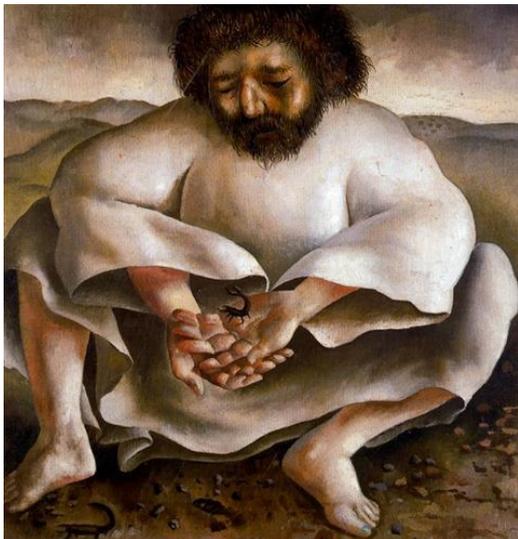


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'Christ in the Wilderness – The scorpion'
by Stanley Spencer

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Questions on the Journey, No. 1
P.I. Tchaikovsky

Welcome & Announcements

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

Time for sharing news of the church.

Introit

Questions on the Journey #1

* Call to Worship

Leader: Remember the story of our faith;
People: God heard our cry and delivered us.
Leader: Rejoice in the hope of our faith;
People: God goes with us, step by step, even in the wilderness.
Leader: Cling to the promise of our faith;
**People: God is faithful,
nothing can ever separate us from God's love.**

* Gathering Song

Lord, Who throughout these Forty Days
Glory to God #166, v. 1-4

* Invitation to Confession

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Merciful God,
Over the waters of baptism you spoke to us,
calling us by name and claiming us as your beloved children.
But we confess that we do not always live as though this identity is true:
We believe voices that call us unworthy,
We chase false promises of power,
We attempt to fix, mold and contort ourselves,
when you have already proclaimed our goodness.
We diminish your image in others,
and exploit your good earth.**

**Forgive us.
As we walk through Lent, remind us of who we are and whose we are,
mend the broken places in our hearts and equip us to be agents of your healing in our families, in
our community and in the world.
Amen.**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Siblings in Christ, hear the good news
In the waters of our baptisms we have died with Christ
And we have been raised up with him to new life.
Nothing in life,
or even death itself
can ever separate us from God's love.
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

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time,

and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

* **Anthem**

Psalm 91

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message "Where is our Identity Located?"

Rev. Mel Smith

* **Song of Response**

Out of Deep, Unordered Water
Glory to God #484, v. 1-3

Invitation to the table

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: we lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

by Christian Hendricks

Piano

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, lord God of love and light, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is for a piano accompaniment of the Sanctus. It is written in 6/8 time and B-flat major. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, lord God of love and light, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

by Christian Hendricks

1. 2. 3. 4.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain. A - - - men.

The musical score is for a Memorial Acclamation. It is written in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are: "1. Christ has died, 2. Christ is ri - sen, 3. Christ will come a - gain. 4. A - - - men." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Living God,

thank you for gathering us at your table

**and for giving us bread for the journey.
As we travel through the wilderness,
help us hear your voice calling us beloved,
help us share your grace and mercy with others,
and draw us ever closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Invitation

*** Doxology #**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #607, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication

**Leader: God of abundance,
we trust that all good gifts come from and belong to you.
Receive these offerings of our time, energy, creativity and love,
may they be used to share the good news of your presence in our midst and in our
community.
Amen**

*** Song of Service**

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Glory to God #543, v. 1-4

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

Album of the Summer of 1902 Op. 41, No. 3: "Elegy"
by Mykola Lysenko

Please meet and greet one another after the service in the sanctuary or narthex.

About the Music

The question of identity is one of the major ones not just of now, but of all time. It can be used for liberation, and it can be used for containment. It can be used to express who we are, and it can be used to express who others aren't. Tchaikovsky's music was considered by many of his compatriots as not Russian enough—he was trained in the style of Western European music—and by Western auditors as just enough as their own, interesting beyond an exotic delight. Tchaikovsky himself loved the music from both worlds, but living in both brought him unease.

Mykola Lysenko had less qualms about his identity, which perhaps brought him as much, if not more, trouble. Born and living in Ukraine during the second half of the 19th century, he strove to stake out a Ukrainian voice in the broader classical music world. This was not acceptable to Tsarist Russia and the Imperial Music Society, and Lysenko would have to publish some of his music abroad, especially anything in Ukrainian, which was not a permissible language to print in. Like Bartók and Janáček, Lysenko did ethnomusicological research into the songs and instruments of his nation, and helped found a national school for Ukraine. But people have identities beyond states and their statutes: like Tchaikovsky, who admired Lysenko's opera *Taras Bulba* enough to try to get it staged, Lysenko's style encompassed more than just one place, as the influence of Chopin on his piano music attests.

This is music of different places, and we are people of different places. Who gets to define?

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Mel Smith

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – DJ Williams

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – DeAnne & Gordon Brown, Jayne Howard

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 – Nigel Holloway, Bob Wagoner

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR March 6, 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.

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

Organ Repair Fund

Thanks to all who have contributed to the organ repair fund! So far, we have at least \$39,300.

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!

"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. 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

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

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Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Joanne Roman, Christy Schindler