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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

**Verset**  
*by Léon Boëllmann*

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

#### Welcome & Announcements

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

#### Minute for Mission

Light for the Darkness

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God,  
High above the heavens in glory?  
**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**  
Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts up the needy from the ashes?  
**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord**  
Leader: Who makes light shine in shadows,  
gives joy in sorrow,  
and brings life out of death?  
**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

#### \* Gathering Song

**For the Healing of the Nations**  
*Glory to God #346, v. 1-4*

#### \* Invitation to Confession

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

**Gracious God,  
you know our sin:  
we have squandered the gifts you have given us.  
We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.  
We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small and great things alike.  
We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way.**

**Forgive our sin, O Lord,  
for your name's sake.  
Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given  
and generous in forgiving others;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Leader: Beloved children of God,  
the mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting  
and it cannot be contained,  
but must be poured out.

Hear the good news,  
nothing you have done,  
nothing you will ever do  
will ever separate you from the love of God  
made known in Jesus Christ.  
Believe the good news;  
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

Amos 8.4-7

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup> saying, ‘When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practise deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

## Anthem

**Drop Down, Ye Heavens**  
*by Heathcote Statham*

## Second Scripture Reading

Luke 16.1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” <sup>6</sup>He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

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

## Message

Rev. Mel Smith

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things  
work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that  
neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## **Song of Response**

**Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**  
*Glory to God #343, v. 1-4*

## **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**

**From the Rising of the Sun**  
*Glory to God #670, v. 1*

### **\* Doxology**

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

## Prayer of Dedication

**God of abundance,  
source of our daily bread and Sabbath rest,  
you feed us with you love  
and equip us to share in your purpose.  
Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits,  
our guarded purses,  
our meager strength,  
and continue to expand our hearts,  
until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning.  
This we pray in the name of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Amen.**

### \* Song of Service

**Take My Life**  
*Glory to God #697, v. 1, 2, 4, & 6*

### \* Commission and Blessing

### Postlude

**Allegro Moderato from Op. 6 No. 1**  
*by Samuel Wesley*

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

### Participants in Today's Worship

**Acolyte** – Lizzie Henderson

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

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

**Liturgist** – Jayne Howard

**Preacher** – Rev Mel Smith

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss

**Ushers** – Cathy Smith, Barry & Rose Rudert, Kitty Underwood

### **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 18, 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.

- 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](http://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