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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

“Bist du bei mir”
by J.S. Bach

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

Light Dawns on a Weary World
Glory to God #79, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: Attentive God, we gather to rejoice in the loving care that you offer to and for us.
People: **Righteous One, we come in worship to thank you for all the ways you act to save and bless.**

Leader: Ever-Present God, we gather to share the blessing of your holy presence with us.
People: **Initiating God, we come to praise you for inspiring within us a sense of justice for all.**

Leader: Liberating God, we gather to give thanks for the sense of refuge and security we find in your loving presence,
that is closer to us than our breath and our own heartbeat.
People: **Loving God, we come in reverent awe to thank you again for your holy presence to people crushed by life and living; and for healing and lifting up broken-hearted people.**

Leader: Covenant-Giving God, we gather in reverence for your holiness,
to refresh our faith in you, remember your promises,
and to recommit ourselves to serving with you in this, your created good, world.
People: **May it be so! Amen!**

Gathering Song

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Glory to God #629, v. 1-5

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)

We profess that you are God, O Holy One. We have no other gods, and yet, we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. Our “other gods” are not the ones of our ancestors – the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites. We struggle with “other gods” here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance. We hear gods who instill in us such fear of our enemies that we seek power from weapons of destruction. Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you. Forgive us that we are skeptical of Love’s transforming power. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you as we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Leader: No other god cares for us as God does.
No other god loves us as God does.
No other god forgives us as God does.
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

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
Glory to God #636, v. 1-2

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Message **“Choosing Everyday to Serve God”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service
Glory to God #761, v. 1-4

Minute for Mission

Lorie Damon, Co-Chair Pastor Nominating Committee

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)

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy God, in defiance of corruption and falsehood, we commit to truth and integrity, and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.

In defiance of apathy and hatred, we choose to be proactive in love and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.

In defiance of skepticism and cynicism, we embrace the mystery of faith and we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.

In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance we celebrate God's salvation and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.

In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us we choose again to follow Christ, and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Glory to God #394, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Prelude in D-flat major, Op. 28, No. 15 "Raindrop"

by Frédéric Chopin

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Otto Schultejans

Soloist – Evan Babel

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – George Philips, Bob & Nancy Wagoner

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 AUGUST 22, 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.

VACCINATIONS, VARIANTS AND BOOSTER SHOTS – An Update by Dr. Rachel Presti August 22, 2021, 7:00 pm

Trinity is blessed to have several physicians among our congregation, including Dr. Rachel Presti, who made a presentation to us in February about the research behind the Covid vaccine development and the logistics involved in its rollout. She will be back on August 22 to give us an update on where we are now and what we can expect going forward.

Dr. Presti is Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of the Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Unit (ID CRU) at Washington University and a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

We will have an opportunity to hear from Dr. Presti and also ask questions during our August Adult Education, Sunday, August 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

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.

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!

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