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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

String Quartet No. 19 in C Major “Dissonance”: I. Adagio—Allegro
by W.A. Mozart

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

O Lord, You Are My God and King
Glory to God #270, v. 2

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.
People: **Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.**
Leader: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.
People: **Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.**
Leader: Sing for joy, people of God;
God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gathering Song

Take Us As We Are, O God
Glory to God #312, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: When we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But when we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just, forgives us our sin.
Let us join together in confessing our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You know how we are, Holy God. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times. We even are willing to tell you what we have, but when we look closely, we discover that we bring so little to you. Take what we have, our gifts and our needs. Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey your Word. Remind us that you have given to us all that we need to serve you in this world. The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope. Open our eyes to see them and our hearts to know that these are from you and not of our own making. Heal and restore us to your everlasting love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: This is the Good News:
In Christ, God comes near to us, bringing hope, joy and forgiveness into our lives.

People: **God gathers up the fragments of our lives and shapes us into new people.
For this reason, we lift our thanks to God.
Alleluia! Amen!**

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

Andante Festivo
by Jean Sibelius

Scripture Reading

John 6:1-21 Rev. Brian Ellison

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people

saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Message "Repairing the Power Grid"

Rev. Brian Ellison

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

One Bread, One Body
Glory to God #530, v. 1-3

Affirmation of Faith

Based on the Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Leader: I refuse to believe
that we are unable to influence the events which surround us.

**People: I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war that peace,
brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible.**

Leader: I believe there is an urgent need
for people to overcome oppression and violence,
without resorting to violence and oppression.

**People: I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace,
a way which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation.
The foundation of this way is love.**

Leader: I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love
will have the final word in reality.

People: I believe that right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.

Leader: I believe that peoples everywhere
can have three meals a day for their bodies,
education and culture for their minds,
and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.

**People: I believe that what self-centered people have torn down,
other-centered people can build up.**

Leader: By the goodness of God at work within people,
I believe that brokenness can be healed.

**People: "And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together,
and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree,
and none shall be afraid."**

All: **Amen.**

Litany Prayers of the People

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

Leader: Loving God, you are our Creator and Sustainer.
When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.
And so we look to you whenever we are in need,
trusting in your love and your abundant goodness.

As you once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish,
we ask that you would again fill those who are empty this day.
Pour out your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.

We pray for those who are physically hungry – whose stomachs are empty.
**People: God, in your mercy, open your hand.
Pour out your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

Leader: We pray for those who are empty emotionally –
who are lonely and long for companionship and love,
who are caught in the grip of depression, or overwhelmed with grief.

**People: God, in your mercy, open your hand.
Pour out your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

Leader: We pray for those who are spiritually empty –
who are troubled, but don't know where to turn;
who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look;
who need you, but do not yet know you.

**People: God, in your mercy, open your hand.
Pour out your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

Leader: And now, 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.

God, we praise you for your abundant gifts in our lives.
Pour out your Spirit on us as well.
Fill us with your compassion and love,
so that we would willingly share some of our abundance
with those who have need.

**People: God, in your mercy, open your hand.
Pour out your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who came so that all of humanity
might come to know the abundant life that comes from you,
and who taught disciples when we pray to say:

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

Leader: The earth and all it contains belong to God, the world and those who live in it.
With gladness let us now offer from our life and labor our gifts to God.
We continue to welcome your financial gifts to Trinity Presbyterian Church,
and the ways to share are being shown in the live stream.

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

We join with Jesus in giving thanks for the little things we can see, that our eyes may be opened to the great possibilities we had not imagined. May our efforts be multiplied by your grace so there is more than enough for all – more comfort in sorrow, more relief from pain, more mercy to meet our treachery, more sense of presence amid our loneliness, more strength to overcome our weakness, more joy and enthusiasm to erase our apathy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure
Glory to God #42, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Leader: Go out into the world.
Seek God, and the wisdom of God.
Hide yourself from the corruptions of power and adulation.
Entrust whatever you have to Christ
for with him, there will always be more than enough.

And may God strengthen you in your inner beings.
May Christ Jesus dwell in your hearts through faith.
and may the Holy Spirit plant your roots deeply
in the abundant richness of God's love.

All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

String Quartet No. 19 in C Major "Dissonance": IV. Allegro molto
by W.A. Mozart

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Co-Liturgist – Katie Klein & John Merker

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Guest Musicians – The Eads String Quartet

Ushers – Corie Merker, Jan Schulte-Glad, Cathy Smith

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 25, 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. Brian Ellison has served the Synod of Mid-America part-time as Stated Clerk since October 2019 and previously as Associate Stated Clerk since February 2015. In his day-to-day life, Brian is also the Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, Stated Clerk of Heartland Presbytery, and a host/contributor at NPR affiliate KCUR 89.3 in Kansas City.

About our Guest Musicians:

The Eads String Quartet, based in St. Louis, MO, was formed in 2019 with the goal of providing "service to our community through music and its performance." Its members include Siroth Charnand and Bailey Salinero on violin, Neil Zundel on viola, and Marie Brown on cello (for this service, Beau Lewis will be subbing for Marie). They can be reached at eadstringquartet@gmail.com and on their Facebook page.

REVISED IN PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Effective July 8, 2021

On July 8, 2021, a letter to the congregation was sent out via email which included the revised safety policies and procedures.

Please DO review those safety policies and procedures prior to attending in person worship.

Sign Up to Attend No Longer Required

Although we are discontinuing using Sign Up Genius to pre-register to attend in-person worship, you will still be required to provide your name and contact information on the attendance log at either sanctuary entrance.

Arrival, Pre- and Post-Worship Fellowship Outdoors and in the Building

We continue requesting that those attending in person worship arrive no earlier than 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. This allows time for rehearsals, along with sound and other technology testing prior to the service.

We know how much we have all missed both worshipping in person together and catching up with one another. While continuing to practice physical distancing, worshipers may chat outdoors or inside both before and after the service. We do continue to request that worshipers do not congregate at the entrances.

Congregational Singing and Communion

Beginning the first Sunday in August we will provide in person worship attendees with pre-packaged communion elements with which to participate in partaking of the Sacrament.

There continues to be uncertainty about the safety of congregational and choral singing. However, the Session is now allowing quiet congregational singing. Congregants are to remain seated and masked while singing.

Worship Online Continues

While we are delighted to be worshipping 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.

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