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RALLY DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Fantasy on Hyfrydol

by Hal H. Hopson

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

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Mighty wind, who danced over the deep,
who surveyed the shapeless void,

**People: dance over us now,
and ready us for your creative purpose.**

Leader: Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos
and called forth light and life,

**People: call to us now,
and open our hearts to new expressions of grace.**

Leader: Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness
and claimed us as kin,

All: **Re-form and refine us
to be bearers of your blessing in the world.**

*** Gathering Song**

Earth and All Stars

Glory to God #26, v. 1-4

*** Invitation to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Creating God,

**By your Word,
you spoke light and darkness into being,
set the sun, moon and stars in the sky,
carved the depths of the oceans,
and formed the highest peaks.**

**Out of your divine love,
You took dust from the earth,
and formed humanity in your image.**

**And yet, we confess
That while your Words call forth life,
ours often wound or harm
and our actions mar and disform
your image in others and in ourselves.**

**Forgive us O God,
By your Spirit,
Renew our hearts,
spark our creativity,
and help us live as
co-creators with you,
until your kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: With abundant grace that reaches far and wide,
God gathers and cleanses us,
making us new;
making us whole.

Dear friends believe the good news
That in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks 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

Children's Song

Love Grows Here
by Don Besig

Take a look around you, tell me what you see:
People here to worship the Lord, just like you and me.
Some have come in gladness, some have come with fear;
But all have come because they know that love grows here!
Yes, love grows here, and all of us can share
the wonder and joy that it can bring.
For God is near, teaching us to care,
and showing our hearts how to sing.
Some live with big families, some live on their own;
Some lives just beginning, some are fully grown.
Yet we come together knowing He is near,
Once again reminding us that love grows here.
Yes, love grows here, etc.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1-2.3

Leader: And God saw:
All: it was good.
Leader: God saw everything that they had made,
and indeed,
All: it was very good.

Leader: The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Anthem

"The Heavens Are Telling" from *The Creation*
by Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of his works displays the firmament.
To day, that is coming, speaks it the day;
The night, that is gone, to following night.
The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of his works displays the firmament.
In all the land resounds the word,
Never unperceived, ever understood.
The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of his works displays the firmament.

Message

Created and Creating

Rev. Mel Smith

Affirmation of Faith

**The life, death and resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.**

**His service to all people
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The Church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Song of Response

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
Glory to God #24, v. 1, 3-4

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

Let Us Build a House
Glory to God #301, v. 1-5

*** Doxology**

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

Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance,

we give you thanks, for all we have and for all of who we are. Out of gratitude, we bring the work of our hands, our time, energy and creativity. Receive these offerings and by your Spirit, turn them into good news: food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, comfort for the lonely, and welcome for the strangers – this we pray in the name of your son Jesus Christ,

Amen.

*** Song of Service**

Go to the World!
Glory to God #295, v. 1-4

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

About the Music:

“Hyfrydol” (hev-rih-doll) is a Welsh word meaning “delightful, pleasant, melodious” and many other appealing adjectives. It is the melody to many well-known hymns, such as “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” and between the tune’s many associations and its own nature, and Hopson’s joyous arrangement for handbells, it’s a fitting way to welcome back everyone to Trinity from summer.

Since we are going to the Beginning with Rally Day returns, the choir sings a grand chorus from Haydn’s oratorio The Creation, affirming the glory of God as shown in the creation of the world. Our three current section leaders are featured as the angels Gabriel, Uriel, and Raphael.

Please join us outside after the service for some cool treats!

Participants in Today's Worship

Acolyte – Natalie Chen

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Brian Gordon

Pastor – Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and Jim Person

Ushers – Jayne Howard

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass – Nigel Holloway, Brian Schroer

Handbells:

Kevin Harkins, Barry Rudert, Blair Rudert, Rose Rudert, Rachel Presti, Cricket Gordon, Jayne Howard, Emily Kelton

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR August 28, 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.

The Bel Canto Chorus will be using Trinity's sanctuary for its rehearsals. We are a non-audition chorus. Anyone who loves to sing beautiful and challenging music is welcome! We have a diverse membership from all over the St. Louis metropolitan area. Rehearsals run from the last week in August (August 29 this year) to the first week of May, Monday evenings from 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. Dues are \$70 per semester. For further information, please call Pat Courtney at (314) 601-3900.

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. See the website for further information.

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

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