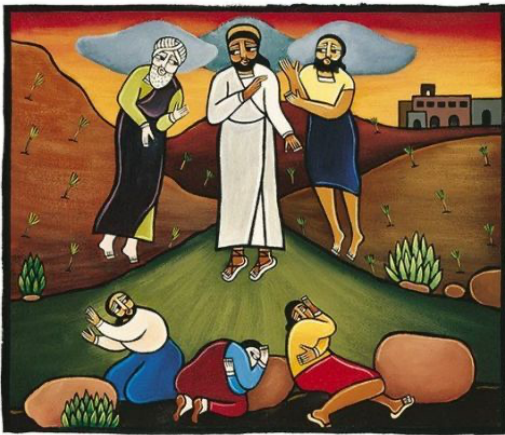


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## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

#### Prelude

**Candor est lucis aeternae**  
*Gregorian Chant*

#### Welcome & Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*Time for sharing news of the church.*

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Do you see it?

People: **In fire and cloud our God appears:  
the glory of the Lord settles over us.**

Leader: Do you hear it?

People: **A voice thunders from heaven:  
“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.”**

Leader: Open our eyes O God, and unstop our ears;

People: **to see and hear that we are gathered on holy ground.  
Let us worship God!**

#### \* Gathering Song

**Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise**  
*Glory to God #12, v. 1-4*

#### \* Invitation to Confession

\* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Holy Lord,**

**We confess that we do not always seek the light of your way.**

**We are satisfied to dwell in shadows, holding fast to the comforts of material wealth.**

**We ignore the needs of others, and selfishly look the other way when our neighbors are oppressed.**

**In your merciful way, help us to establish your equity in the world.**

**Move us to protect creation and work in collaboration so that all our siblings may live in your abundance and the safety of your peace.**

**May the light of your presence shine upon all creation.**

**Amen**

\* **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

**Leader:** God listens and responds to all our prayers,  
quick to forgive and welcome us home.  
Believe the good news  
that through Christ we are forgiven,  
and be at peace.

**People:** **Thanks be to God! Amen**

\* **Passing The Peace**

**Leader:** Just as we have been reconciled with God through Christ,  
Let us share a sign of reconciliation with each other saying:  
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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 34.29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

\* **Anthem**

**Tremble, O Tremble (Psalm 99)**

*Glory to God #57, v. 1-5*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”<sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

**“Look Again”**

**Rev. Mel Smith**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\* **Song of Response**

**Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory**  
*Glory to God #190, 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.**

**Offering**

**Invitation**

\* **Doxology #**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
*Glory to God #607, v. 1*

\* **Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**Holy One,**

**We hear the invitation to come and be a part of the work you are doing; continue to give us ears to hear, eyes to see and feet to follow where you are leading.**

**Receive these gifts of our time, energy, creativity and the work of our hands - may they be used to reveal your presence in our community and in our lives. This we pray in Jesus name, Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**

\* **Song of Service**

**Arise, Your Light is Come!**

*Glory to God #744, v. 1-4*

\* **Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Shine, Jesus, Shine**

*by Graham Kendrick*

Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Mel Smith

**Director of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Soloists** – Madeline Black

**Liturgist** – Otto Schultejans

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss and John Roman

**Ushers** – Stacey Carmen, Corie Merker, Cathy Smith

**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, Bob Wagoner*

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NEWS AND NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 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.*

**Ash Wednesday**

Please join us in the sanctuary and online, Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. as we mark the beginning of Lent with prayer, music, communion, and the imposition of ashes. Childcare will be provided.

**Trinity's Staff Needs Your Help!**

With John and Joanne Roman moving to the east coast in the next few months, not only does the Winger Food Pantry need help in filling Joanne's large shoes (see article below), but we realized that we needed one or two people to help fill John's shoes too!

John is not only our go-to guy to call when we are having technology questions or troubles, he also volunteers and sits in the back with Dylan/Katie to help make sure our Service is successfully live streamed. Currently he alternates weeks with Katie to sit in the back, but the person we are looking for does not have to do it on such a regular basis if they don't want to. They can be a substitute when either Dylan or Katie cannot make it. Their main job is to watch the Service on Facebook and make sure the sound and video feed are playing properly.

Please let Katie in the office know if you are interested in helping us out! Contact her at [communications@trinityucity.org](mailto:communications@trinityucity.org)

**Organ Repair Fund**

Thanks to all who have contributed to the organ repair fund! So far, we have at least \$30,400.

If you could not catch February 13's service, it was announced that Session approved formally accepting the bid from IOTI for their Virtuoso relay system after receiving some excellent news. This past Friday, our organ technician, Christopher Soer, let us know that if we could approve starting soon, then not only could the work be done at the original bid of \$39,214, but that work could be completed by end of May. This is for a little less and a lot sooner than we were hoping!

While we have enough to make the initial payments, we still have about \$9,000 left to raise to cover the costs. Please donate what you can, when you can. If all goes to plan, it won't be just the birds piping in the spring.

**"Engaging the Religious Nones", a two-part adult education offering led by Rev. Dr. Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez. Please mark your calendar for this exciting discussion on Sunday, March 13, and March 20 at 7:00 PM.**

Description: The number of religious "nones" in the U.S.—adults who describe their religious identity as atheist, agnostic, or "nothing in particular" (Pew Research Center, 2018)—has tripled. Closer analysis reveals that many nones associate organized religion with intolerance and injustice while still thirsting after some form of spirituality. As a church theologian and a Minister of the Word and Sacrament active in the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Dr. Ruben Rosario-Rodreuez has concluded that the church's own actions have contributed to the church's current crisis, which is why so many—including many Christians—no longer consider the church an institution worth defending. So instead of focusing on what the church can do to bring Millennials and Gen Z back into the fold (very little), the church ought to listen to what these Nones are saying to take spiritual inventory and get its own house in order.

**With the scheduled out-of-town move of Joanne and John Roman this spring or early summer, there are several opportunities, large and small, for joining the Food Pantry team.** Thanks to Cathy Smith for volunteering to take on the WFP Senior Box Program Coordinator. We still need more help and free training is provided!!

**Bread Company Bread Donation pickup:** Once a month on Tuesday evenings. Pick up the donated bread at the Galleria Bread Company at closing time (currently 7pm, previously 9pm) on Tuesday. Drop off at church. Assignment would be second Tuesday of the month but could be exchanged with others.

**Coordinator of Food Pantry Team volunteers:** Coordinate the assignments and duties of the regular volunteers and additional help. Can be done mostly thru email.

**WFP Wednesday Workers:** Join the team on Wednesday afternoon (12:30 - 3) team to help clients to shop and load their cars. Only need to work one Wednesday a month as part of a rotating team.

**WFP Coordinator:** Be the main contact for the Winger Food Pantry with the team, the church and the outside agencies. Do not have to be available on Wednesdays, and most work can be completed through emails and random checks at church.

If you want to discuss further the possibilities or responsibilities related to this important Trinity ministry, please contact Joanne Roman [JoanneCRom@aol.com](mailto:JoanneCRom@aol.com). You do not need to be a Trinity member to join the team! It is a very rewarding ministry and part of our Matthew 25 commitment.

### **Memorial Service for Sally Dunn Officially Reset for Saturday, March 19**

It's official – the family has confirmed that the new date for the memorial service for Sally Ann Dunn will be Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m.. A reception in the Weems Chapel will follow. Sally was a long-time Trinity member before she moved to Atlanta. The decline in Omicron will allow the service to occur.

During her time at Trinity, Sally was deeply involved with the Winger Food Pantry, and she specialized in organizing large events for church celebrations. She was also a Sunday School teacher and helped in many other ways. Sally died in November. For her obituary, search Google for Sally Dunn Post-Dispatch.

**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!

**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](mailto: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, Joanne Roman, Christy Schindler