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REFORMATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Little Fantasia on Old Hundredth
by Christian Hendricks

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

Minute for Mission

Jim Person

* Call to Worship

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
People: Therefore, we will not be afraid.
Leader: Even though the earth should change,
and the mountains shake;
**People: even though the waters roar and foam,
and the mountains tremble.**
Leader: We trust that the Lord of hosts is with us,
All: **the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

* Gathering Song

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Glory to God #275, v. 1-4

* Invitation to Confession

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**God of transformation,
you have never stopped moving in the world
and calling your church to follow.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we think of ourselves
as reformed only in the past tense.
Forgive us, O God, when we fail to follow
the winds of your spirit leading us to change.
Forgive us, O God, when we are stuck in our ways,
hesitant to listen to your message coming to us
through the voice of a neighbor, a stranger, or a new generation.
Forgive us, O God, and grant us assurance
that you have called, and are calling again,
inviting us to grow, change and be re-formed
as your living church in the world.**

**For you are the one who brings order out of chaos,
forms life from ashes,
and who makes all things new.**

Amen.

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Beloved, hear the good news,
we are justified,
made right with God
by grace.

We cannot earn it,
we cannot buy it,
we cannot achieve it.
It is a gift – bestowed on us
according to the love of God.

So, believe the good news,
that through Christ,
you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*** Passing The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you
People: And, also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you

*** Song of Praise**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God #582, v. 1-2

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

* Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31.31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Anthem

Verleih’ uns Frieden
by Felix Mendelssohn

Text: Grant us peace, O Lord, in our times!
After all, there is no one else
Who could strive for us,
Except you, our God alone.

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 3.19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For ‘no human being will be justified in his sight’ by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Leader: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Rev. Mel Smith

Reformation Liturgy

By scripture alone (Sola Scriptura)

Your word O God is a lamp unto our feet,
and a light unto our path.

We give you thanks for the movement of your Spirit,
guiding our ancestors to put scripture into the hands of the people;

opening hearts,

inspiring minds,

leading us by your Living Word.

By faith alone (Sola Fide)

Through Christ we have received the promise,
that faith comes as a gift given by your Spirit,
and by faith alone;
**we are welcomed into your presence,
received by your love,
and grafted into the household of faith.**

By grace alone (Sola Gratia)

We remember that your grace comes to us
not on account of what we have bought, achieved, or earned,
but according to your faithfulness.
**We give you thanks and praise,
for the gift of your grace,
for welcoming all of who we are,
and for loving us completely.**

By Christ alone (Sola Christus)

We celebrate, that through Christ we have received good news;
**you have come near through water, wine and bread,
called us to be your people,
and sent us out as a priesthood of believers,
equipped to share your Word.**

Glory to God alone (Soli Deo Gloria)

May we continue to be your church;
**united through baptism,
fed at your table,
always being reformed by your Spirit, according to your word,
reflecting your love and welcoming all –
to God alone be the glory!
Amen**

Song of Response

O God, Who Gives Us Life
Glory to God #53, v. 1-3

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 glory forever. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Jesu, Lead My Footsteps Ever
by J.S. Bach

* Doxology

We Are an Offering
Glory to God #710, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One,
All that we have and all of who we are,
comes from and belongs to you.
With grateful hearts, we bring these offerings
of our time, money, energy and creativity.
Receive them we pray and may they be used
to transform our city and world,
until they reflect your love, peace, and justice.
Amen.**

* Song of Service

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
Glory to God #610, v.1-5

* Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

The flowers on the communion table are given to the glory of God in celebration of the life of Do Kirk.

Please join us in the chapel after worship for fellowship!

About the Music:

The "Old Hundredth" was originally intended for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter, but became associated with Psalm 100 after the Scot William Kethe used the tune for his text "All People That on Earth Do Dwell." The Genevan Psalter was created in response to John Calvin's call for communal singing of the psalms in the vernacular, and this tune has been attributed to French composer Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1560).

From one central figure of the Protestant Reformation to another, we go to the start of it all with Martin Luther. Luther was also a very fine musician and composer, who of all the reformers most strongly and thoroughly called for the use of music in worship, especially of a kind which the whole congregation could join in. He wrote many hymns, whether original or adapted from chants or even popular tunes; "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is his most famous.

Two famous composers strongly associated with Reformation music are Felix Mendelssohn and J.S. Bach. While the family was of Jewish origin, the Mendelssohns converted to Lutheranism for both practical and, at least with Felix, personal reasons; many of his works are written either for church use or with a Lutheran inspiration, such as his Reformation Symphony. And Bach...well, just about everything he wrote, sacred and secular, was in devotion to his beliefs and to God.

Participants in Today's Worship

Acolyte – Lizzie Henderson

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Pat Gibbons

Preacher – Rev Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss

Ushers – Jayne Howard

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass –Nigel Holloway, Brian Schroer

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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2022

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.

Let's talk turkeys. On November 16, the Winger Food Pantry will be celebrating Thanksgiving with the food pantry clients. We have promised 70 turkeys to our regular clients but would also like to have about 20 extra to give to those clients who have only visited the pantry a few times. Stacey Carmen contacted Dierbergs and they will guarantee the 90 turkeys for us. The cost will be about \$2340.00. We need your help. Please consider making a donation to the food pantry marked turkeys. Turkeys are in short supply this year so we are very thankful that Dierbergs is coming through for us again this year.

Save the Date: All women of the church are invited to our annual Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange. The date is Saturday, December 3, 11:30-1:30 in the church dining room. It will be a salad, dessert pot luck again this year. We had such fun last year and excellent attendance. Please put it on your calendar. Any questions, please contact Sandy Norkaitis, slnork@charter.net or 314-863-7699.

Kitchen Cabinet Future Gatherings

Discussions were had and the future meetings of the Kitchen Cabinet will be in Person the First Thursday's of the month, and on Zoom the Third Thursday's of the month. See below for our tentative schedule:

Next gatherings:

Thursday, November 3 at Trinity, Weems Chapel

Thursday, November 17 via Zoom

Saturday, December 3 - Christmas party at Trinity - No Thursday gathering

Thursday, December 15 - Zoom

Thursday, January 5 at Trinity, Weems Chapel

Thursday, January 19 - Zoom

Bass Section Leader Position

Trinity, under the leadership of Director of Music and Pianist/Organist Christian Hendricks, has a chancel choir that sings almost every week from the end of August to Pentecost right around the start of June. There is one regular service at 10 am on Sunday mornings, and rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15 pm. At the moment, the only expected service beyond Sundays at which the choir performs is Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols. The choir is mostly volunteer, but we do currently employ sections leaders for the soprano, alto, and tenor sections. See the website for further information.

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. 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!

While 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 Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Pastor the Reverend Mel Smith. You also can email her directly at melanie.smith@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

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

Deacons

Anna Gardner-Andrews, DeAnne Brown, Stacey Carman, Cricket Gordon, Jennifer Higginbotham, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Christy Schindler