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The Ascension of Jesus
By Miki De Goodaboom

ASCENSION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

“Morning Mood” from *Peer Gynt*
by Edvard Grieg

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people –
People: **We bow before the Lord—
the Most High, who reigns o’er all creation.**

Leader: Shout to God with songs of joy!
People: **We worship the Christ—
The Exalted One,
who sits above every ruler and authority.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
All: **We bless the Spirit—
the Hand of God,
who lifts us into heavenly courts.**

*** Gathering Song**

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers
Glory to God #407, v. 1, 3 & 5

*** Invitation to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**You call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth
and clothe us with power from on high.
Yet we stand still, our eyes fixed on the heavens,
as though Jesus will reappear in the clouds to point the way.
We cling to the past, because we find comfort in familiar traditions,
even if they no longer serve your purpose.
We fear the future, because we cannot imagine a new season of ministry,
even though you promise to empower us.
Refocus us, O Lord,
and fill us with expectant hope
as we step into the future you will bring.
Baptize us again with your spirit
and enlighten our hearts to discern your will,
so that we might embody the fullness
of Christ at work in the world.
Amen.**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Believe the good news
that through Christ we are forgiven
and be at peace
People: **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

Luke 24.44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from

the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Anthem

Clap Your Hands

arr. by Nancy M. Roberts

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 1.1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Rev. Mel Smith

Affirmation of Faith

*United Church of Canada
A New Creed 1968*

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,**

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

A Hymn of Glory let Us Sing!
Glory to God #258 v. 1-5

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

Above All Praise and Majesty
by Felix Mendelssohn

*** Doxology**

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

Prayer of Dedication

**God of abundance,
We give you thanks for all the ways you provide for us; for the gifts you've entrusted to us,
the talents we possess, the relationships that give our lives joy and the community that holds us. Out
of gratitude, we bring these offerings of money, time and energy, may they be used to proclaim your
love, presence, peace and justice, here in Saint Louis and beyond.**

Blessing and Celebration of John and Joanne Roman

*** Song of Service**

Send Me Jesus
Glory to God #746, v. 1-3

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

Four Studies for the Left Hand Alone, II. Humoreske
by Max Reger

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 – Brian Gordon

Pastor – Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and Jim Person

Ushers – DeAnne & Gordon Brown, Melissa Kreishman

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 May 29, 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 Winger Food Pantry needs your help!

The WFP is in desperate need of plastic grocery bags. If you have extra bags laying around your house, please bring them in!

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

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

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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Anna Gardner-Andrews, DeAnne Brown, Stacey Carman, Cricket Gordon, Jennifer Higginbotham, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Joanne Roman, Christy Schindler