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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Adagio in G minor
by Tomaso Albinoni

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

What Shall I Render to the Lord?
Glory to God #655, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: On this morning, as every morning,
People: we are surrounded by God's grace.
Leader: In these moments, as every moment,
People: we are called to costly discipleship by Jesus.
Leader: Throughout this day, as every day,
People: we are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.

Gathering Song

Take Up Your Cross
Glory to God #718, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: What are folks saying about us?
Do they mention our kindness, or how hard we are on others;
do they speak of our love, or about our selfishness?
God invites us to follow Jesus and reflect him in our lives.
Join me, as we confess how we have not done so, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Calling God, we want to be followers of the Christ, but we do not always want to follow Jesus. We don't even want to listen when the conversation turns toward darkness and death. We prefer to indulge ourselves. We are eager to put down our crosses. We cling tightly to our lives. We grasp at worldly rewards. Holy and Loving God, forgive all our thoughts and actions that would protect us from the path of Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: With loving correction, God speaks to us;
with graciousness, God forgives us; with joy, God embraces us.
Leader: Siblings in Christ Jesus, believe the Good News:
**People: We have been forgiven and are called and sent back out into the world
to share God's love and grace with others.
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

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Glory to God #35, v. 3

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message

Pastor Marilyn

Anthem

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Glory to God #753, v. 1-4

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

I Danced in the Morning
Glory to God #157, v. 1-5

Prayers of Remembrance and Tolling of the Bell Marking the 20th Anniversary of 9-11

Leader: God of compassion, who while present in Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus,
who mourned over the city of Jerusalem,
who stretched out your hands to embrace the suffering of the world
on the hard wood of the cross,
draw near to us now and hear our prayers
as we remember all those who lost their lives
in the September 11 terrorist attacks.
We remember the individuals who died –
office workers, firefighters, police officers, airline passengers, flight crews.

Tolling of the Bell

Leader: Mindful of your judgment and your mercy,
we remember also those who, driven by darkened zeal,
committed these heinous acts.

Tolling of the Bell

Leader: We remember the families and friends of the victims who continue to mourn
the loss of parents, children, husbands, wives, companions.

**People: O Christ, the great healer,
as you comforted Mary and Martha in their time of sorrow,
so encircle grieving families with your loving care.**

Leader: We remember the Presbyterian and other faith communities
who lost faithful members in the violence.

**People: God of hope, give them assurance that as the one body of Christ,
we may look forward to being united with them
in the glory of Christ’s resurrection.**

Leader: We remember the cities of New York and Washington DC,
which suffered particular losses on September 11.

**People: Lord Jesus our Savior, as you longed to comfort Jerusalem,
so bring comfort to the neighborhoods and communities
still recovering from the devastation
of plane crashes and collapsed buildings.**

Leader: As we mark the 20th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks upon our nation,
we remember our military service people
who over the past two decades have died,
along with those who continue to suffer from wounds seen and unseen
from serving in Afghanistan.

We also remember both our military service personnel and the Afghan civilians
killed and injured in the terrorist attacks during the final days
of the American troop withdrawal and evacuations from Afghanistan.

Tolling of the Bell

Leader: Surround all those devastated by tragedy with a growing sense of your presence, and lead them again to hope.

People: God of all nations, watch over every country of the earth, comfort them in their distress, and draw us together into your one holy Realm that cannot be shaken.

Leader: Almighty God, we remember before you all people and nations – those who have lived among us and those who lived far away – who have directed our steps in the way, opened our eyes to the truth, inspired our hearts by their witness, and strengthened our wills by their devotion. We honor them in their death, and pray that we may one day dwell with them in the joy of your eternal Realm.

All: Amen.

Offering

Invitation

Doxology

God, We Honor You
Glory to God #709, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Teaching God, open our ears to the struggles around us; open our voices to speak out for justice; open our hearts to welcome the forgotten; open our treasures so they may be used to care for all your children. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Crucified and Risen Messiah. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Great Prayer.

Leader: May the God of all mornings be with you!

People: And with you as well!

Leader: Children of God, lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the One who surrounds them with hope and fills them with wonder.

Leader: Morning by morning praise to you:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

by Christian Hendricks

Piano

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, lord God of love and light, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support through chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: Holy are you we call faith:

Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

by Christian Hendricks

1. 2. 3. 4.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain. A - - - men.

The musical score is for a vocal line. It is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with four distinct phrases labeled 1 through 4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: Holy meal by ... And now let us pray together the prayer
Jesus taught his disciples 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.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup Together

Prayer after Communion: (Unison)

Holy God, send us out from our Savior's Table to answer his calling into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet on the Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of Jesus' life and all we do may show forth his self-sacrificial love. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

When Peace Like a River

Glory to God #840, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Jayne Howard

Soloist –Janelle Pierce

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – Pat & Jane Gibbons, George Philips

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 SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

Bob and Nancy Wagner Memorial Service
Trinity Presbyterian Church
September 23, 2021 at 10 a.m.

The family of Robert and Nancy Wagner welcome Trinity members to attend one or both of two memorial services Thursday, August 23. A religious service led by Rev. Marilyn Gamm will be at Trinity at 10:00 a.m. A secular graveside service including eulogies by the Wagner children, former members of Trinity, will be at historic Bellefontaine Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. followed by a catered socially-distanced outdoor luncheon. Please RSVP to nancywagner1718@gmail.com by Monday, Sept. 13 for planning purposes, most importantly for us to order food from the caterer.

Nancy Wagner was welcomed into God's loving arms on March 30, 2020.

Bob Wagner was welcomed into God's loving arms on March 4, 2021.

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Please join us for a discussion with the author of a new book on poverty on Sunday October 3 at 7pm.

As part of our commitment to the tenets of Matthew 25, Trinity UCity is organizing a discussion via zoom on SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd at 7p.m.

The speaker will be Mark Rank*, Herbert Hadley Professor of Social Welfare at Washington University.

Mark will be talking about a new book he has co-authored, *Poorly Understood: What America gets Wrong About Poverty*. There will be time for Q&A.

All are welcome, whether or not they read the book.

We have invited all the Matthew 25 churches in our Presbytery to join in the first of what we hope will be more opportunities to get together.

Please contact Katie for the Zoom login information, or find it in our E-Newsletter

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

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