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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

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

#### Welcome & Announcements

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

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved children of God  
in supplication and prayer,  
with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

**People: we come to worship God.**

Leader: In hope and in humility,  
with joy and with concerns,

**People: we come to worship God.**

Leader: In faith and in uncertainty,  
with questions and with conviction,

**All: let us worship God.**

#### \* Gathering Song

**Restore in Us, O God**  
*Glory to God #434, v. 1-4*

#### \* Invitation to Confession

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

**Forgive us Lord**  
*Glory to God #431, v. 1-3*

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

Leader: The mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Believe the good news that through Christ  
you 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**

**Time with Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 51.1-10**

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## **Anthem**

**Change Our Hearts**  
*by Rory Cooney*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 32.7-14**

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ’ <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.” ’ <sup>14</sup>And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

## **Message**

**Rev. Dr. Damayanthi Niles**

Leader:       The Word of the Lord  
All:           **Thanks be to God**

**Affirmation of Faith**     adapted from the Confession of 1967

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind.  
He is the eternal Son of the Father,  
who became human and lived among us  
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
He is present in the church  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to continue and complete his mission.  
This work of God,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
is the foundation of all confessional statements  
about God, humanity, and the world.  
Therefore, the church calls all people  
to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

## **Song of Response**

**When All Thy Mercies, O My God**

## 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

**There Is a Redeemer**  
*Glory to God #443, v. 1-3*

#### \* Doxology

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

### Prayer of Dedication

**God of compassion,  
You gather and shelter us,  
offering respite even when the world seems unstable.  
Receive these gifts,  
may they be used to build up our community,  
to extend your care,  
and offer refuge to our neighbors near and far.  
In Christ's name we pray,  
Amen.**

#### \* Song of Service

**Amazing Grace**  
*Glory to God #649, v. 1-5*

#### \* Commission and Blessing

### Postlude

**Please join us in the chapel after worship for fellowship!**

## Participants in Today's Worship

**Acolyte** – Simmone Klein

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Director of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Liturgist** – Katherine Royce

**Guest Preacher** – Rev. Dr. Damayanthi Niles

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

**Ushers** – Corie & John Merker, DeAnne & Gordon Brown

## **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*

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing [admin@trinityucity.org](mailto:admin@trinityucity.org) or contacting the church office.

## **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 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 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](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.

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**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