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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Prelude in F-sharp major, Op. 28 No. 13
by Frédéric Chopin

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: Where shattered hearts are made whole, where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:

People: there, the stone has been rolled away.

Leader: Where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair:

People: there, we find Jesus walking.

Leader: Where closed wallets are opened, where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate:

People: There, Jesus is opening our eyes.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away! Jesus is our companion on the journey!
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is with us!

Gathering Song

Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain
Glory to God #234, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: The risen Christ is here, in our hearts, in our lives, and in our midst.
As on that road to Emmaus, Jesus is with us – teaching, loving, leading, feeding.
Let us confess how we have overlooked the presence of the living Christ,
and ignored the words he whispers to our hearts, as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

All: We become comfortable, Joyous God, with our lives, with our faith, with our friends and family. We are so secure, your Gospel jars us with your hopes for us. We know we should tell your story, but doesn't everyone who matters know it already? We could invite others to your Table, but then we might have to share. We could welcome the strangers, but worry they might feel uneasy among so many unfamiliar faces.

Forgive us, God of Easter. Walk with us, so we can become companions to the lost. Welcome us, so we can include the hopeless and the homeless. Love us, so we can share that love with everyone we meet on our journey, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, into new life with you. It is through him we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: God loves us so much,
God will listen to our cries, our prayers, our hopes, and our dreams.
God's promises are for all, those who are right beside us,
as well as those who live on the other side of the world.

**People: What can we give to God for such grace?
We will lift our hearts to God,
giving thanks for the mercy that has been given to us.
Thanks be to God!**

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: Loving God, as your Word is read and proclaimed come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

The Day of Resurrection
Glory to God #233, v 1-3

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: We believe in God ...

People: ... who works healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love, touches each memory with blessing and longs for us to know we are beloved; who splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of the ocean; who meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.

Leader: We believe in Jesus ...

People: ... the risen Christ, the Friend of the forgotten, Savior of the world; the One who by his love persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk and work with the poor and oppressed; who befriends us when we feel lonely, surprises us when we feel bored, prods us when we get complacent; who loves all children, dances with the elderly, shows compassion to the dying.

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit ...

People: ... who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations, and races; who is the presence in every silence, the breath in every deep sigh, the love in every tender embrace.

Leader: We believe we are called to be an Easter people ...

People: ... challenging despair with confident hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.

Leader: We believe in the church

People: ... the singing, passionate, caring fellowship of those who seek you and are found; those whose hands and hearts are joined to your mission in the world. This we believe. 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

What Shall I Render to the Lord

Glory to God #655, v. 1-4

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Sonata in A major, Hob. XVI/30, Mvmt. I

by Franz Joseph Haydn

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)

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL 26TH, 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.

Over the weekend, **Trinity’s Winger Food Pantry received a large donation of food** from a neighboring congregation, First Presbyterian Church. First Presbyterian has been supporting Trinity’s food pantry for several months now since that church prefers to collaborate with us rather than operate their own pantry.

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

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