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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

“Sweet Dream” from *Album for the Young*
by P.I. Tchaikovsky

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

Do Not Be Afraid
Glory to God #76, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God does new things!
People: **We will see them when we open our hearts.**
Leader: Our God pours living water into parched lives!
People: **God paves over our despair with hope.**
Leader: Our God forms a community from those we least expect!
People: **God calls us to serve our sisters and brothers and siblings – especially those who are poor, those who are broken, those who feel cast aside by the world.**

Gathering Song

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
Glory to God #69, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession Confession

Leader: No matter how many times we sin, God is always doing new things in our lives.
Whenever we break our promises to follow and serve, God is faithful.
Let us confess together our sins to the One who loves us, saying:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the Future, you who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against troubling world news or our own community concerns.

God, during these extra challenging times, forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Despite our continued pandemic fears, open our lives and let your Spirit blow through, showing us the new things you are doing and calling us toward even now. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Here is our forgiveness – it springs forth from God's heart to create new life for you.
Do you see it? Do you understand?

**People: In Jesus Christ all of God's promises are simply "Yes!"
Through the Christ we are forgiven, healed, and renewed.
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

Hannah Peters

Anthem

How Great Thou Art
Glory to God #625, v. 1-4

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:18-21

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,

the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Catching the Vision”

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Glory to God #320, v. 1-5

Minute for Mission

“Turkey Day”

Nancy Wagoner

“Catch the Vision” Kickoff

Jenn Clodi

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)

Creative God, how can we remember all your creation in this offering? You have given us time and the seasons. You have given us families and friends. You have given us our church family. Accept our offering of love. You give us the wonder and marvel of summer, with the warmth and fun of faith. You give us the color and change of autumn and cause us to see the need for change. You give us the chill and snow of winter, with time for us to sit and think. You give us the new life and growth of springtime, with the reminder of new life in Christ. Creative God, accept our gifts and our lives that the world and all people may praise your name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
Glory to God #305, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

“Notturmo” from A Midsummer Night’s Dream
by Felix Mendelssohn

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Katie Klein

Soloist – Janelle Pierce

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – Sandy Norkaitis, Corie & John Merker

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 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.

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.

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

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 Onrealm account (onrealm.org) 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), Bob Parks, Rachel Presti, Tim Rand, Jan Schulte-Glad

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 Sorensen