a radical movement founder,
and a model of God’s dream for all.
Jesus healed the sick, ate with outcasts and favored the poor.
He worked to reorder power and restore just relationships
and was put to death by the hands of an unjust system.
Jesus took our helplessness and hopelessness to the cross.
Continuing to rebel,
we remain desperate for Christ’s saving grace and reconciliation.
Because of Christ’s rising from the dead,
we are reconciled with God
and enabled to reconcile with one another.”**

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

God, We Honor You
Glory to God #709, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Take My Life
Glory to God #697, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Magnificat
by Christian Hendricks

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Pat Gibbons

Soloist –Evan Babel

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – Margy Brown, DeAnne & Gordon Brown

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

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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR OCTOBER 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.

All Saints' Sunday
Time of Remembrance
Help Wanted

In preparation for our All Saints Sunday time of remembrance during worship October 31, if you have a loved one you would like to have included, please send Pastor Marilyn the person's name, and if you desire, a photo and dates of life, by Monday, October 25 to marilyn.gamm@trinityucity.org.

Since their memory lives on in your hearts, the person does not have to have died in the past year to be included. Anyone you would like remembered is welcome.

Advent Bags 2021

It is time to sign up to create and deliver an Advent Bag this year. Because of COVID, we will continue to follow last year's guidelines. If you wish to participate, you will be given the name of someone and in turn you will purchase and wrap 4 small gifts, one to be opened each Sunday in Advent. The gifts will be placed in a bag and delivered by you. Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 28. If you wish to participate, please contact Sandy Norkaitis, 314-863-7699 or slnork@charter.net

The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry. We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

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!

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 Corie Merker, 314-434-8286, 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.

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.

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Session

Gordon Brown, Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Nigel Holloway, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Bob Parks, Rachel Presti, Tim Rand, Jan Schulte-Glad

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