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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Variations on "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
by Fred Offutt

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

O God, in a Mysterious Way
Glory to God #30, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: Like water drenching a desert,
People: God's grace is poured into our hearts.
Leader: Like an optometrist putting a pair of glasses on a child,
People: Jesus helps us to see the wonders around us.
Leader: Like a mother wiping tears off a child's cheeks,
People: The Spirit comforts us when everything falls apart.

Gathering Song

When God Restored Our Common Life
Glory to God #74, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Anything and everything - our messes, the hurts we inflict on others,
the way we stand around when we could be helping –
God can renew, reshape, restore us.
That is how much God loves us,
this is why God calls to us to come and be healed.
Let us pray together to our God, saying:

Litany Prayer of Confession

People: Jesus Christ, Heir of David, have mercy upon us!
Leader: So many days, we are like the blind beggar in Mark's Gospel,
sitting on the side of the road hoping to hear the sounds of your coming.
We are like the Canaanite woman begging
for the crumbs that fall from your table.
We are like the woman who was sick for so many years
and who reached out to touch the hem of your garment.

People: Jesus Christ, Heir of David, have mercy upon us!
Leader: Have mercy upon us when we cannot see how we will make it.
Have mercy upon us when we are sick and cannot get well.
Have mercy upon us when life hardens our hearts
and makes it difficult for us to love, to heal or to forgive.
Have mercy upon us when persecution comes and when we are misunderstood.

**People: Jesus Christ, Heir of David,
we come this morning asking for strength to get to the other side,
and grace to represent you well.**
Leader: We come, confident that your promise to be with us always is true,
confident that you are greater than the trials we face,
confident that we are secure in the palm of your hands.
We come to you today,
like blind Bartimaeus who sat on the side of the road to Jericho,
knowing that you love us and have not forgotten our needs.

**People: Jesus Christ, Heir of David, have mercy upon us, and grant us your peace.
Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us!
People: We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia.
Leader: Through Christ, God forgives us our failings,
and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.
People: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message

Hannah Peters

Anthem

Taste and See
Glory to God #520, v. 1

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Catching the Vision: Knowing What We Want from Jesus"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision
Glory to God #450, v. 1-4

"Catch the Vision"

Brian Muegge

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)

May our gifts be used to answer the needs of those who seek you, O God, delivering them from their fears, listening to their cries for help, offering refuge to those who are searching for hope. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

O That I Had a Thousand Voices
Glory to God #16, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Mediation from *Thaïs*
by Jules Massenet

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Jayne Howard

Soloist – Madeline Black

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – Melissa Kreishman, Cathy Smith, Pat Gibbons

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 24, 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.

Children's Worship will return to meeting in-person at Trinity on Sunday, November 7!

We are excited to announce that Session has given their approval.

We ask that children (ages 4 - fifth grade) be brought directly to the children's area downstairs upon their arrival at church.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL!

Children will be required (without exception) to keep their masks on throughout their time in the building.

Social distancing will also be practiced.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to Children's Worship programming at Trinity!

Returning for Advent: Choir and Handbells!

It has been a deep joy for myself and for our soloists—Evan, Madeline, and Janelle—to have kept the music going for the last year and half, with a little help from friends within and without. But “as the deer longs for streams of water,” I know we all have been longing to hear our choir and bells. Thankfully, they are now able to return! The first performances will align with the start of the new church year, the First Sunday of Advent on November 28. If you have not sung or rung with us before and would like to, or know someone who would, rehearsals begin Thursday, November 11. Please contact me with any questions.

Your music director,
Christian

It is turkey time again. We hope to give out 75 turkeys this year to our clients on November 17th. We may have some difficulty getting that many turkeys due to distribution shortages, but if we can't, we will give our clients a \$25 Schnucks gift card instead. First Presbyterian Church has already supplied us with some of the sides, like onion rings, green beans, stuffing, pumpkin and will be bringing more next month. We hope to have an additional bag of sides for each client.

So we need your support. Please send any donations to Trinity with Food Pantry Turkey Drive written on the memo line.

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