

us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: God's love has been poured over us to heal and nourish our thirsting spirits.
We have been forgiven.
Now we are challenged to go forth in peace and hope to a hurting world.

People: Thanks be to God for all God's mercies shown continually to each one of us.

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: Jesus our Savior, you command us to remember that the first commandment is to love God with all that we are, our hearts, souls, minds and spirits. The second is equal to this in that this love is to be extended to our neighbors. We are to love as we wish to be loved. As your Word is read and proclaimed, help us to internalize these commandments so that when we encounter times of difficulty, we are again reminded of your everlasting love for us.

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Glory to God #687, v. 1-6

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **"Daring to Ask Our Questions"**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
Glory to God #203, v 1-4

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: We believe in the God who was revealed to the people of Israel
in their journey from bondage to freedom.
Who is revealed to us through our cultures, our history,
rooted in East and West, in North and South;
our struggles in the homelands and the new lands:
who was revealed in Jesus the Christ,
with whom we identify in his life, pain, death, and resurrection.

People: **We believe that through our pains, we are being healed:
through our death, we are receiving new life;
and through our resurrection, we are being made whole.
Though some of us have known rejection and oppression,
we rejoice in our life together;
we celebrate our common humanity,
our common identity, our common experience.**

Leader: We believe that our broken world awaits
those unique and beautiful gifts that only we can bring:
thus, we offer our lives to bring justice, love, and freedom, to all people.
Amen.

Litany of Thanks for Church Reformers of Every Age/Prayers of the People

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Prayers of the People.

Leader: God our Creator, we praise you for the Reformers of every age,
a great cloud of witnesses to you and for us.
Thank you for giving them the faith and the courage
to speak and to work against corruption whenever it has entered your Church.
May their maxim, "The church reformed, always reforming,"
according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit
keep us faithful as we serve you in this, your church.

**People: Thank you, O God, for Martin Luther and his wife,
Katherine Von Bora, the father and mother of the Protestant Reformation.**

Leader: For Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, John Huss, and Teresa of Avila,
we give you thanks.

People: Thank you, O God, for John Knox, and Katharina Zell.

Leader: For John Wesley, Charles Wesley, and Anne Askew, we give you thanks.

**People: Thank you, O God, for John Witherspoon, Victoria Colonna,
and William Penn.**

Leader: For Argula Von Grumbach, Thomas Müntzer, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
we give you thanks.

People: Thank you, O God, for Elizabeth Fry and Jane Adams.

Leader: For George Fox, John Woolman, and Harriet Tubman, we give you thanks.

**People: Thank you, O God, for George Washington Carver, Sojourner Truth,
and Jonathan Edwards.**

Leader: For John Newton, William Booth, and Anne Du Borg, we give you thanks.

**People: Thank you, O God, for Karl Barth, Rosa Parks,
and Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Leader: For Susan B. Anthony, Mother Teresa, Desmond Tutu, Benjamin Weir,
and Katie Geneva Cannon, we give you thanks.

**People: Thank you, O God, for Robina Winbush, Carlton Eversley
and Jessica Tate.**

Leader: For Syngman Rhee, Mark Achtemeier, Liz Theoharis, and William Barber,
we give you thanks.

**People: Thank you, O God, for Jack Rogers, J. Herbert Nelson, Dianne Moffett, Jimmie
Hawkins, and Kathryn Threadgill.**

Leader: Gracious God, we are renewed and inspired by the courage
of the Reformers of the past, present, and future,
a web of witness joined with ours to bless present and future generations.
May your Spirit move each of us to be such teachers, healers, advocates,
preachers and peacemakers in this, your world.

And now, God of healing and hope hear us as we offer our individual prayers from wherever we
are gathered to worship this day, for ourselves, for our neighbors, friends and loved ones:

Silent Prayer

Thank you, Loving God, for hearing all these our prayers.
All these things we pray in Jesus' name,
and who taught disciples when we pray to say:

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)

As you have poured your healing love into our lives, O God, we now offer these gifts to you. Let them be used in ministries of peace and justice through the work of this church in your world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

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

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Prelude in C Sharp Major from *The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2*
by J.S. Bach

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – George Van Hare

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

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

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR OCTOBER 25TH, 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 is in this Wednesday’s newsletter) and help us review Trinity’s current membership and resources, the weekly human impact of our ministries, and our wider community and ministry context. A document showing this “Trinity At A Glance” information was linked to the newsletter for your review.

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 is our final night of the Adult Education series on The Universal Christ! 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.

Working for justice means keeping the issues in the forefront of people's minds. Every Wednesday, members of First Presbyterian Church stand at their busy corner of Midland and Delmar, holding signs acknowledging that Black Lives Matter and demanding Justice for those who have been murdered.

They welcome us to join them each week. Currently they meet from 5:30-6:30pm each Wednesday, but will probably switch to 5-6pm once we have the time change. Please contact Liz Nelson for more details (314-359-2478; leithskye@gmail.com), or show up on the front lawn if First Pres with a sign and a desire for justice!

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