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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

“The Little Shepherd” from *Children’s Corner*
by Claude Debussy

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: Day by day, God leads us:

People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

People: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Glory to God #327, v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Leader: It is not just material things, but the ‘stuff’ that makes us who we are – our hearts, our hopes, our dreams – that we have trouble sharing with others. But the more we hoard, the less we trust the Divine Provider to use us, and all our gifts, in the work of God’s Realm. Let us entrust our brokenness to God, that we might be made whole, as we pray together saying:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

All: Why is it so hard to trust in your grace, Generous Heart? You promise to pour out blessings upon us, but we are reluctant to let go of what we have. We put a lock on our hearts and feelings, while you share your precious Child with us. You call us home to dinner, but we would rather keep playing in the shadows of life.

Forgive us, Goodness and Mercy. Anoint us with the oil of grace, until our hearts overflow with praise. Fill us with the living waters of hope, so we can share with others. Feed us at your Table of joy, so we might follow Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, with glad and gracious hearts. For we pray in his name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: When we would stand on sin's shoulders, trying to peer through the windows,
God throws open wide the front door, so we can come in and live forever in joy.

People: We are a led through death to life; we are fed at Grace's Table; we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Alleluia! 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: As your Word is read and proclaimed, let us hear your voice today, Divine Shepherd. Call our names and claim us as your own. We have known your goodness and mercy in so many times and places. We open ourselves now to receive these gifts again. Unlock within us the barriers that keep us from recognizing and appreciating all the evidence of your love that surrounds us. We pray through Christ our Shepherding Savior. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Second Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **“Living Every Day in Awe and Wonder”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

Let Us Break Bread Together
Glory to God #525, v 1-3

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Great Prayer.

Leader: May the Shepherd of Easter be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: People of God, live with glad and generous hearts.

People: **We open our hearts to the One who prepares the Table for us.**

Leader: Day by day, rejoice in the Restorer of your souls.

People: **We will praise God, while seeking good for all people.**

Leader: You stilled chaos, ... praise to you:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, God of bread and prayers.**

All creation overflows with your goodness and mercy.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One by whose wounds we are healed.

Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Holy are you ... Mystery called faith:

People: **Christ died while suffering unjustly;**

Christ arose, becoming the Shepherd ushering us into eternal life;

Christ will return, calling us by name and leading us home.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, ... 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)

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world – because in Christ Jesus, your door-opening Shepherd, you have loved us. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Glory to God #802, v. 1-6

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

“Ombra mai fu” from Serse
by George Handel

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Minister of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

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)

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 3RD, 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.

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.

Next time you’re in the area, **check out the "Spring Snow" white crab apple tree that was planted last week** on Trinity's east lawn in honor of Reverend Johanna Wagner's service to Trinity.

Thanks to the active leadership and grant-writing efforts of Winger Food Pantry coordinator Joanne Roman, **Trinity has received a \$550 grant to purchase food for the pantry from the St. Louis Area Foodbank!** The grant is intended to help alleviate costs directly related to food distribution in response to the increased need during the COVID-19 outbreak.

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