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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### “RE-INTEGRATE” SUNDAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

**Adoration**  
*by Florence Price*

#### 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.*

#### Opening to the Creative Spirit Music

**Let us Be Drawn In**  
*Words by Marcia McFee; Music by Jason Shelton*

Leader: Everything that is created is in relationship with all other things.  
God’s vision for birds had to do with the quality of the creation of air.

**People: How a song is experienced by those who sing it will change the composer’s perception of the song or even the song itself.**

Leader: Nothing exists in isolation. So too for our relationships with others.

**People: What happens for humanity is closely related to how we respond to each other.**

Leader: Are we willing to re-integrate, re-vise, re-vision our lives as we come in contact with others who are not like us?

**People: New possibilities await when we are willing to offer ourselves fully and be willing to be changed by our interactions.**

#### Opening to the Creative Spirit Music Reprise

## Opening to the Creative Spirit Prayer

Leader: Re-integrating God, you created us for relationship with you and others.  
**People: Open us to be changed as we encounter the diversity of your children.**  
Leader: Draw us into your love.  
**People: Give us the courage to reach out in love. Amen.**

## Gathering Song

**Gather Us In**  
*Gory to God #401, v. 1-4*

## Invitation to Confession

Leader: We are baptized as individuals, yet are called to live and serve together.  
We know, and need to confess, how we have sought to live for ourselves,  
not reaching out to others, or seeing them as parts of Christi's Body.  
Let us pray together:

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Re-Integrating God, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, but too often we get caught up in being a hand or a foot and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us. We fracture into pieces. We do think some are more gifted, or better, or lovelier. We would much rather celebrate with someone, than to bear the suffering of another. We are really not that sure that prisoners should be set free, or the poor given hope, or the outcast a seat at the table. We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole.**

**Redeemer of all people, including us, grant us your mercy. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, so that we can truly understand, appreciate and value the breadth and depth and diversity of your human creation, and how much we need one another in order to live full and rich lives in this world. Re-integrate our human family as we pray through the One you sent to re-integrate us with you, Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

## Affirming and Connecting

Leader: What contributes to *dis-integration* of the world rather than re-integration of all things into beloved and supportive community?  
Theologian Don Saliers says of creativity,  
“...holy play asks of us vulnerability to grace and to one another.”  
**People: Sometimes fear of making ourselves vulnerable keeps us isolated, unforgiving and without the playmates we need to create the love the world so desperately needs.**  
Leader: Hear the Good News!  
We were made for each other, we were made for relationship,  
we have only to choose to say “yes” to God's invitation to participate fully in the life and love of community.  
**People: Thanks be to God! 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.

As our greeting and passing of the peace today,  
I invite you to type into the comments “Yes!”

**Song of Praise**

**Let the Whole Creation Cry**  
*Glory to God #679, v. 1*

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**An Imaginative Word**

**Eat Inspiration Like Dinner**  
*by Renhui Moon*

Everyone eats inspiration like a fancy dinner  
What's in it that makes it so much desired?  
Is it the unusual ingredients it contains  
Or the soaring power it promises?  
Is it the trendy colors it possesses  
Or the music it orchestrates inside us?  
Is it the delicious taste it offers  
*Or the harmony when we are aligned?*  
It is both and all  
We are created to create  
And must be inspired!

**The Word in Music**

**Shema**  
*Traditional Jewish Prayer*

**Scripture Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-19**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Message: “Re-Integrating Through Interacting”**

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Song of Response**

**In Christ There Is No East or West**  
*Glory to God #317, v 1-4*

## Offering of the Creative Spirit and our Financial Gifts

### Invitation

Leader: The earth and all it contains belong to God, the world and those who live in it.  
With gladness let us now offer from our life and labor our gifts to God.  
We continue to welcome your financial gifts to Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
and the ways to share are being shown in the live stream.

As you consider your financial offering,  
please type into the comments a creative practice in your life  
that lifts your spirit or the spirits of those around you.

### Doxology

### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

*Glory to God #648, v 1*

### Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Leader: “This is my creative spirit in the world, this is my offering.  
May you see the things you do, no matter how small or mundane,  
as the way that you contribute goodness to the world,  
creating more life, more joy, more love.”

**People: Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is! Amen.**

## Celebration of Holy Communion

### Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

*A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Great Prayer.*

Leader: God be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your spirits in celebration of God’s love!

**People: We lift them up to God!**

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise!

**People: We put ourselves ALL IN!**

Leader: God set in motion.... repeating after me:

Holy, Holy, Creating God!

**People: Holy, Holy, Creating God!**

Leader: Everywhere we see your glory!

**People: Everywhere we see your glory!**

Leader: Blessed are they who are drawn in

**People: Blessed are they who are drawn in**

Leader: Singing the heart song of love!

**People: Singing the heart song of love!**

Leader: Your creativity.... Repeat after me:

We will break ourselves open

**People: We will break ourselves open**

Leader: We will pour ourselves out

**People: We will pour ourselves out**

Leader: In food for the hungry  
**People: In food for the hungry**  
Leader: And love for the stranger  
**People: And love for the stranger**  
Leader: Just as Christ offered all  
**People: Just as Christ offered all**  
Leader: So too shall we  
**People: So too shall we**  
Leader: We will rise to new life  
**People: We will rise to new life**  
Leader: And commit to create  
**People: And commit to create**  
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)**

**Re-Integrating God and Holy Hospitable God, we give you thanks for what you have created in this moment of our sharing: more connection to you in answering Jesus' invitation to the table, more connection to each other as, through the wonders of the internet, we shared in the common elements, and more connection to the world as we made our vows to share this abundant grace in the world. Amen.**

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

### **Song of Service**

### **We All Are One in Mission**

*Glory to God #733, v. 1-3*

### **Commission and Blessing**

### **Postlude**

### **Wall Street Rag**

*by Scott Joplin*

## Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

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

**Liturgist** – Pat Gibbons

**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*

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## **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

*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.*

**Trinity is blessed to have several physicians among our congregation, including Dr. Rachel Presti, who has been leading COVID vaccine research for many months.** Rachel is frequently interviewed by local media seeking informed insights, and now we have the opportunity to hear directly from her during our February Adult Education, Sunday, February 14 beginning at 4 pm.

Dr. Presti is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of the Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Unit (ID CRU) at Washington University. She will discuss the vaccine rollout and answer our questions.

**Please note the special date and time for this important conversation: Sunday, February 14, 4 to 5 pm**

**The Worship Committee has chosen as our series theme for the six Sundays between Epiphany and Lent - "Drawn In: Living Out the Creative Life with God."**

According to the worship series resources, "We spend too much time being 'driven' rather than 'drawn in.' We focus on what we 'should' do rather than what we feel excited and compelled to do in our lives, in this world. During this series, we will connect with our inherent creativity and nurture this foundational aspect of being human, giving us renewed energy for passionate work, delightful play, and creative problem solving to make this world a better place for all."

As such, our weekly worship format will be modified to include a time of "Opening to the Creative Spirit" as we from wherever we are gathering "enter" into the service, a time of confession that includes "Affirming and Connecting," the offering of an "An Imaginative Word" before the weekly Scripture readings, a time of

“Praying for the World We Co-Create” during our prayers of the people, and an invitation for “Offering of the Creative Spirit” as one of our gifts.

Each week as we’re “Drawn In: Living Out the Creative Life with God,” will have a different emphasis:

January 10 – “Dream”

January 17 – “Hover”

January 24 – “Risk”

January 31 – “Listen”

February 7 – “Re-integrate”

February 14 – “Resting”

**The members of Genevieve Warren Richmond's family wish to acknowledge the donations made to the Endowment Fund, Organ Repair Fund, Scholin-Weems Scholarship and Winger Food Pantry by DeAnne and Gordon Brown, Margy Brown, Jenn Clodi, Jane and Pat Gibbons, Norma Klein, Carol Kramer, Cathy Kramer, John and Melissa Kreishman, Sue Lorenz, John and Corie Merker, Coleen Potratz, Susan Rava, Cathy and Bill Smith and Bob and Nancy Wagoner in celebration of Genny's life. We appreciate you and thank you for honoring her memory.**

-Lana Nelson-Stone

**Friends of Trinity Church, this is a reminder that if you are looking to reach out to someone within our congregation, feel free to contact Katie at the [communications@trinityucity.org](mailto:communications@trinityucity.org) email account, she can get you phone numbers, emails and addresses. You can also use our online directory Onrealm at [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org). If you do not have login information for this online database, Katie can help you with that, just send her an email and she will set you up!**

**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!

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 Corie Merker, 314-434-8286, 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](mailto: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.

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#### **Session**

Gordon Brown, Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Nigel Holloway, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Rachel Presti, Tim Rand, Jan Schulte-Glad, George Van Hare

#### **Deacons**

DeAnne Brown, Bill Cahoon, Stacey Carman, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorenson