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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Piano Sonata No. 21 in C major, "Waldstein": Mvmt. II
L. van Beethoven

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Welcome & Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Liz Nelson

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Friends, God makes all things new!
People: **Be glad and rejoice in what God is creating!**
Leader: No longer will we labor in vain;
People: **We will taste the food we plant and grow!**
Leader: Before you call, God will answer.
People: **Before we speak up, God will hear us!**
Leader: God makes all things holy,
People: **In God's holy places, no one will be hurt or destroyed.**

*** Gathering Song**

Sing a New Song unto the Lord
Glory to God #276, v. 1-3

*** Invitation to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that there are times we give into the weight of our failures and feel ashamed. In those times we stop acting like your children. We cannot imagine a world without ugliness, and so we stop trying to create beauty. We lose hope of happiness and so we revert to despair.

time of silent prayer

Forgive us for sour faces, for cold shoulders, for clenched fists, and icy stares. Forgive us for not trusting in your power to create life in the midst of destruction.

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, rejoice that though all the things of this world may crumble, God's steadfast love endures from everlasting to everlasting. Proclaim the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

*** Passing The Peace**

Leader: The Lord 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**

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth. Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Anthem

Now join we, to praise the Creator

by Geoffrey Laycock and Fred Kaan

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

Message

Guest Preacher Hannah Nutt

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.**

Song of Response

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
Glory to God #757, v. 1-4

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Call to Offering

In a world of darkness, difficulty, and despair, God brought us safely here this week. God gave us the strength to continue through struggle, the daily bread to sustain us, and the rest we find in worship and prayer. God gives us so much; let us joyfully bring our gifts to God!

Invitation

Offertory

Verleih' uns Frieden
by Felix Mendelssohn

*** Doxology**

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

Prayer of Dedication

God of new life, we shout our gratitude for the new life and hope you give us. We dedicate these gifts in faith that you will bless what we give to bring hope and renewal to our community within this church. Let us be a blessing to the world, in all the spaces we enter this week. Magnify our gifts to serve your world. Amen.

*** Song of Service**

O Day of Peace
Glory to God #373, v.1-2

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

My Lord, What a Morning
arr. Fred Offutt

Please join us in the chapel after worship for fellowship!

Participants in Today's Worship

Acolyte – Ben Muegge

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Otto Schultejeans

Guest Preacher – Hannah Nutt

Technical Support – Dylan Voss

Ushers – John & Corie Merker, DeAnne & Gordon Brown

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 NOVEMBER 13, 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.

Memorial Service for Patti Twellman

Please join us on November 21, 2022 at 4pm for the Memorial Service of Patti Twellman.

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 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

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