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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

“The Gifts I Give”
words and arr. by Christian Hendricks

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: The world tells us we need to be part of something big and bold.

People: We belong to God.

Leader: The world tells us to put our hope in wealth and success.

People: We put our faith and trust in Jesus.

Leader: The world tells us to seek our own gain and satisfaction.

People: We seek joy in the Spirit of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who leads us away from the ways of the world.

People: Let us follow and live into the Way of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Gathering Song

God is Here!
Glory to God #409, v. 1, 3-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: When we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But when we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just, forgives us our sin.
Let us join together in confessing our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Mercy, we place our trust in tangible things – things we can see and touch – and question whether you are really there. Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. Lover of Justice, open our eyes to see you;

open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the Good News:
the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality,
but offers grace and peace to all.

**People: God has heard our prayers and done the very thing we asked –
forgiven us, healed us, restored us.
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: Majestic God, help us to feel and see your presence in our lives. Enable us to listen clearly to your words of hope and comfort. Encourage us to go into your world serving others and bringing your message of mercy and healing. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Responsorial Psalm

Tremble, O Tremble
Glory to God #57

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Returning to Ministry What God Has Given Us"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Glory to God #700, v 1-4

Minute for Mission

"Educate a Child, Transform the World"

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)

You do not choose favorites, Holy God, but pour out your blessings on all your children, trusting that we will empty our hearts, our lives, our treasure in meeting the needs of those around us. Bless these gifts, and use them to bring healing and hope to your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Glory to God #438, v 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

“Near the Fireside” from *Scenes from Childhood*
by Robert Schumann

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 – 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

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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR OCTOBER 18TH, 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.

**“Seeking God’s New Thing:
Where Are We Now?”**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church’s
October Sunday Symposium
Sunday, October 25, 2020
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

*“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”
Isaiah 43:19c*

In this second series of virtual “events,” of our transitional adventure preparing to call our next installed pastor, join us via Zoom (the link will be in this Wednesday’s newsletter) and help us review Trinity’s current membership and resources trends, the weekly human impact of our ministries, and our wider community and ministry context. Documents showing these trends and information will be linked to next week’s newsletter.

In preparation for the October symposium a Word Cloud of Trinity’s core values that were identified from our first series of conversations was linked to this past Wednesday’s newsletter for your information and review. We will use these to respond to the question “Do these adequately capture what is precious and essential to Trinity’s 21st century identity as a church family – why or why not?”

Then, as we examine “Where Are We Now?” we will particularly discuss the following 5 questions during our conversation:

1. After reviewing Trinity’s membership and resources trends, its weekly impact, and its wider community context, why would you say Trinity exists as a congregation?
2. What would be lost in our surrounding community if this church ceased to be?
3. What purposes and principles do you think we must protect as central to Trinity’s identity?
4. If Trinity needs to let go of something so that its 180-year mission and ministry will be able to not only continue but thrive, what would that be?
5. This terrible global pandemic has presented us with a unique opportunity re-examine Trinity’s overall mission and ministry. In what ways are these times changing your priorities and expectations regarding Trinity Presbyterian Church?

If you are unable to join with us Sunday, Pastor Marilyn will lead additional conversations with the Choir, Deacons, Kitchen Cabinet, and Men’s Lunch Bunch in early November.

**All Saints' Sunday
Time of Remembrance
Help Wanted**

In preparation for our All Saints Sunday time of remembrance November 1, 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, by Wednesday, October 28 to marilyn.gamm@trinityucity.org.

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. For more information and the Zoom link, please check the Wednesday newsletter.

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.

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, 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