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PRIDE SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Kingsfold

arr. by Anna Laura Page and Christine D. Anderson

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

Glory to God #726, v. 5

Call to Worship

by Puck Glass (it/its/they/them)

Leader: We gather as one across many lands,
in many sacred spaces we set our own tables of welcome.

People: Thanks be to God for places of welcome.

Leader: We are united by the past struggles of our community
and ones to come in the future.

People: Thanks be to God for places of struggle.

Leader: We look toward a future as bright as the many colors of the rainbow.

People: Thanks be to God for places of dreaming.

Leader: We imagine a world filled with the strange, the sacred,
the queer, the peculiar, and the awe-filled –
and everywhere we turn, from the spotless ladybug, to the four-leaf clover,
to our own hearts we find the wonder-ful.

People: Thanks be to God for places of wonder. Thanks be to God.

Gathering Song

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

Glory to God #799, v. 1-2

Invitation to Confession

by Rev. Susan A. Blain

Leader: God calls us in our lives to take a risk,
to be like the woman in the gospel
who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself;
or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.
Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives
where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

Litany Prayer of Confession

by Kittredge Cherry and Patrick S. Cheng

Leader: Rainbow Christ, you embody all the colors of the world.
Rainbows serve as bridges between different realms:
heaven and earth, east and west, queer and non-queer.
Inspire us to remember the values expressed in the rainbow flag
of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

**People: Red is for life, the root of spirit.
Living and Self-Loving Christ, you are our Root.
Free us from shame and grant us the grace of healthy pride
so we can follow our own inner light.
With the red stripe in the rainbow,
we give thanks that God created us just the way we are.**

Leader: Orange is for sexuality, the fire of spirit.
Erotic Christ, you are our Fire, the Word made flesh.
Free us from exploitation and grant us the grace of mutual relationships.
With the orange stripe in the rainbow, kindle a fire of passion in us.

**People: Yellow is for self-esteem, the core of spirit.
Out Christ, you are our Core.
Free us from closets of secrecy
and give us the guts and grace to come out.
With the yellow stripe in the rainbow, build our confidence.**

Leader: Green is for love, the heart of spirit.
Transgressive Outlaw Christ, you are our Heart, breaking rules out of love.
In a world obsessed with purity, you touch the sick and eat with outcasts.
Free us from conformity and grant us the grace of deviance.
With the green stripe in the rainbow,
fill our hearts with untamed compassion for all beings.

**People: Blue is for self-expression, the voice of spirit.
Liberator Christ, you are our Voice,
speaking out against all forms of oppression.
Free us from apathy and grant us the grace of activism.
With the blue stripe in the rainbow, motivate us to call for justice.**

Leader: Violet is for vision, the wisdom of spirit.
Interconnected Christ, you are our Wisdom, creating and sustaining the universe.
Free us from isolation and grant us the grace of interdependence.
With the violet stripe in the rainbow,
connect us with others and with the whole creation.

People: Rainbow colors come together to make one light,
the crown of universal consciousness.
Hybrid and All-Encompassing Christ,
you are our Crown, both human and divine.
Free us from rigid categories
and grant us the grace of interwoven identities.
With the rainbow, lead us beyond black-and-white thinking
to experience the whole spectrum of life.

Leader: Rainbow Christ, you light up the world.
You make rainbows as a promise to support all life on earth.
In the rainbow space,
we can see all the hidden connections between sexualities, genders and races.
Like the rainbow, may we embody all the colors of the world! Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

by Rev. Susan A. Blain

Leader: God's mercies are fresh every morning.
In Christ God offers forgiving grace
and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.
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

First Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, David returned from striking down the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days.

David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan, and he ordered that the people of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar):

“A gazelle lies slain on your heights, Israel.
How the mighty have fallen!

“Tell it not in Gath,
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.

“Mountains of Gilboa,
may you have neither dew nor rain,
may no showers fall on your terraced fields.
For there the shield of the mighty was despised,
the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.

“From the blood of the slain,
from the flesh of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.
Saul and Jonathan—
in life they were loved and admired,
and in death they were not parted.
They were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

“Daughters of Israel,
weep for Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.

“How the mighty have fallen in battle!
Jonathan lies slain on your heights.
I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.
Your love for me was wonderful,
more wonderful than that of women.

“How the mighty have fallen!
The weapons of war have perished!”

Anthem

Psalm 89—I Will Sing of Thy Steadfast Love *by Judy Hunnicut*

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

“You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her,

came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Message **"The Reimagining Repentance"**

Rev. Annanda Barclay

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

The Church of Christ in Every Age
Glory to God #320, v. 1-5

Litany Prayers of the People
by Tim McGinley for the Reconciling Congregation Program

adapted from an adaptation of a song written

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Prayers of the People.

Leader: Holy One, we believe that your love will find a way to heal our wounded world, and that suffering and poverty will end. For we believe in your persistent love.

People: God help us be your love in the world. Send us to those who suffer.

Leader: We believe that you have made us who we are, in your image, a beautiful community of race and culture and sexual identity. You declared us 'good'.

We celebrate this diversity, for we believe in your creative imagination.

People: God help us make it safe for all to live with integrity, for barriers to tumble down, and for all to live in peace. Send us out to change the world.

Leader: We believe we are all members of one body.

We share a heart with those who suffer violence, who live in fear, who are cast out because of their sexuality or any other reason.

We ache with them, for we believe that you love without exception.

People: God help us reach out in love. Send us into the world proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel.

Leader: We believe that we are not yet perfected.

We fear. We judge. We cause harm by our action and our inaction. But we still turn to you for help, for we believe in your forgiveness.

People: **God help us to receive your forgiveness. Send us into the world to forgive.**

Leader: We believe that the liberation of those in captivity did not end with Moses leading slaves out of Egypt, it did not end with Jesus' death and resurrection, but even today you are still pulling humanity out of darkness into the light. For we believe in the Reign of God on earth.

People: **God give us courage and stamina. Send us into the world to lead.**

Leader: We believe it is not too late for those filled with hate to learn to live in love. For we believe in your heart-transforming power.

People: **God help us love even those who hate. Send us out with love for all.**

Leader: We believe that our prayers do matter, and so we offer them now for the people and places that long for relief from suffering. Thus, God of healing and hope hear us as we offer our individual prayers from wherever we are gathered to worship this day, for ourselves, for our neighbors, friends and loved ones:

Silent Prayer

Thank you, Loving God, for hearing all these our prayers. For we believe in the power of prayer.

People: **God remind us that we are not alone. Send us into the world to be a soft landing place for all who suffer.**

Leader: We believe in gratitude. We offer thanks to those brave souls who risk much for others. We offer thanks for all the moments of grace that sustain us, which we name now from wherever we are gathered to worship this day:

Silent Prayer

Thank you, Loving God, for hearing all these our prayers. For we believe that your love and grace surround us on every side.

People: **God give us eyes to see your goodness in the world around us. Send us into the world in gratitude.**

Leader: We believe that church is an imperfect but well-intentioned collection of souls. Even though we often fail to understand your Gospel, even though we often lack the courage to take risks for justice, even though we have not always welcomed your beloved outcasts, still we see that you have not abandoned us. For we believe that you still hope in us.

People: **God help us to be a better community. Send us into the world as the life-changing, liberating church you imagine.**

Leader: All this we ask in the name of your Holy Trinity. And now let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught disciples to offer when we pray:

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)

Gracious God, we thank you for our present abundance and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon this community. We thank you for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for the assurance of your love. May all these gifts be a blessing to those in need. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Though I May Speak
Glory to God #693, v. 1-3

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory
arr. Jason W. Krug

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – George Philips

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Handbells – Cricket Gordan, Kevin Harkins, Jayne Howard, Emily Kelton, and Joanne Roman

Ushers – Jim Person, Cathy Smith, and 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 – George Van Hare, Nigel Holloway, John Galczynski

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR JUNE 27, 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.

About Our Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Annanda Barclay is pastor of Mission Bay Community Church in San Francisco. She has a Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Annanda has been a Youth Ministry Assistant at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL, and spent a year as a student chaplain at University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center. Her service to the Church and denomination include being Co-Moderator of the national board of directors for More Light Presbyterians, and an occasional blogger for Believe Out Loud. She serves and works with various groups to strategically advocate for intersectional justice, love and kindness. Annanda has a deep reverence for God's grace made manifest in how we love and honor ourselves and God's creations. She enjoys pilgriming about life, nerding out on eco-housing, going to concerts, film, food, and finding the Divine in the outdoors, strangers, friends, family, and her beloved dog Wes. She also enjoys a good old fashioned hootenanny.

In addition to serving Mission Bay Community Church, she juggles her time between being an interim Chaplain at University of the Redlands Graduate School of Theology (formerly San Francisco Theological Seminary), and being a Chaplain Intern at the Stanford Medical Center main campus.

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.

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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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