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World Communion Sunday

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

“Let Us Go to the House of the Lord”
music by Jay Beech

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.

Call to Worship

Leader: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

People: God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

Leader: From down the street to across town,
from single households to apartment dwellers:

**People: God's people are called to community,
where we live and serve one another.**

Leader: From every class, every race, every status;
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**People: God's people are called to witness to God's hope,
to offer peace to a shattered world.**

Gathering Song

For the Beauty of the Earth
Glory to God #14, v. 1-5

Invitation to Confession

Leader: We are good at rules: making them and then breaking them.

Paul reminds us that, when we gain Christ Jesus as our Savior,
we receive exactly what we need – forgiveness, grace, hope.

Let us confess our sins to God, that we might know God's healing love for us!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

No matter how righteous we imagine ourselves to be, Holy God, your perfect Word reveals our imperfections all too clearly. No matter how hard we strive to fulfill the requirements of your Law, we always fall short. We have forgotten that righteousness and perfection come not from rules and regulations but from faith. We have ignored the truth that your righteousness comes from faith. Open our eyes to see that all we have accomplished is nothing compared to knowing Christ as our Savior. Let us count everything as loss, that we might gain heaven and be found blameless in Christ. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Take heart; have faith. The goal is in sight.

Press on to take hold of it, as Christ has taken hold of us.

Have no fear; leave the past behind.

Reach out for what lies ahead, for the prize, for the life to be found in Christ Jesus.

Believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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

Glory to God

Glory to God #583, v. 1-2

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Gracious God, you have called us to be your faithful witnesses. We struggle with this because so often we are caught up in our doubts and our despair about this world. Help us to turn again to you, living in your household of freedom and peace, of reconciliation and witness. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Special Anthem

This Is My Song

performed by the International Peacemakers Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Pressing on to the Prize"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

One Bread, One Body
Glory to God #530, v 1-3

Minute for Mission

Domestic Violence Awareness

Offering

Invitation

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Glory to God #609, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God of grace and forgiveness, you who gave everything and spared nothing to make us your own, we offer back to you what you have so freely given to us. Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, be pleasing to you, blessed Creator, Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. 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 Composer of heaven's music be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Beloved, God has created you for faithful living.

People: We lift our hearts to the One who calls us to be Christ's Body.

Leader: People of God, sing to the One who cleanses us of our fears.

People: We will dance with joy to the Table of peace and hope.

Leader: Chaos trembled as

May we join with all the saints from every time and place, singing:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo)

Glory to God #595

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon tea - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - toe - res, - Se - nor.
heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Leader: Holy are you,

Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

Glory to God #553



*Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Here at your ... 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)

Loving God, send us out from our Savior's Table to press on toward the goal for the prize of your heavenly call in Christ Jesus by answering his summons into new life and following him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

May the God of Hope Go with Us
Glory to God #765, Both English and Spanish Verses

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

"Group Dance" from "Polovtsian Dances" from Prince Igor
by Alexander Borodin

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Jim Person

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Soloist – Evan Babel

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 OCTOBER 4TH, 2020**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 25 Sunday Symposium

Our October Sunday Symposium will be on the 25th at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. In addition to a short fellowship time, we will launch the second leg of our transitional adventure: "Seeking God's New Thing: Where Are We Now?" Watch the bulletins and newsletters for more information in October.

Tonight our Adult Education series on The Universal Christ continues! Is Christ just the second part of Jesus' name? Bringing together thinking about Jesus the historical person with Christ as savior, "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr will be the basis for the next adult education study, led by Trinity members Diane O'Brien and Jim Person. The six-week series will begin Sunday, September 20, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Genny Richmond Memorials Information

As you all know our sweet Genny Richmond is now resting in the arms of our Lord. In her memory a plaque will be placed on HER pew with both Genny and Leonard's names.

Her family has suggested memorials be given to the Scholin-Weems Scholarship, or alternatively either to the Food Pantry or the restoration of the organ.

We have wished a fond farewell to our oldest, hard working Elder and Deacon, member of every committee that existed within Trinity, gourmet cook for 100's in the dining room, and a measure by which our youth have judged their growth.

We love you, miss you, and pray for you.

Safe Homes for the Elderly and Disabled (SHED)

"Safe Homes for the Elderly and Disabled (SHED) is organizing a month of service in October 2020 in University City in which volunteers will help seniors and disabled residents with home maintenance and repairs. In view of the pandemic, Trinity is not organizing volunteers to join this effort in 2020, but it heartily supports SHED's efforts to contribute to the health of our neighborhoods.

If you would like to volunteer, though, please email info@shedstl.org or call 314-782-7433. If you would like to contribute financially, kindly send a check payable to SHED, Inc. to PO Box 300414, University City, MO 63130.

We are always seeking a variety of musical guests for our services, especially from our own congregation.

If you would like to participate, or know of someone who would, please reach out to Director of Music Christian Hendricks. These musical gifts can be shared in person or recorded (video or audio only), and we welcome all varieties of styles and levels of ability.

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!

Kids and parents probably already know about this, but if you are not a parent of a young person and have **wondered what goes on in “Children’s Church,” now you can experience it!** Hannah Peters has taped a YouTube video, and updated links will be posted regularly on the “Sundays at Trinity” section of our website homepage.

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 Margy Brown, 314-452-7241, 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 Realm account and click on the "Giving" tab.

Session

Gordon Brown, Dayna Early, Nigel Holloway, Kris Kerr, Mary Klingensmith, Mike Krivonak, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Rachel Presti, John Roman, Jan Schulte-Glad, George Van Hare

Deacons

Margy Brown, Bill Cahoon, Kathie Cahoon, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Jennifer Higginbotham, Corie Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorensen