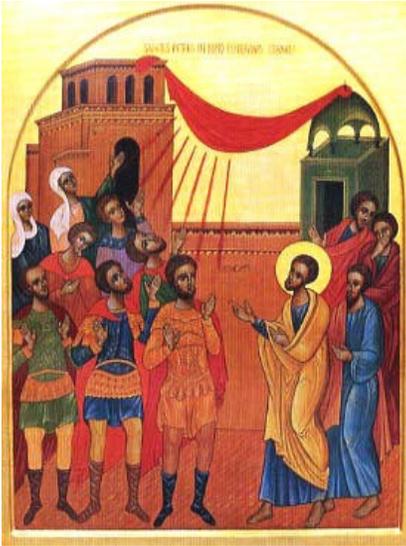


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Peter and Cornelius Meet**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Norse Song (Greeting to G)
by Robert Schumann

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

Welcome & Announcements

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

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Empowering God, we are reminded that Love is action.
People: You actively love the world and call us to do the same
Leader: Let us push past our comfort zones, reticence, and inertia,
People: allowing ourselves to be motivated by the Source of Love.
Leader: We look to Christ, the model of loving sacrifice
**People: and to all those who throughout the ages
have lived and died for the cause of Love.**
Leader: May we act with the same confidence and boldness,
All: **finding our reward in the joy of your presence
and in the enlargement of your kin-dom.**

*** Gathering Song**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Glory to God #279, v. 1-4

*** Invitation to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Compassionate God,
you command us to love one another,
yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.
We withdraw when we should step forward,
choosing to put our own safety and convenience above all.
We confess that too often we would rather ignore
the evil in our midst than confront it.
We downplay the needs of the poor
and the plight of injustice,
valuing our comfort and privilege
over seeking ways to end suffering.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Replace our hearts of stone
with hearts of compassion.
Guide us in your way,
that we might do justice,
love mercy and always walk humbly with you.
Empower us by your spirit
to renew our efforts to bring about
your kin-dom here on earth.**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: O, give thanks to the Lord,
For God is good!
People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
Leader: Through the risen Christ,
this day and every day,
People: **we are forgiven,
thanks be to God! Amen.**

*** Passing The Peace**

Leader: 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

Time with Children

Rev. Mel Smith

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I

am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Anthem

"We Have Been Told"

by David Haas

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Rev. Mel Smith

Affirmation of Faith

from The Brief Statement of Faith (adapted)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women, men and siblings to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Song of Response

Help Us Accept Each Other
Glory to God #754 v. 1-4

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.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

"Cantate Domino"
by Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

*** Doxology**

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

Prayer of Dedication

Creating God, we give you thanks for your Spirit's presence among us, moving, breathing, and calling us to new life. Receive these gifts, may they be used as we work and serve, proclaiming the good news of your love and transforming presence, here in St. Louis and beyond. Amen.

*** Song of Service**

Go to the World
Glory to God #295, v. 1-4

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

Poem
by Zdenko Fibich

Please join us in the Chapel for Fellowship after the service

Participants in Today's Worship

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Jan Schulte-Glad

Pastor – Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

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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

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR May 15, 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.

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

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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

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