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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Fa una canzona
by Orazio Vecchi

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

Where Charity and Love Prevail
Glory to God #316, v. 1 & 5

Call to Worship

Leader: Called to lead a life that is worthy, we gather as God's people.
People: **Whatever roads we walk, whatever waters we have passed through, we share one baptism.**
Leader: Called to model lives of service, we share in the building up of Christ's Body.
People: **Our backgrounds are different, our habits vary, but we share a common faith in Christ.**
Leader: Called to be people of peace and gentleness, we offer these gifts to all of God's creation.
People: **Though each of us is unique and precious to God, our hearts beat as one with hope.**
Leader: Lead a life worthy of the One who has called you by one faith, one hope, one baptism.
People: **We gather as God's family to hear truth spoken by the One who is Love.**

Gathering Song

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
Glory to God #703, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Leader: God longs for us to be faithful children,
God begs us to live as role models for a world desperate for hope.
But we know how often we raise up trouble
by our words, our actions, our failures.
Let us speak truthfully in love about our lives,
as we come to the One whose love is as constant as the air we breathe.
Please join with me in prayer:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Unity and Love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Despite knowing our sin, God chooses to forgive us;
seeing our emptiness, God chooses to feed us;
holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us.
This is the good news: God loves us.

**People: God has graced us with mercy and created new life from our brokenness.
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

Sicut cervus
by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Rev. Marci Glass

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Message

“Speaking the Truth in Love”

Rev. Marci Glass

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Glory to God #833, v. 1-4

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

excerpt, written in 2011 by McCormick Seminary Students

**“We believe that Baptism is birth
into a radical new reality of life with God:
a birth into call; a birth into community;
a birth into equality; a birth into belonging.
We are cleansed in the baptismal waters
receiving new life through God's grace.”
Amen.**

Litany Prayers of the People

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Prayers of the People.

- Leader: Almighty God, we give you thanks
for all who have given their lives and talents in the service of others;
those whose religious zeal, commitment to truth,
leadership ability and qualities of service
have enabled others to live more freely and fully
and brought new harmony and understating to the world.
- People: We give you thanks for all those whose faithful witness
has challenged the prejudices and closed minds of others
and enabled people to appreciate the power of your love in their lives.**
- Leader: We praise you for those
who can allow another to take the lead where appropriate;
who know how to retire gracefully,
encourage others by their example and concern for the good of the community,
rather than their own selfish interest and reputation.

People: For all who have lifted the standards of behavior,
the moral and ethical codes,
and have been dissatisfied with slovenly or slapdash efforts
and careless attitudes to important tasks, we glorify your name.

Leader: Especially we are grateful for Jesus Christ and how his life and example
has illuminated and inspired our lives,
pushed out the limited horizons of our thinking,
challenged our systems of values,
and called us to look onward and upward towards you.
And now, God of healing and hope
hear us as we offer our individual prayers
from wherever we are gathered to worship this day,
for ourselves, for our neighbors, friends and loved ones:

Silent Prayer

Thank you, Loving God, for hearing all these our prayers.
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.

Offering

Invitation

Leader: The earth and all it contains belong to God, the world and those who live in it.
With gladness let us now offer from our life and labor our gifts to God.
We continue to welcome your financial gifts to Trinity Presbyterian Church,
and the ways to share are being shown in the live stream.

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Use the gifts which we offer to you, Holy God, to restore joy to the despairing, to give food to the hungry, and willing spirits to us, that we might be servants to all your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Heaven Shall Not Wait
Glory to God #773, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Leader: Go into the world with all humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love, in the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship and the communion of the Holy Spirit
go with us all this day, this week, and forevermore.
Amen.

Postlude

Salut d'amour
by Edward Elgar

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Guest Preacher – Rev. Marci Glass

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgists – Tim Rand and John Merker

Soloist – Madeline Black, Janelle Pierce, Evan Babel, and Ben Worley

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – DeAnne & Gordon Brown, Corie Merker

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 5, 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.

About our Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Marcella (Marci) Auld Glass is pastor/head of staff at Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. A graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and Columbia Theological Seminary, Marci previously served as pastor/head of staff at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho. She has also served in youth director roles at churches in New Mexico and Washington state. Marci is a member and past co-moderator of the Board of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, and a member and past chair of Planned Parenthood's Clergy Advocacy Board. She also serves on Columbia Theological Seminary's Alumni Board. Marci formerly served on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board with Pastor Marilyn as well. In her free time, she studies the Enneagram, hikes as much as her new bionic knee will allow, and plays the cello. She occasionally blogs at www.marciglass.com.

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

The family of long-time Trinity members Bob and Nancy Wagner has worked with Pastor Marilyn to plan an in person and online memorial service September 23 at 10 a.m.

Due to Trinity's ongoing pandemic attendance capacity restrictions, the family is taking reservations at nancywagner1718@gmail.com.

Everyone else is welcome to attend a live stream of the service via Trinity's Facebook page or watch the recording later there or on our YouTube page.

Following the service will be a gravesite urn placement and catered buffet luncheon at Bellefontaine Cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

To assist with the meal planning the family is also requesting persons planning to attend the luncheon to RSVP to the above email address.

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

Media reports say that more than 1,000 Afghan refugees will be coming to St Louis. If you want to help, the International Institute is a good place to start.

Jobs: Right now they have 7 openings for full time staff and 5 Americorps positions open. That's a lot for a lean organization such as II.

Volunteers: Many of II people are working on their Festival of Nations, happening at 9 Mile Garden, Gravois St, Affton on Saturday August 28. All the information is located on the festival website, www.festivalofnationsstl.org. They are still looking for volunteers for this event. It will be a lot of fun.

Get involved: This page (<https://www.iistl.org/get-involved/>) has a lot of great ways Trinity could help, apart from donations.

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

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