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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### Prelude

*The Four Seasons: Autumn, Mvmt. I*  
by Antonio Vivaldi

### 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: You have been invited to a special feast.

**People: We need more details, for our schedules are very busy.**

Leader: This is celebration of commitment between God and God's people.

**People: Maybe next time, we have other plans.**

**What is God going to do if we don't come?**

Leader: Your response is noted.

There are many others who would be delighted to come,  
even on a last minute notice.

God looks forward to greeting them and celebrating with them.

**People: Will we get a second chance?**

**God forgive us for placing our schedules  
and other plans before coming to your celebration.**

### Gathering Song

**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**  
*Glory to God #645, v. 1-4*

## **Invitation to Confession**

Leader: Called to have the same mind as the Christ,  
we often spend too much time thinking  
about all those ways which then lead us astray.  
But when we confess our sins, God will forgive us,  
and strengthen us to be Christ's sisters and brothers and siblings.  
Let us pray together:

## **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**You would call us to your feast, Inviting God, but our busy lives keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us. You would make your gentleness known through us, but we lash out in anger and fear towards others.**

**Forgive us, God of all Hope, and remember your Servant, Jesus Christ. In him, we can live your way. Through him, we can learn the dreams you have for us. With him, we can open our arms and embrace all the people we meet.**

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

Leader: As we are forgiven by God, we can begin to reflect on all those ways  
in which we can live justly, act honorably, love completely.  
This is indeed Good News for us!

**People: At the Wedding Feast, we are fed with grace, and nourished with joy,  
so we may go and bring hope and peace to everyone we meet.  
Thanks be to God!**

## **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**  
*Glory to God #583*

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: Gracious God, whose banquet table, prepared for our enjoyment, offers all the best that life can hold, grant us in these moments we spend together hearing your Word read and proclaimed such a taste of your bounty that we will be eager every day to meet you in prayer, meditation, and study of the Scriptures, and be confident of finding you in our relationships and in all we do, that our lives may honor you and bring joy to others. Amen.

### **First Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Your Endless Love, Your Might Acts**  
*Glory to God #60, v. 1-5*

### **Second Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** “Shifting the Lineup”

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Song of Response**

**We Come as Guests Invited**  
*Glory to God #504, v 1-3*

**Minute for Mission**

**Turkey Day with Joanne Roman**

**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)

**May our offerings help to prepare many to feast at your banquet table. May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance you entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize your peace, dwelling within and among us as we serve in the Christ's name. Amen.**

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

### Song of Service

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**  
*Glory to God #367, v 1-4*

### Commission and Blessing

### Postlude

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**  
*arr. by Fred Offutt*

### Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

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

**Liturgist** – Diane O'Brien

**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 OCTOBER 11<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**

**October 25 Sunday Symposium**

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 this month.

**Tonight our Adult Education series on The Universal Christ continues!** 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.

**Safe Homes for the Elderly and Disabled (SHED)**

“Safe Homes for the Elderly and Disabled (SHED) is organizing a month of service in October 2020 in University City in which volunteers will help seniors and disabled residents with home maintenance and repairs. In view of the pandemic, Trinity is not organizing volunteers to join this effort in 2020, but it heartily supports SHED’s efforts to contribute to the health of our neighborhoods.

If you would like to volunteer, though, please email [info@shedstl.org](mailto:info@shedstl.org) or call 314-782-7433. If you would like to contribute financially, kindly send a check payable to SHED, Inc. to PO Box 300414, University City, MO 63130.

**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.

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, 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