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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Abide with Me, and Descant
tune by William Henry Monk, 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: God has called us like Moses in the wilderness,
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

People: They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings to closely.

**People: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Gathering Song

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
Glory to God #104, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Leader: It's in the waters of baptism,
that we first publicly acknowledge the free gift of God's unmerited grace.
It's through the waters of baptism that God forgives us our sins
before we are even consciously aware that we are sinners.
With faith let us confess our sin
before God and one another as we pray together.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Time for silent prayer

Leader: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News!

Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors
did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did!
Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time,
taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us.
Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints –
the holy ones of God!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.

Song of Praise

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God #582

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: God of the generations, when we set our hands to labor, thinking we work alone, remind us as your Word is read and proclaimed that we carry on our lips the words of prophets, in our veins the blood of martyrs, in our eyes the mystics' visions, in our hands the strength of thousands. Thank you for their cloud of witness to us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and See
Glory to God #520

Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **“Remembering Our Cloud of Witnesses”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

For All the Saints
Glory to God #326, v 1-5

Time of Remembrance Slideshow and Litany with Thanksgiving for the Lives of Our Loved Ones and Cloud of Witnesses

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Litany.

Leader: We give thanks to you, Holy God,
for all your servants and witnesses of time past:
For Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife,
for Moses the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest:

People: **We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon,
for Samuel with Hannah his mother;

People: **We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For David, king and psalmist of Israel, for Isaiah and the prophets;

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For Mary, the mother of Jesus,
for Joseph, Elizabeth and John the Baptist;

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For Peter and Paul and the apostles,
for Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene;

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For Stephen, the first martyr, for Ignatius and Polycarp,
for Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Oscar Romero,
and all the martyrs ancient and modern;

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For Augustine, Luther, Calvin and Wesley and all reformers and evangelists,
for Hilda, Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Avila
and saintly women whose example of devotion
inspires us to be your saints and faithful witnesses;

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: We give you thanks for
Don Weems, Dan Anderson-Little, Johanna McCune Wagner
and all of the many other faithful pastors
who have served what is now the Trinity Presbyterian church families
in our three buildings over the past 180 years.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Time of Remembrance Slide Show

Leader: 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

Leader: Thank you, Loving God, for hearing all these our prayers.
Strengthen us to run the race that is before us,
laying aside the heavy burdens of sin and death
and following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith:
Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

Offering

Invitation

Doxology

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Glory to God #621

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

As we dedicate these offerings to your use through this, your church, Holy God, open my eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people; move my hands that they may feed the hungry; touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing; teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers; let me share my possessions to clothe the naked; give me the care that strengthens the

sick; make me share in the quest to set the prisoner free. For in sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our prosperity, we partake of your divine presence. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Leader: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: People of God, lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the One whose heart is broken for us.**

Leader: Offer your praises and joy to the God who is our Creator.

People: **We sing our love songs to the One who loves us and watches over us.**

Leader: It is our greatest joy our hope to you:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo)

Glory to God #595

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon tea - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - toe - res, - Se - nor.
heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

Glory to God #553

*Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Pour out your ... And now let us pray together the prayer
Jesus taught his disciples 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.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup Together

Prayer after Communion: (Unison)

God of Glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with the Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful – those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Blest Are They
Glory to God #172, v 1-5

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Six Consolations, S. 172, No. 3 “Lento placido”
by Franz Liszt

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Brian and Cricket Gordon

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Soloist – Evan Babel

Hand Bells – Kevin Harkins

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 NOVEMBER 1, 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?”**

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

If you were unable to join with us for the October Sunday Symposium it’s not too late to participate in this second leg of Trinity’s transitional adventure in preparation to search for the next called and installed pastor.

Pastor Marilyn will lead additional sessions via Zoom on the following dates in November:

Men’s Lunch Bunch	November 3, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Kitchen Cabinet	November 5, 2020, 10:30 a.m.
Choir	November 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Deacons	November 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Anyone can join and participate in these sessions. Please look for the Zoom link information in the Wednesday newsletter.

Save the Date, Adult Education – Reimagining the Role of Music in Worship. Saturday November 14, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM: An exciting special presentation by former Director of Music at Trinity, Paul Vasile.

Paul is now a freelance church musician, consultant, and composer based in St. Louis. A multitalented musician and dynamic worship leader, he is committed to building, renewing, and re-shaping faith communities through music and liturgy.

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