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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

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 This Palm Sunday

Leader: Here in this place, with these people, we begin that week we call Holy.

**People: We crane our necks to see the parade,
we will bow our heads as the funeral procession winds through the streets.**

Leader: We have been with Jesus on this journey; we long for courage to go to the end.

**People: In one hand, we clutch the palm branches;
in the other, we cradle our broken hearts.**

Leader: As children dance excitedly around him, Jesus humbly enters our lives.

People: Hosanna! We welcome God's Realm Bearer into our midst. Hosanna!

Leader: This Palm Sunday
today we trust that Jesus still rides into the tumult of our times
and that Love prevails in spite of the world's opposition.

Invitation to Confession

Leader: We sing, we wave our branches, we shout "Hosanna!"
Then, we turn away, to go back to our old ways, our old lives, our old sins.
But God is in the business of granting forgiveness and filling us with new life.
Let us confess to the One who comes to fill us with grace, as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**All: With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power
we offer him, choosing to become our Servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground**

before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary.

Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Savior, Jesus, the Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness:
Christ has come to save us!

People: Hosanna!
We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life.
Hosanna in the highest! For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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: Giver of abundant pardon and mercy, be with us this day as we parade through the Jerusalem gates, wanting the reign of God to be established immediately in the hearts of all people. Make us aware that fear and anger are powerful motivators for evil. As your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts to the words of Jesus, that we might find courage and healing for all our burdens. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Shaking the City"

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Liturgist – George Van Hare

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 APRIL 5TH, 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

As you probably have heard by now, **Trinity is “broadcasting” our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/trinityucity>**. Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service.

Due to the building being shut down during these trying times, the **Ladies Lunch scheduled for next Tuesday, April 14 is canceled.**

Trinity Story Project - This week, to help us stay connected, we are seeking responses to the question "What is your favorite hymn and why?" Just e-mail your story/response to Katie Gibbons (communications@trinityucity.org) at the church office. The stories will be compiled and included in a future edition of this e-newsletter.

Trinity is trying a lot of new ways to communicate since we're not able to be together in person, but we realize there may be ways to connect us that are being missed. In an effort to get your ideas, watch for a survey coming soon that will be sent to your email (or to your home addresses if we don't have an email for you).

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

Trinity Presbyterian Church now has a Zoom Pro account, so **if you would like to set up a virtual meeting**, please contact Katie in the church's office at 725-3840 or by email at communications@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