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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### Prelude

**Be Thou My Vision**  
*arr. by Douglas E. Wagner*

### 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: As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,  
as we are embraced in their kindness,

**People: we choose to be people of life and blessing.**

Leader: As we serve others in God's name,  
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,

**People: we choose to walk in God's way.**

Leader: As we forgive those who have hurt us,  
as we reach out to those we have harmed,

**People: we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.**

### Gathering Song

**God Is Calling through the Whisper**  
*Glory to God #410, v. 1-3*

### Invitation to Confession

Leader: Following God is not like flipping a coin and choosing sides.  
It is intentional; it is difficult; it is risky.

That is why we know all the ways we have failed in our discipleship  
and need to come to God.

We choose to confess, so we might embrace the forgiveness God offers to us.

Please join me, praying:

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**All: Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget your living Word and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires. Divine Gardener, we leave your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own. We quarrel with one another trying to decide “who is the greatest.” We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces. Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole variegated world in himself, and through whom we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Christ came, so we might be healed by God's tender touch.  
Christ came, so we might be reconciled to one another.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**As risky, as hard as it may be, we will choose to be God's people.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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

**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

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

*Glory to God #582, v. 1-2*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### Young People's Message

**Pastor Marilyn**

### Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Most Loving and Gracious God, we praise you and we thank you for the guidance that you give us from day to day in your Word and by your Spirit. We thank you for choosing to dwell among us and praise you for calling us to be your faithful people. Bless this time of worship and of prayer, that those who need comfort may be comforted, those who need challenge may be challenged, and that all of us may grow closer together as your children – as members of the body of Christ Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading****Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**Anthem****Valse Suite, Op. 71, "Three-fours": II. Andante**  
*by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor***Second Scripture Reading****1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: **"Following the Giver of the Growth"**

**Rev. Marilyn Gamm**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****Song of Response****Let Us Build a House**  
*Glory to God #301, v 1-5*

## **Blessing the New Transitional Pastor Relationship**

Clerk of Session Brian Muegge: Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ, baptized in the priesthood of believers, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. Today we give thanks to God for the Ministry God has given to the people of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and for the faithful service of its members and former pastors. And now we begin a new part of the adventure with our Transitional Pastor Marilyn Gamm. We ask God's guidance for our shared mission and ministry as we join together in prayer:

**All: Gracious God, you have blessed and sustained us for many years and have given us this life together in the Christian community of this congregation. Be with us now, we pray, as we engage this holy in-between time and season. Comfort us as we grieve the past, worry in the present, or look anxiously to the future. Bless us and guide us as we reflect upon our history, evaluate our present, and dream dreams about our future, so that we might be prepared for the next stage in this congregation's life. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and service to others, through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

Transitional Pastor Marilyn: As we begin this transitional adventure together, we begin new relationships. I have been called as your transitional pastor, to be God's servant among you during this special time and season of preparing you to call your next installed pastor. I pledge to you my commitment as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament that I will pray for you, listen to you, assist you in the tasks of this transitional period, encouraging and challenging you as we move through this holy time and season of evaluation, dreaming and preparation together.

**Congregation: And we, the people of Trinity Presbyterian Church, receive you as a servant of God and pledge our partnership as we continue to use the gifts God has given us, in the many ministries in this church and community: in worship, education, witness, service and stewardship.**

Transitional Pastor Marilyn: May God bless us and lead us as we together embark on this transitional adventure. And may we view this time and season as an opportunity for learning and growth as God's Spirit guides and prepares us for the future mission and ministry of this church in this community.

**All: Amen.**

## **Welcoming Song**

**With Joy and Thanksgiving**

*Paul Vasile*

*With joy and thanksgiving,  
we welcome you into Christ's church.  
And to share with us in God's ministry,  
for we are all one in Christ.*

## **Prayers of the People**

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

## **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**

**Justum deduxit Dominus**  
*music by Wolfgang A. Mozart*

*Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas  
et ostendit illi regnum Dei.*

*The just are drawn by the Lord along paths of  
righteousness  
and shown the kingdom of God.*

**Doxology**

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

**Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**Giver of all that we are and all that we have, when we could choose to be selfish, may we share from our abundance; when we could choose to be hoarders, let us give away all we have; when we could choose to be broken, let us be reconciled with those around us. Bless our lives, as well as these gifts, we pray. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Song of Service**

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**  
*Glory to God #377, v. 1-3*

**Commission and Blessing**

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

**Postlude**

**The Harmonious Blacksmith**  
*by George F. Handel*

Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gumm

**Liturgist** - DJ Williams

**Minister of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Acolyte** – Katherine Royce

**The Trinity Choir:**

*Soprano – Aleta Porter, 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)*

**The Trinity Handbell Choir:**

*Mary Ellen Campbell, Cricket Gordon, Kevin Harkins, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Emily Kelton, Joanne Roman*

**About the Music**

*“Be Thou My Vision,” we begin to implore, as we seek to set out on the path the Lord asks us to take. Or is it paths? How many roads lead to Heaven? The light of the Lord surely shows us the one and steady path? Or does it light the destination, and the means by which one can get there? “God is calling through the whisper,” and He is calling to us each—“can you hear?” His light speaks, His voice illumines. It is not the essentially just whom are spoken to, but those who, in doing what is just because justice is their faith, are the ones who can hear and see the way, and are led “along paths of righteousness” and shown Heaven. If we “want to walk as a child of the light,” to follow Jesus, we must be like Jesus, and likewise the Heaven we are shown must be emulated in our lives. It is not good to wait till death to seek Heaven; it is goodness to make a Heaven while we live. And thus, “let us build a house where love can dwell,” where “all are welcome.”*

*Contact Trinity’s staff and leadership by emailing [admin@trinityucity.org](mailto:admin@trinityucity.org) or contacting the church office.*

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NEWS AND NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

Our **multi-week adult education series** will next meet after church on February 23, when discussion will center around Chapters 8-10 of historian Ibram X. Kendi’s book “How to be an Antiracist.” The remaining sessions of this current adult ed series will be held on March 1 (Chapters 11-13) and March 8 (Chapters 14-18).

**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.

Tuesday, February 18, has been designated as Missouri’s Gun Sense Voter “Advocacy Day.” The Presbyterian Church is taking an **active role in advocating against gun violence**. For more information, visit <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/2019-gun-violence-resources-packet-173418/>

The next **Trinity Men's Lunch Bunch meeting** will be on Wednesday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Pan D'Olive, 1603 McCausland Avenue in Richmond Heights. Parking is on the south side of the restaurant off McCausland. All men are cordially invited!

The **Kitchen Cabinet ladies** will have an opportunity to meet informally with Rev. Marilyn Gamm on Thursday, February 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Jane Gibbons' home, 561 Bedford in University Hills. Please invite any newcomers and bring your thoughts, questions and more for Rev. Gamm.

Confirmation class youth and high schoolers will take a **field trip to visit the Hindu Temple** in West County on Saturday, February 22, to learn more about that faith tradition and worship practices.

**If you have not turned in your 2020 Pledge yet, it isn’t too late.** Please put your completed pledge card in the offering plate or send the information to church financial manager Linde Weber Onstott (linde.dogparty@yahoo.com). Thank you for your generous support of the Mission and Ministry of Trinity!

**Session**

Gordon Brown, 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 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 John Roman's brother, recovering from a difficult hip replacement surgery.
- For the family of Anne Chilson, a friend of Pat and Jane Gibbons, who died suddenly and unexpectedly.
- 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, who had hip replacement surgery in Florida, and for Jennifer who is caring for her.
- For Mary Klingensmith's mother, recovering from a fall that resulted in broken bones.
- 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 the granddaughter of Polly Brown, Kelly Batt, she was placed in Hospice after battling a rare form of cancer since March 2019.
- For the family of Mary Heimann, sister-in-law of Jane Kaiser and Helen Heimann, who died to this life on Christmas Day after battling cancer.
- 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 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.