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ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Morgenstimmung
from Peer Gynt, by Edvard Grieg

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: We gather in this place and from our homes,
some empty, some filled, some whole, some broken:
People: yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.
Leader: We gather, with ordinary people near and far, who have shown us the way:
People: trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.
Leader: We gather to receive the gift of grace from the One who calls
and sends us back into the world as witnesses to God's loving power:
**People: that graced, we may serve others;
that healed, we may bring hope to the world.**

Gathering Song

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Glory to God #268, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Called to proclaim repentance, we are reluctant to look at our own failings.
Invited to witness to God's loving forgiveness of sins,
we would rather not speak aloud or our own.
Let us trust in the One who offers us hope and healing, as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

All: You call us to proclaim a Gospel we find difficult to practice, God Most High. We watch our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you. We are hesitant to witness to your power from on high, as we are uncertain of your presence in our lives.

Forgive us, God of Light. Fill us with the healing presence of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your good news, as we participate in the life and suffering of our world, as did your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Choosing to set aside judgment, God gives us justice;
choosing to let go of punishment, God fills us with peace;

People: **Forgiven, redeemed, restored –**
we will tell everyone, through the lives we lead, what God has done for us.
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: God of all times and places, whose promise of the Holy Spirit is for us as well as for generations past, let your blessing fall on us while we're together, though gathered from many places, clothing us with the resources to be your witnesses through the church, the Christ's body. May the glorious inheritance that is ours be shared that your communities may be enlightened and transformed. We pray through the risen and ascended Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather

as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

Anthem

Thou Art Gone Up on High
from Messiah, by G.F. Handel
sung by Evan Babel

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **“Being Clothed with Power”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

Come Down, O Love Divine
Glory to God #282, v 1-3

Affirmation of Faith

adapted 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 God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

Leader: The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

People: **In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

People: **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.
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.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

Glory to God #677, v. 1-5

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Notturmo

from A Midsummer Night's Dream, by Felix Mendelssohn

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Minister of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

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, Aleksandar Dragojevic (Section Leader)

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 24TH, 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.

Pastor Marilyn and the Worship Committee are making special plans to virtually honor our Trinity graduates during worship Sunday, May 31. Many of you have already shared your photos and school information for celebrating our Trinity graduates in our e-newsletter - thank you! For our worship celebration we would also like to know of any special accomplishments, hopes and dreams, as you are comfortable sharing. Thanks!

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.

The Facebook group **Trinity Shares** also offers members who are on Facebook a place to post inspiring, meaningful, hopeful pictures, prayers, Scriptures, poems, stories and so forth.

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