

May 22, 2022



Trinity Presbyterian Church  
6800 Washington Avenue  
314.725.3840  
University City, Missouri 63130

[www.trinityucity.org](http://www.trinityucity.org)

---

Facebook.com/trinityucity  
[trinityucity.org/worship](http://trinityucity.org/worship)

**Lydia**  
By Karl Stevens

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Prelude**

**The Old Chapel by Moonlight**  
*by Amy Beach*

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

\* **Call to Worship**

Leader: God's goodness is breaking into the world.  
People: **We do not expect the Spirit's movement.**  
Leader: God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.  
People: **We witness this in-breaking as healing,  
Wholeness, restoration, and peace.**

\* **Gathering Song**

**Open Now the Gates of Beauty**  
*Glory to God #403, v. 1-3*

\* **Invitation to Confession**

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

**Gracious God, we confess, that too often  
we equate our judgment with your judgment,  
and our ways, with your ways.**

**We define peace as the absence of disruption,  
holding our comfort as your aim,  
and thinking our preferences reflect your will.**

**Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses,  
believing our worldview corresponds with your vision,  
and that our narrative contains your hope for the future.**

**Forgive us, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions,  
our selfish views and narrow perspectives.  
By your Spirit, agitate us into action,  
direct us onto new paths,  
fill us with love for our neighbors,  
and a willingness to follow where you lead.  
Amen.**

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

**Leader:** It is the Lord who  
opens eyes to see  
softens hearts to hear,  
and returns us again,  
and again, and again,  
to God's presence.  
Peace – you are loved.  
You are enough.  
You belong.  
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven and restored

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

**\* Passing The Peace**

**Leader:** The Lord 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 14.23-29**

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the

Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

## **Anthem**

**Whoso Loves Me**  
*by Melchior Vulpius*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Acts 16.9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Message**

**Rev. Mel Smith**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community  
in which people know  
that God loves and accepts them,  
for all of who they are.  
They therefore accept themselves  
and love others,  
knowing that no one has any ground  
on which to stand except God's grace.**

## **Song of Response**

**Draw the Welcome Circle Wider**

Text: Mary Louise Bringle

Refrain:

Draw the welcome circle wider.  
Gather friends and strangers in.  
Formed of holy breath and stardust,  
born of God, we all are kin.

From the hedgerows and the highways,  
summon each unlikely guest.  
Bid the hungry eat their fill and,  
all the weary find their rest. *Refrain*

Doors upended serve as tables  
where the guests prepare to dine.  
Justice is their righteous fare, while  
mercy is their richest wine. *Refrain*

All are refugees together;  
all are wanderers welcomed home,  
greeted by God's open arms with  
each unique, but none alone. *Refrain*

Streaming through the arching gateway,  
in a bright, celestial throng,  
saints from ages gone before us  
lead the joyous banquet song. *Refrain*

## **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**

#### **\* Doxology**

**Pleasure It Is**  
*by William Cornish*

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

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Eternal God,  
We trust that all we have and all of who we are comes from you. We give you thanks for gathering us  
as a community and inviting us to share in proclaiming good news. Receive these gifts, of our money,  
time and energy, may they be used to comfort those who are sick, welcome strangers, build peace and  
extend your love to our neighbors near and far.  
In Christ's name we pray, Amen**

**Blessing and Celebration of John and Joanne Roman**

\* **Song of Service**

**God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**  
*Glory to God #543, v. 1-4*

\* **Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

**By the Beautiful, Blue Danube**  
*by Johann Strauss II*

**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** – DJ Williams

**Pastor** – Mel Smith

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss and Jim Person

**Ushers** – Jayne Howard, Pat Gibbons, Corie Merker

**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](mailto:admin@trinityucity.org) or contacting the church office.

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR May 22, 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.*

### **Making the World Over: Confronting Racism, Misogyny, and Xenophobia in U.S. History**

Book-club discussion on May 22 has been postponed

Due to scheduling conflicts we are postponing the book-club discussion on Marie Griffith's book until the fall. The new date is yet to be determined - stay tuned for more information!

### **Rev. Melanie Smith's Installation as Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, June 5, at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Followed by a reception in the Dining Room. All are welcome to join in the celebration!

**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](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](http://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