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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Adoration
by Florence Price

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Stacey Carmen

* Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise all the earth,
sing the glory of God's holy name.
People: How awesome are your deeds, O God!
We sing praises to your name.
Leader: Come! See what God has done:
turning the sea into dry land;
making a way for us to cross the river Jordan.
All: **How awesome are your deeds, O God!**
Praise the Lord!

* Gathering Song

I've Got Peace Like a River
Glory to God #623, v. 1-3

* Invitation to Confession

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Holy One,
you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people far and near.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength
to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son,
amen.**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: In the name of the One
who restores the lost,
who welcomes us as beloved children,
who raises the dead,
and reigns on high,
I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven.
Believe the good news:
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
healed, and made whole.
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**

Kum ba Yah
Glory to God #472, v. 1-4

First Scripture Reading

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

Anthem

"Come to Zion" from *Two Shaker Hymns*
arr. Burton Bumgarner

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Message

Rev. Mel Smith

Affirmation of Faith

adapted from the confession of 1967

**The life, death and resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern
for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to all people
commits the church
to work for every form
of human well-being.**

**His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons
in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.**

**The Church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.
Amen.**

Song of Response

Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn
Glory to God #179, 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

"Deep River" from *Twenty-Four Negro Melodies*
by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

*** Doxology**

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

Prayer of Dedication

Creating God,
like the shepherds in Bethlehem's field,
like the leper healed who returned to Jesus,
like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church,
we praise and glorify your name.

You have given us more than we could have imagined!
For tidings of joy,
for wholeness received,
for the gift of belonging,
we thank you.

Make of us, as well as these gifts,
offerings of good news to the outcast,
hope to the hopeless,
and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem.
We ask all things in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen

* Song of Service

Guide My Feet
Glory to God #741, v.1, 2, 4, 6

* Commission and Blessing

Postlude

"Juba" from *In the Bottoms*
by Nathaniel Dett

About the Music:

As part of our initiative to acknowledge the unacknowledged writers of the spirituals we are so familiar with, today's service features a few such pieces: "I've Got Peace Like a River", "Kum ba Yah", and "Guide My Feet". There are also pieces by three Black composers whose names we know. Florence Price, who was working through the first half of the 20th century, is finally getting the recognition she deserves as a great American composer and symphonist. R. Nathaniel Dett was roughly Price's contemporary; born in Canada but living most of his life in the US, he studied and taught music extensively throughout his life, and was one of the earliest composers to synthesize European and Black American musical traditions. The "Juba" is a dance which may have been an early source for tap dance, and which Price herself utilized within her symphonies. Dett took inspiration in large part from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, whose *Twenty-Four Negro Melodies* adapts this musical tradition in the style of Romantic European lyrical pieces for piano.

Please join us in the chapel after worship for fellowship!

Participants in Today's Worship

Acolyte – Natalie Chen

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Izzy Williams

Preacher – Rev Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss

Ushers – DeAnne & Gordon Brown, Corie & John Merker

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 9, 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.

Winter Clothing Drive Sunday Oct. 2 and 9

Clothing Distribution for the UCity Oct. 15

In response to the flooding that took place in July, All Nations Church and University City High School Alumni Association have been working to support our neighbors here in UCity, whose homes have been condemned. As the weather turns to fall and winter, there is a need for winter clothing.

Our Winger Food Pantry has an abundance of clothing – which will be part of the distribution on Oct. 15. But we still need your help!

Many of our neighbors lost everything – so we are asking for donations of gently used and/or new winter clothing for all ages, shapes and sizes. Please bring donations with you to church Oct. 2 or Oct. 9. We will then have a distribution event at Trinity on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 3-5pm.

If you have any questions, would like to make a clothing donation or volunteer for the event on Saturday, Oct. 15, please contact Mel: melanie.smith@trinityucity.org

Memorial Service for Do Kirk

Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Trinity Presbyterian Church

6800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130.

Reception following the service in the Weem's Chapel.

Dolores Jo Kirk - Mom, Gram, Do-Do, Aunt Do, Do – Passed away on January 22, 2022 with her daughters, Kim, Kitty, Jan, and Pam and her grandson, Tim, by her side. At nearly 91 years old, Do lived a very full

life. She was greatly loved by her grandchildren, Jennifer, Jeff, Becca, AJ, Ben, Shannon, Megan, Katie, Tim, Molly, and Sami, and great-grandchildren Dylan, Hailey, Ozzie, and Lila.

Mom was a do-er, a peace-maker, a lover of children and nature and fun. A person of strong faith, a believer in action, a teacher. She challenged us to explore and express ideas in new ways and act upon our beliefs. She taught us to be inclusive and to care for each other, especially the least of these. She believed and taught that peace is an action.

An amazing soul, she loved to play. Anything and everything could be a wonderful game, and often became tradition. She taught us to be fair and safe and loving. She instilled strength, drive, and the knowledge that we could do anything. Mom demonstrated the power of service and empathy and made us who we are. Mom was loved by so many and absolutely adored by her grandchildren. We love you Mom and will miss you until we meet again. Please give Poppy three kisses for us. xxx

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

