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DAY OF PENTECOST

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Capriccio in F sharp minor from Eight Piano Pieces, Op. 76
by Johannes Brahms

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: Listen, can you hear the wind?
People: Come, Holy Spirit; come!
Leader: Look, can you see the dancing flames?
People: Come, Holy Spirit; come!
Leader: Can you hear the message in a language you can understand?
People: Come, Holy Spirit; come!
Leader: Do you see the visions? Can you dream the dreams?
People: Come, Holy Spirit; come!
Leader: Come as the Spirit gathers us together virtually
and let Pentecost become real in our lives this morning.
Come and worship our God who sends the Spirit
to touch us and transform us into Pentecost people.

Gathering Song

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Glory to God #279, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: We can say the words that come with Pentecost: Spirit, Wind, Fire.
We can claim an interest in knowing the God of all creation.
But how much time have we devoted to this quest?
How open are we to God's unpredictable summons and direction?
Let us confess our sin together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

All: God of Pentecost, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We do not want others to consider us strange or fanatical. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. In our deeply divided nation and world we cannot trust some people you ask us to love. Forgive and help us, Spirit-Giving God.

God of patience and persistence, remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love into our weary world.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Passing of 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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Spirit of God, we long to be open to your presence in our church and in our lives. Fill us with your wind and fire, that we might be enlivened again. Help us hear the words as if for the first time, that they might touch us anew. Give us visions and dreams of what you long for in your creation, that we might begin to live them into reality. Come, Spirit; come into our worship, into our virtually gathered church, into our very selves. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Pentecost Video Scripture Presentation by Light for the Darkness

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: “Re-Igniting Jesus’ Mission”

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Glory to God #408, v 1-3

Celebrating Our Trinity Graduates

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There will be pauses at the “...” for you to share your own words to lift up distinctive attributes and experiences of your graduates.

Leader: We come together not in the way we would want, but in the way we are able,
to honor our Trinity Church family’s high school and college graduates:

Tucker Hall-Klingensmith from Clayton High School

Peter McKown from Whitfield High School

Karl Nelson from University City High School
and with an Associate Degree from St. Louis Community College – Forest Park

Mia Schindler from Parkway South High School

Natalie Schultejeans from Maplewood Richmond Heights High School

Kristen McKenzie with her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Music Minor
from Macalester College

Peter Schmidt with his Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University

Megan Merritt with her Master of Arts from Webster University School of Education

Congratulations to each of you and your families!

People: We would rather be sitting in rows of chairs
cheering for you as you cross the stage.
We would rather be standing side by side
for photos to mark your accomplishment.

Leader: We would rather be in the same space,
telling you face to face how proud we are of you,
how excited we are for your future, how grateful we are to have you in our lives. Someday, we
hope soon, we will be able to celebrate you in person,
surrounded by all who cheer you on,
but until then we want you to know we recognize this milestone,
all the work and energy, all the change and challenges,
all the memories and experiences that have gotten you to this point.

You are fearfully and wonderfully made, a unique reflection of God's image.
We rejoice that God made you just as you are.
We thank God for these gifts we see in you ...

People: You persevered through challenges,
refusing to give up despite difficult circumstances.
We recognize your tenacity and strength, especially when ...

Leader: You accomplished much during your time as a student, learning new skills,
trying new things, making new friends, finding new passions.
We celebrate your many achievements, including ...

People: Your curiosity and creativity are inspiring.
We cannot wait to see where your questions lead you.
We will be eager to hear about your explorations in ...

Leader: You have many people who love and care for you.
We support you and we believe in you. We believe that you can ...

People: And we believe that you will ...

Leader: We know that you are God's beloved child,
surrounded by the Holy Spirit and prayed for by us and by Jesus Christ.
You are claimed and named by God.
We trust God's promise that if we ask, we will receive
and therefore we ask God to ...

People: We are people who live in hope, at this time of transition,
when you begin a new phase of your life's journey our hopes for you are ...

Leader: We know that the road ahead will not always be smooth or easy or obvious,
nonetheless, we have faith in your ability to navigate whatever lies ahead.

People: We have faith in God's sure presence with you.
We have faith in your willingness to ask for help when you need it,
accept and extend mercy often and practice courageous kindness always.

Leader: When you are afraid or anxious, unsure or struggling,
we want you to know that you can call on your church family, and on ...

People: Those of us gathered today want you to know
how valuable you are to us and to God.
You are irreplaceable.

Leader: While we are proud of all you have done to reach this goal, we love you for who you are.
We ask that God will bless you with ...

People: We want you to remember ...

Leader: And remembering that nothing can separate you from the love of God, we pray:

(Unison)

God of every season, we ask your prayers this day for Tucker Hall-Klingensmith, Peter McKown, Karl Nelson, Mia Schindler, Natalie Schultejan, Kristin McKenzie, Peter Schmidt, and Megan Merritt as they graduate and look to the future, remind them of all they have achieved so far. May these memories embolden and strengthen them when they face challenges. Help them to know that they are beloved by you and by all of us. Comfort them in their grief at the loss of the rituals of cap and gown, ceremony and speeches, family gatherings and celebrations with friends. Assure them of your presence, your power, your providence and your grace. Reveal to them a sure sense of purpose and peace, especially when they feel afraid and anxious. May they recognize the gifts you have given them, and may those gifts bring them joy, a joy that increases when they are shared with the world. Surround them with the Holy Spirit so that everyday they may know that they are beloved, beautiful and blessed to be a blessing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

(from the Book of Common Worship)

Go out into the world in peace.

Have courage! Hold fast to what is good.

Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord bless and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
Glory to God #41, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Excerpt from Act 1 Finale of *The Magic Flute*
by W.A. Mozart

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Minister of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Cathy Smith

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

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, Aleksandar Dragojevic (Section Leader)

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 31ST, 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

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.

So much is happening in our church and our individual lives. While our traditional routines are interrupted, we must continue to adapt and find new ways to communicate with each other. **The Trinity Session has decided to start a monthly congregational "gathering" by Zoom.** We're calling this time the "Sunday Symposium", and it will be scheduled the first Sunday of every month at 11:15 am. It will be a time for Trinity members and friends to hear what the latest news from our Trinity community and the region and to share their thoughts and concerns. The first Sunday Symposium will be on June 7th after worship, beginning at 11:15am by Zoom.

Trinity will be participating in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri's invitation to Presbyterian siblings to join with their congregations in ringing church bells on Sunday, May 31 at 12 p.m. (Noon) in honor of those who have died from COVID-19 and in thanksgiving for the essential workers who have kept things going during this time.

Beginning at 7 p.m. June 21, Trinity Director of Music Christian Hendrichs will host from his home computer and piano a six-week Sunday evening adult education discussion “Music and History in the 20th Century.”

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.

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