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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Prelude Op. 28, No. 21 in B-flat major
by Frédéric Chopin

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.

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.
People: Together we shall read and understand.
Leader: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.
People: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.
Leader: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.
People: Together we shall risk, and behold, we shall be changed.

Gathering Song

I Danced in the Morning
Glory to God #157, v. 1, 4, 5

Invitation to Confession

Leader: It's in the waters of baptism,
that we first publicly acknowledge the free gift of God's unmerited grace.
It's through the waters of baptism that God forgives us our sins
before we are even consciously aware that we are sinners.
With faith let us confess our sin
before God and one another as we pray together.

Litany Prayer of Confession

Leader: The world arrested our sibling, Jesus.
It betrayed and bound him, it tested and mocked him, it tortured and killed him.

**People: But he stood silent against the madness,
and in that silence of his humiliation, justice was denied.
It was betrayed and bound,
it was tested and mocked,
it was tortured and killed.**

Leader: Who can describe the generation that took his life from the earth?
Who can cleanse the hands that slaughtered the Lamb?

People: O God, make of us another generation,

Leader: And let our hands be those not of murderers but midwives.

**People: Let us not mock justice, but embrace it.
Let us not take life, but deliver it.**

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another;
for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God.

**People: When our siblings are silenced by false accusers, let us be their voice.
When our siblings appear before unjust judges, let us be their defender.**

Leader: Let us bring our world to its knees before God, that guilt may be declared.

People: And let us stand when God bids the world rise, that mercy may be granted.

Leader: For the Christ who was mortified at our hands
has been glorified by the resurrecting hand of God.
His freedom has been restored and his life has been renewed,

**People: that our world's captives might find their liberation
and our world's dead, their resurrection.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Hear this Good News!
Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.
Believe this Good News and give thanks:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
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 you share the peace of Jesus Christ
with those with whom you are joining us for worship,
I invite you to type into the comments "Christ is Risen!"

Song of Praise

Alleluia!
Glory to God #587, v. 1

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: God of the North Star, we are not able to find our way without someone guiding us. As your Word is read and proclaimed, through your Holy Spirit bend to us and lift our chins, and point our eyes to the brilliant Light of your Love manifest most particularly in the gift of Jesus, the Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

Anthem

All the Ends of the Earth
by David Haas and Marty Haugen

Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Living as Easter People"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

Baptized in Water
Glory to God #482, v. 1-3

Offering

Invitation

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

We give, Gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the Scriptures. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry of proclaiming your Good News through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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

Leader: May the God of searches be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bring your hearts to the One who loves you.

People: We offer them so God may plant fruit-bearing seeds in them.

Leader: Lift songs of praise to our God.

People: We will join our hearts and voices in proclaiming, "God has done it!"

Leader: "Get up," thanksgiving to you:

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.

Leader: Love is your known as faith:

Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

by Christian Hendricks

1. Christ has died, 2. Christ is ri - sen, 3. Christ will come a - gain. 4. A - - - men.

Leader: When we gather ... 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)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Christ Is Alive!
Glory to God #246, v. 1-5

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

“Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum” from *Children's Corner*
by Claude Debussy

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Cathy Smith

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 MAY 2, 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.

The scholarship fund was created to honor the lives of two young people from this congregation, Jimmy Scholin and Todd Weems, both of whom were college-aged when they died. The Scholin family made an initial contribution in Jimmy's memory in 1976 with additional gifts received from the Langenberg estate and other members and friends of Trinity. Beginning in 1982, contributions were received in Todd's memory. Gifts to the fund continue to be received in memory of these two young men today.

To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must be a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, must be at least a senior in high school at the time of application and must use the funds to further a college education at an accredited institution. In making their award selections, the Committee will take into consideration the financial need, academic achievement, and the interest and leadership shown by the applicant in the programs and affairs of Trinity Presbyterian Church and the wider community. It should be stressed that college students as well as high school seniors are invited to apply. Previous scholarship recipients are encouraged to reapply.

This year's application deadline is midnight on Sunday, May 2nd. We will notify scholarship recipients near the end of May and recognize them in worship on June 6th.

Summer Sunday School will begin Sunday, May 9.

Each week, Miss Hannah will present a very brief Bible story, accompanied by a picture depicting the story for children to view as the story is being told.

Simple, related crafts and activity sheets will be available in Trinit-E-News each week if interested.

The stories chosen are ones we do not cover in Children's Worship during the programming year.

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

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

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

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