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**The Rich Fool**  
By James B. Janknegt

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Prelude**

**Prelude in D minor, from Well-Tempered Clavier Book II**  
*by J.S. Bach*

**\* Please rise in body or in spirit.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

**\* Call to Worship**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord who is good,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Some wandered in deserts,  
finding no way to refuge.**

Leader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and God delivered them from their distress.

**People: God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.**

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to these things,  
All: **and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

**\* Gathering Song**

**Our God, Our Help In Ages Past**  
*Glory to God #687, v. 1, 2, 4 & 6*

**\* Invitation to Confession**

**\* Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Merciful God,  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousy that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**\* Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Siblings in Christ,  
hear the good news;  
God's steadfast love endures,  
beyond the cross,  
beyond the grave,  
beyond everything that attempts to separate us.  
God's love endures,  
and in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks to 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*

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Time with Children**

**Rev. Mel Smith**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-26**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>— and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my

wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

## **Anthem**

## **Our Hope, Our Life**

*Psalm 49*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Luke 12.13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” <sup>18</sup>Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Leader: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

## **Message**

**Rev. Mel Smith**

## **Affirmation of Faith      Philippians 2.5-11**

**Christ Jesus,  
Though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore, God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord!  
Amen**

**Song of Response**

**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**  
*Glory to God #716, v. 1-3*

**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**

**Remember Your Love**  
*by Mike Balhoff, Darryl Ducote, and Gary Daigle*

**\* Doxology**

**We Are an Offering**  
*Glory to God #710, v. 1*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**God of Abundance,  
Thank you for the gifts you have given each of us – out of gratitude,  
we bring the work of our hands, the creativity of our minds, and the financial resources we can offer.  
By the power of your spirit, may these gifts become food for the hungry, water for the thirsty,  
welcome for strangers, comfort for the sick and hope for the weary.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray,  
Amen.**

**\* Song of Service**

**All Who Love and Serve Your City**  
*Glory to God #351, v. 1-3*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Farewell to My Silbermann Clavichord**  
*by C.P.E. Bach*

**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** – George Philips

**Pastor** – Mel Smith

**Soloist** – Janelle Pierce

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss and Jim Person

**Ushers** – Jayne Howard

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR July 31, 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.*

**Bass Section Leader Job Posting**

**Introduction**

- Trinity Presbyterian Church in University City, MO, a member of the PC(USA) and the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery, is a welcoming church with a tradition of celebrating diversity. Our leaders are called by God and chosen without respect to gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, previous religious tradition, worldly circumstance, voting record, or any of that other stuff that might get someone in trouble somewhere else. We serve a diverse community, welcoming folks from St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and beyond, and are situated just blocks from the main campus of Washington University.

**Bass Section Leader Position**

- Trinity, under the leadership of Director of Music and Pianist/Organist Christian Hendricks, has a chancel choir that sings almost every week from the end of August to Pentecost right around the start of June. There is one regular service at 10 am on Sunday mornings, and rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15 pm. At the moment, the only expected service beyond Sundays at which the choir performs is Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols. The choir is mostly volunteer, but we do currently employ sections leaders for the soprano, alto, and tenor sections.

**- The bass section leader is expected to:**

- Be present at every scheduled rehearsal and service, unless otherwise noted. The director of music understands section leaders will likely have singing opportunities beyond Trinity, and is willing to make accommodations.
- Lead the bass section both with strength of voice and offering assistance to fellow members of section, and to bring to the director of music's attention any issues.

- Be generally available to sing solo/non-choir music as the situation arises. This includes: solos within choir pieces; stand-alone pieces during a service at which the choir is otherwise present; whole services outside the regularly programmed services, such as for memorials or non-choir Sundays. Again, the director of music can make accommodations as needed based on availability or music selections; these duties are shared amongst all the section leaders.

- **The bass section leader shall be compensated thusly:**

- \$41 per call. A call will be defined more exactly within the yearly contract, but for the most part is the weekly rehearsal and weekly service. Therefore, if you attend both calls in a usual week, you would be paid \$82.
- \$150 for any service beyond the regular schedule. This includes memorials, weddings, summer services, etc.
- Salary shall be disbursed bi-monthly, usually on the 15th and last day of each month, adjusted as needed for weekends and holidays.
- Section leaders are contracted, 1099-MISC employees.

- **The bass section leader shall have these qualifications:**

- Required:
  - Demonstrable ability. Part of the interview process will involve an audition at which candidates should show off their abilities.
  - Can read music.
  - Some keyboard skills, enough to plunk out the bass line during sectionals if they should occur.
- Preferred:
  - We love for Trinity to serve as a beginning opportunity for singers just starting out. That said, some experience singing in choirs and in leadership roles would be great to have.
  - Range of genres and styles. While the typical music offerings are classical and traditional church, Trinity loves a diversity of styles and genres. We all have our strengths, but an openness to explore is appreciated.
  - Education: at minimum, regular voice lessons, but preference is given to those with at least a bachelor's degree in music. Some knowledge of diction in English and other languages. Again, though, demonstrable ability is the main requirement.
  - Application Materials and Interview/Audition Process:
    - Resumé containing experience, education, and 2 references
    - 2-3 songs you wish to audition with, so the director of music has time to look them over to accompany.
    - After prepared songs, some sight-reading on hymns and a choral passage.

**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](mailto: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.

2) Log in to your Onrealm account (onrealm.org) and click on the "Giving" tab.

#### **Session**

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

#### **Deacons**

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