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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Invention in F major
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

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
Glory to God #471, v. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;
People: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.
Leader: Our society suggests we put down our roots
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.
**People: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**
Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.
People: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.

Gathering Song

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
Glory to God #727, v. 1-5

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Let us think about all the children in our own lives,
our community's life, and in our world.
What are their needs; where do we fail
as individuals and community in welcome, nurture and care for them?
Let us confess together saying:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded. Too many children in our community and world suffer from violence, abuse, neglect and poverty. We know that if we were to join together to welcome and care, to celebrate and honor our children we would save ourselves and our world. We need forgiveness. We want to make amends. We want to change. We want to learn to welcome all children, for in loving and caring for them, we welcome your Reign of justice and peace. Guide and help us, we pray, through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: We give thanks for our Savior and Teacher Jesus Christ,
who was born among us as a Child needing nurture and care,
and grew to reveal your power to make all things new.
People: **We give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven
and given strength to grow in discipleship. 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

Hannah Peters

Anthem

Psalm 54
by Michel Guimont

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Message

"Learning True Leadership"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

The Church of Christ in Every Age
Glory to God #320, v. 1-5

Affirmation of Faith

excerpted from A Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God,
The Holy One of Israel,
Whom alone we worship and serve.

**People: We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**Preaching Good News to the poor
And release to the captives,
Teaching by word and deed
And blessing the children,
Healing the sick
And binding up the brokenhearted,
Eating with outcasts,
Forgiving sinners,
And calling all to repent and believe the Gospel.**

Leader: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
Suffering the depths of human pain
And giving his life for the sins of the world.

**People: God raised this Jesus from the dead,
Vindicating his sinless life,
Breaking the power of sin and evil,
Delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Leader: With believers in every time and place,
We rejoice that nothing in life or in death
Can separate us from the love of God
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves, as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the Holy Realm of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Christ Be Beside Me
Glory to God #702, v. 1-3

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

“Sommerlied” from Ten Pieces for Piano, Op. 58
by Jean Sibelius

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgists – Brian & Cricket Gordon

Soloist –Evan Babel

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – Nancy & Bob Wagoner, Jayne Howard

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 19, 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, September 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.

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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