

March 8, 2020



Second Sunday in Lent
Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday

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**In 2020, on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we honor women of faith,
those who may have felt their faith falter at times and those who held fast to faith.
We give thanks for their persistence—their witness, their words, their actions.
We know we stand on their shoulders.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Pastorale

by Germaine Tailleferre

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 and Snuffing the Second Lenten Candle

Leader: Come and see

People: water gushing from a rock!

Leader: Come and see

People: someone who knows you through and through!

Leader: Come and see

People: hope alive, right here, right now!

Leader: Come and see

People: then give God thanks and praise!

Leader: As we snuff this second candle on our Lenten wreath
today we come to experience the One who supplies every need.
We come to the One who gives us Living Water.
We come to the One who knows all our secrets,
who brings peace to all of us – and to each of us.

Gathering Song

Come, Worship God
Glory to God #386, v. 1-4

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Walking the dog, reading a bedtime story, recycling newspapers – in every moment, in every place, God is there.
Let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives, especially in how we live them, as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

All: God of Eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but give only our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping.

Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Through your gift of Living Water we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: God does not disappoint us.
Our sins are forgiven, our lives made whole, we are sent forth to serve.

People: In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. 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.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share with one another signs of peace.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you."

Song of Praise

Lord, the Love of Your Light Is Shining

Glory to God #192, refrain only

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Young People's Message

Pastor Marilyn

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: We come to you, God, because we are thirsty. Our spirits need the refreshing water of your Word, just as our bodies need the refreshment of a cool drink. We worship you with joy, for we can already feel the gift of your presence all around us. Now open our ears that we may hear all that you expect of us. Open our lives to your truth and prepare us to follow Jesus in accepting the unacceptable, challenging the conventional, and joining together in a harvest for your Realm. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Anthem

Come to the Water

words and music by John B Foley, S.J., arr. by Jack Schrader

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

without money, without price.

Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:

all who labor without rest.

How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:

bring the children without might.

Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

Second Scripture Reading

John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for

salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 3The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **“Sharing Living Water”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

Will You Come and Follow Me
Glory to God #726, v 1-5

Affirmation of Faith

excerpt, written in 2011 by McCormick Seminary Students

**“We trust in Jesus Christ, both human and God.
As God’s Son, Jesus Christ came to this world
to present another way of living – one of forgiveness and love.
Jesus was a subversive citizen and gifted teacher,
a radical movement founder,
and a model of God’s dream for all.
Jesus healed the sick, ate with outcasts and favored the poor.
He worked to reorder power and restore just relationships
and was put to death by the hands of an unjust system.
Jesus took our helplessness and hopelessness to the cross.
Continuing to rebel,
we remain desperate for Christ’s saving grace and reconciliation.
Because of Christ’s rising from the dead,
we are reconciled with God
and enabled to reconcile with one another.”**
Amen.

A Litany for Women Who Carry God's Grace Across Boundaries/Prayers of the People

When invited to do so, please voice joys and concerns, and after each the congregations responds "God, hear our prayer."

Leader: For Rahab's red cord and for all who risk their lives to give refuge to your people,

People: We thank you, O God.

Leader: For Ruth's loyalty and Esther's courage,
and for all who serve you in foreign lands,

People: We thank you, O God.

Leader: For Deborah's leadership and Miriam's dance
and for all who break glass ceilings,

People: We thank you, O God.

Leader: For Sarah's faithfulness and Jael's fierceness
and for all who take things into their own hands.

People: We thank you, O God.

Leader: For Hagar and all the unnamed women
who survived to do your will in the wilderness,

People: We thank you, O God.

Leader: For the Alabaster Jar Woman and for all who flout convention in your name,

People: We thank you, O God.

Leader: For Mary Magdalene's heart and for all who linger at the cross,

People: We thank you, O God.

Leader: For all the grace-filled women who cross borders and dismantle fences,
who face down soldiers and walk picket lines,

who like Mary the Mother of Jesus carry your love into the world,

People: We thank you, O God.

Leader: And now, God of healing and hope, hear us as we offer our prayers
for ourselves, for our neighbors, friends and loved ones:

After each concern respond:

God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Thank you, Loving God, for hearing all these our prayers.

Living Water God, open our hearts to the needs of all who thirst.

Give us courage to work together for justice,

to stand alongside those who are thirsty,

so that all people, everywhere, may live without want or fear,

and may discover the abundant life you promise to each one.

In the name of Jesus Christ – the source of Living Water for us – we pray,

and who taught us when we pray 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.

Offering

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

Offertory

Nunc dimittis
by Amy Beach

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart
In peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation
Which Thou hast openly prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
And a glory for Thy people Israel.
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace.*

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Glory to God #607

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Song of Service

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Glory to God #494, v. 1-5

Commission and Blessing

Please join us following worship for a time of fellowship through the southeast Sanctuary doors to the Chapel.

Postlude

Six Romances sans paroles, Op. 76 No. 6, Meditation
by Cécile Chaminade

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Liturgist - Carrie Muegge

Minister of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Acolyte – Zach Krivonak

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 MARCH 8TH, 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

To help Pastor Marilyn connect a name with a friendly face, please wear a nametag. Nametags for most regulars can be found in the clear plastic bins in the Narthex (north of the sanctuary). If yours has gone astray, just write your name on the sheet of paper next to the bins and Katie Gibbons will produce a replacement for you. Blank “sticker” nametags also are available in the pew racks.

Just a reminder we have **hand sanitizer in several locations around the church.** *Create in me a clean heart, oh God... (and clean hands).* Paraphrase of Psalm 51:10

Our **multi-week adult education series concludes with Sunday’s gathering** after church in the UKirk Room. Participants will discuss Chapters 14-18 of historian Ibram X. Kendi’s book “How to be an Antiracist,” with the discussion led by Steven Crumb.

Trinity’s Deacons will host an after-church chili-and-soup potluck on Sunday, March 22. In addition to helping us get to know one another better, the potluck also will celebrate the leadership of Stacey Carman who recently stepped down as Winger Food Pantry chair after many years of devoted service. To honor Stacey’s commitment, you also are invited to contribute crackers, cereal or make a monetary contribution to the pantry.

ITNGateway, a local affiliate of a national not-for-profit, is **seeking additional volunteer drivers to help seniors and adults with visual impairments** by providing rides for appointments, social events, church, shopping trips, classes, etc. For more information, contact Margie Diekemper, mdkemper@sbcglobal.net, or call at 314-727-3383.

Do you have gently used clothes that 5 to 18 year olds would like to wear? Volunteers at Pinwheels, a monthly social gathering partially supported by Trinity local mission funds for kids and teens who are transgender or who do not neatly fit into the gender binary of male/female, are collecting clothes. There will be a collection box in the narthex for the 5 Sundays in March.

Are you passionate about our worship experience at Trinity? The Worship Committee is looking to add several additional members from the congregation. Talk to Jan Schulte-Glad or George VanHare if interested.

Trinity’s Winger Food Pantry continues to need volunteers for a variety of tasks. The pantry serves clients on Wednesdays, so many people are needed those days, but other work can be done when convenient for the volunteer, and training is available. Questions? Call Joanne Roman at 314-726-4592.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you have an addition to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Prayers for Peace, Healing, Strength, Safety, Hope, Comfort and Thanksgiving

- For John Merker, as he recovers from surgery.
- For the family of Cathy Lind-Kern, friend of Bob & Nancy Wagoner, who died on Monday, February 10
- For Dylan Voss' aunt, following successful cancer surgery.
- For Genny Richmond, on her new life in Decatur, Illinois.
- For Art Platt, who is having a series of melanoma surgeries.
- For Patti Twellman's daughter, who has health concerns.
- For Linda Zangara, whose sister Deborah died to this life in January.
- For the Evans family on the passing of Reed's father Stu Evans on January 13.
- For Catherine Ray, who is recovering from successful knee replacement surgery on January 21.
- For Sue Lorenz, recovering from successful knee replacement surgery on February 4.
- For Jennifer Higginbotham's mother, recovering from hip replacement surgery in Florida.
- For Jay Summerville, whose mother Jean died to this life on January 22.
- For Cheryl and Reed Evans' son Ben, who has been fighting fires in Australia.
- For Rev. Thirza Sayers, as she continues her work to develop Light for the Darkness, an organization that helps to counsel people in St. Louis who have mental health issues.
- For Kelly Batt, granddaughter of Polly Brown, who is receiving hospice care after battling a rare form of cancer since March 2019.
- For John Merker's friend, Ron Heier, who is suffering from Parkinson's disease.
- For Mary Dressendorfer Rivera, cousin of Linda Peterson, who has metastatic breast cancer.
- For Inge Crowley, friend of Jenn & Jeff Clodi, who needs prayers for healing.

Prayers for Ongoing Support

- For Mary Klingensmith's mother, receiving full-time assisted care after a fall.
- For our Transitional Pastor Marilyn Gamm and our church as we move forward.
- For Brian Gordon, coping with multiple myeloma and kidney problems, and for Cricket who is caring for him.
- For Bob Lorenz, who has health challenges, and for Sue, who is caring for him.
- For Neil Norkaitis, for continued healing, and Sandy who is caring for him.
- For the Schroer family, Brian, Mary and Jo, as Mary's mother, Marianne Clark, is in hospice care.
- For Marge Plourde, living with memory challenges.
- For Jeff Clodi's mother and father as they cope with multiple health concerns.
- For Gene and Donna Fairchild, parents of Connie Torretta, managing health issues in Florida.
- For Don Ware, friend of Art Platt, who is living with cancer.
- For Doyne Haas, father of Jayne Howard, who struggles daily with dementia's diminishing effects.
- For Marty Cooke, the Howard's uncle striving to live joyfully and productively with Parkinson's disease.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- For Kim Merritt, coping with multiple health issues.
- For Do Kirk, coping with multiple health issues.
- For Jean Dausch, Cricket Gordon's friend, coping with primary lateral sclerosis (PLS).
- For M'ticqah Barbour, Opal's daughter and Nasia Metcalfe's mother, who is coping with severe symptoms of Sickle Cell Disease.