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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Julia Florida—Barcarola
by Agustín Barrios

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

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Glory to God #35, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.
People: **Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.**
Leader: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.
People: **Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.**
Leader: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.
People: **Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share
with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.**

Gathering Song

Healer of Our Every Ill
Glory to God #795, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: God rightfully expects more from us who call ourselves Christians.
Are we tempted to conform to ways we observe around us?
God's plumb line hangs straight across all our excuses.
Let us confess together our sin before God and one another:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You stand beside a wall with a plumb line in your hand, Righteous God – the wall that I have built. What once was a straight, strong wall of protection, a sanctuary against all that might harm me, is now revealed as a bowed, bulging, weak wall of separation that I have used to conceal myself within a dark prison of my own making. I know that your perfect judgment finds me wanting. Free me, Gracious God; I am my own worst enemy. Level my feeble fortress and rebuild me in the strength of your love and your forgiveness. Lead me from my blindness into seeing the world through your eyes. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Although God laments over our sin,
the Merciful One not only judges it but also calls prophets from all walks of life
and empowers them to tell us the truth that we might repent and receive forgiveness.
Friends, believe the Good News:

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.
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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
arr. Craig B. Dobbins

Scripture Reading

Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Message **“Speaking Truth to Power”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

O Holy City, Seen of John
Glory to God #374, v. 1-4

Affirmation of Faith

excerpt, written in 2011 by McCormick Seminary Students

Leader: We believe that in this world and at this time
the Church is called to be the Resurrection.

**People: The Church must forever strive to be a place of radical love
and hospitality and a process that is always changing,
emerging and responding to the deep needs of a broken world.**

Leader: This Resurrection, just as that of Christ, is one
that breaks down walls and barriers that separate us from one another.

**People: Whether those walls are race, class, or hate,
when we become the Church, we become unified by the Holy Spirit,
and only then can we begin to live out the true message
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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)

May these gifts which we offer be used to bring justice to the weak, a family to the orphan, fairness to the outcast, and hope to the needy. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor
Glory to God #342, v. 1-3

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Kevin Taylor

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Pat Gibbons

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Guitar – Alyssa Catlin

Ushers – Stacey and Chris Carman, Margy Brown

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 JULY 11, 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.

Rally Day 2021

Trinity's fall kickoff is scheduled for Sunday, August 29!

We are excited to support "Home Sweet Home" for this year's mission component to Rally Day.

Home Sweet Home is a local nonprofit organization connecting partner agencies in the St. Louis region with donated furniture and household items. They help clients transition to new living situations with much-needed furnishings and basic household goods. This provides a sense of ownership and stability at a crucial time.

They serve clients who are referred with desperate needs, for different reasons, and from a variety of backgrounds. The services provided by Home Sweet Home are needed most by children, survivors of domestic abuse, veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and ex-offenders looking for a new start.

In the newsletter is a link to acceptable donations.

Home Sweet Home called and said they are especially in need of new pillows, small kitchen appliances, comforters and fans.

Please participate in supporting this valuable organization.

Items may be brought to the Trinity sanctuary Narthex or the Kingsland accessible entrance Sunday mornings or by appointment with Katie Gibbons in the church office through Sunday, August 29.

We will display all items collected on Rally Day.

Questions or for more information please contact Hannah Peters.

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 Sorensen