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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

“Procession of the Nobles” from *Mlada*
by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

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.

Introit

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun
Glory to God #663, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: All around us, God is looking for folks who will join in serving others.
People: **It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us,
watching for them to bloom in our lives.**
Leader: In our midst, Jesus is walking among us,
tending our hearts, watering us with grace.
People: **It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls
will grow big enough to welcome everyone.**
Leader: From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work,
gently tending this garden called life.
People: **It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots
to bring forth crops of justice and peace.**

Gathering Song

For the Fruit of All Creation
Glory to God #36, v. 1-3

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.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy Jesus Christ, we begin our confession remembering with gratitude those people who have generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives.

Silent Prayer

Holy Jesus Christ, we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown.

We now confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised.

Holy Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful, and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: God sows the Good News in tiny seeds,
inviting us to tend the soil of community, and marvel as they grow.
Siblings in Christ Jesus, believe the Good News: we are forgiven.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.
Please share the peace of Jesus Christ
with those with whom you are joining us for worship.

Song of Praise

Alleluia!
from *Mass of a Joyful Heart*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message

Hannah Peters

Anthem

Psalm 92
by *Michel Guimont*

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Message

“Using Our Imagination”

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

Faith Begins by Letting Go

Glory to God #684, v. 1-3

Church Officer Installation

Sentences of Scripture

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

People: **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Pastor: We are all . . . of the sacraments.

Clerk of Session Brian Muegge:

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church,
the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church
now installs to active service previously ordained Ruling Elder Bob Parks.

Profession of Faith:

Pastor: As God calls . . . holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: I do.

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

People: I do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: With the whole church, affirm our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Constitutional Questions

Pastor: Bob, . . . to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior,
acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church,
and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Bob: I do.

Pastor: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be,
by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ
in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Bob: I do.

Pastor: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith
as expressed in the confessions of our church
as authentic and reliable expositions
of what Scripture leads us to believe and do,
and will you be instructed and led by those confessions
as you lead the people of God?

Bob: I do and I will.

Pastor: Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ,
under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

Bob: I will.

Pastor: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry,
working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Bob: I will.

Pastor: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ,
love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Bob: I will.

Pastor: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Bob: I do.

Pastor: Will you pray for and see to serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Bob: I will.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful Ruling Elder, watching over the people,
providing for their worship, nurture, and service?
Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church,
and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Bob: I will.

Clerk of Session Brian Muegge:

Do we, the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church,
accept Bob as a Ruling Elder,
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
Please answer verbally and those online in the comments.

People: We do.

Clerk of Session Brian Muegge

Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him,
to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us,
serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
Please answer verbally and those online in the comments.

People: We do.

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

Prayers of the People

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the 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 the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Invitation

Doxology

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Glory to God #716, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Holy God, magnificent, imaginative, sustaining Farmer of the future, receive these gifts, we pray. Through our offering, help us know in some creative and surprising way that you are bringing into being something wonderful and new. With thanksgiving we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

May God Support You All Your Days
Glory to God #548, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

“The Swan” from *Carnival of the Animals*
by Charles Gounod

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Jim Person

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Soloist – Evan Babel

Ushers – DeAnne & Gordon Brown, Mary Klingensmith

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

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

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR JUNE 13, 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.

LIMITED IN PERSON WORSHIP!

On May 11 we joyfully announced plans for an initial reopening of the Trinity Presbyterian Church building for limited in person worship beginning Sunday, June 6, 2021.

For your information, due to the high sanctuary ceiling, the wearing of masks, and distancing we have decided that we will not require the doors and windows to be open for in person worship services, which will enable the air conditioning to operate for efficiently and comfortably for all attendees.

Sign Up

We are requesting those who plan to attend in person worship services to register in advance via Sign Up Genius, and to do so for Sunday, June 6 forward, please go to the link that was in the newsletter.

You also may register by leaving a message at the church office (314-725-3840).

Arrival

We are requesting that those attending in person worship arrive no earlier than 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.

This will allow time for rehearsals, along with sound and other technology testing prior to the service.

Worship Online Continues

While we are delighted to begin worshiping in person in limited ways, we understand and respect that for various reasons not everyone may be ready to return to the building.

For those who prefer to worship in the comfort and safety of their home, we will continue to provide the live stream worship service via Facebook Live, with uploads of the service to YouTube, as we have been doing for the past year.

The Church gathers in worship in many places and ways!

Psalm 150 Fund

**“Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.”
Psalm 150:6**

Just as David praised God with singing and dancing, so has Trinity with many years of strong music-making. One of the ways we have done so is by inviting guest artists to augment our usual musical offerings. To pay for this continual invitation of talent, the church has the Psalm 150 Fund, and we are asking you for your support. Already, after a few weeks of speaking about it during services, we have raised around \$1800, which comfortably covers the musicians we currently have lined up for the summer, including a classical guitarist and a string quartet, and allows for consideration of hiring more through the year. The fund also contributes towards costs not included in the budget, such as new instruments, or paying our own soloists for extra services. And as we consider the future of Trinity, a strong Psalm 150 Fund can help ensure the church maintains a robust music program through the changing years.

Any amount is welcome! For reference, we usually pay an individual musician \$150 for a service. Donations can be made in the usual ways towards Trinity; just make a note that it is for the Psalm 150 Fund.

Thank you so much to all who have already donated!

Exciting News! Trinity All-Church Retreat to Mound Ridge is scheduled for September 11-12. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for additional info. to follow. To fill out a registration form, contact Katie at communications@trinityucity.org

Summer Sunday School Continues

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

Deacons

DeAnne Brown, Bill Cahoon, Stacey Carman, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorenson