



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

July 13, 2008

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Thanksgiving” in July

6800 Washington Avenue
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PRELUDE

Variations on a Theme by Haydn
Composer: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

INTROIT

There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Composer: Doris Akers (1923-1995) (born in Brookfield, MO)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 95)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

People: And a great King above all gods.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God (Tune: *Nun Danket*)

Kids: Look for the words thank (or thankful words), body words, God

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing.

Forgive us, Lord, when we believe that we merit the wealth and comforts that we enjoy.

Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare in our direction.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

*Leader: With bellies full of grain and meat, we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world, and we feel we have done enough.
Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between "us" and "them," for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.*

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

*Leader: With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world.
Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to insure freedom and justice for all.*

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*Leader: Hear what our God has to say to all people:
"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those ... who repent of their sins" (Isa. 59:20)*

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

*I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." Those who have been standing may sit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23 (New Testament, page 12)

Kids: This is a parable that Jesus told and a parable is a story to teach a lesson. Listen for things that plants need to grow (seed, soil).

ANTHEM The Power of your love
Composer: Geoff Bullock (b. 1956)

SCRIPTURE READING John 15: 1-5 (New Testament, page 109)

Kids: Listen for fruit, branch and vine.

SERMON In the Garden

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 554 Let All Things Now Living

Kids: Listen for song, thanks, nature words and light words (stars, sun, light and shine)

Those who have been standing may sit.

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a long-standing commitment to peacemaking. At this time of our worship, we lift up the areas of our world that are in need of peace, we discover ways we can be peacemakers in our lives, and we

pray for peace. We light the Peace Candle to remind us that “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

Refresh My Heart
Composer: Geoff Bullock

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON (Tune: Tallis’ Canon)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him[†] all creatures here below!
Praise Him[†] above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost![‡]

[†]*You may substitute the word “God”*

[‡]*You may substitute the words “Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 467 How Great Thou Art (Tune: *O Store Gud*)

Kids: This is old language: thee and thou mean “you” (and the “You” is God in this song) and art is “are.” Also listen for nature words and sing.

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

There are blessings you cannot receive ‘till you know him in His fullness and believe;
You’re the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Now Thank We All Our God
Composer: arr. Wade (b. 1953)

The second period of Ordinary Time begins following Pentecost and continues until Advent. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, the color of life and growth.

Flowers – The flowers this morning on the Communion Table are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of Virginia Parks, by her family.

Liturgist – Quinn Evans, Blair Klostermeier, the Rev. Julie March

Preachers – Vicki Carmichael & Karen Coletti. Vicki and Karen are both members of Trinity and have also been singing together for 10 years. Vicki is currently serving as Trinity's Interim Minister of Music—Choir Director.

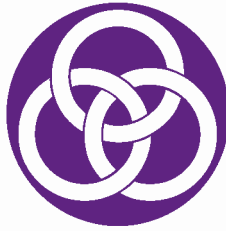
Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Musicians— “David's Harp” (Karen Coletti, Martha Weston, Dennis Babbitt), Bob Henderson, Paul Devine, Brian Schroer, Vicki Carmichael, Sheila Kelley, Charlotte Sechrist, Trinity Kids

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July 13, 2008
Gather for Worship – 10:20 a.m.
Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship – 11:30 a.m.



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News and Notes

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.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to consider becoming a member of Trinity Church. New member classes are held quarterly. Please speak with Dan Anderson-Little if you are interested.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Trinity Church welcomes children in its worship services. Nursery and childcare are provided downstairs for children pre-school and younger.

TRINITY KIDS—remember to pick up your own worship bags in the back of the Church!

TODAY AT TRINITY

THANKSGIVING IN JULY: We will gather in the Dining Room after worship to give thanks for our music ministry, share lunch, and talk about our hopes and visions for Trinity's music ministry as we move forward. The "Music Ministry Dream Team" wants to make sure all voices are heard as we begin a search for a new minister of Music. No reservation is needed; just come downstairs!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF VACATIONS: Dan Anderson-Little is visiting his father in Madison, WI and will be gone through July 20th and Building and Grounds Caretaker Birty Hodgson and wife Digna (our door security guard) will be visiting family in Florida until July 25th. Also, Financial Administrator Linde Baechle will be out of the office through Wednesday of next week. We wish safe travels and a time of rejuvenation for all who are traveling this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. BILL WADE, our Interim Minister of Music—Organist, who recently passed his qualifying exams and was named a Colleague of the American Guild of Organists.

INTERFAITH EVENTS CONTINUE: ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH AT 7 PM WE WILL HAVE THE 3RD IN A SERIES of events designed to prepare and inspire Trinity members for deeper interfaith partnerships. We have discussed the concept of “belief” and the idea of “truth” in the first two. Our last two topics will be: “What is the Bible for us?” and “Who is Jesus for Us?” The format will be interactive, participatory, and exploratory, and the evening will begin with food and drink. Childcare will be available. Please mark your calendars for the August 4th event on the Bible, plan to attend, and bring a friend!

CHOIR RETREAT: Trinity Choir members will jumpstart the season with a retreat at church from 9:30 – 4:30 on Saturday, July 26, with time for conversation and working on music for the fall. Interested in joining the choir? Talk to Vicki Carmichael: 725-3840.

GOOD MEMORIES AND A GOOD CAUSE: Want to relive the diversity of music performed at Paul’s goodbye party (from early English to African) while helping the Psalm 150 fund? Make a donation to the fund (at least \$5 please!) that helps us provide special music throughout the year and receive a CD of Paul’s farewell gathering. You can write a check to Trinity with “Psalm 150” in the memo line. Please contact the office with any questions (725-3840). Liz will have some copies at the lunch today.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL EVENT? WANT TO HONOR AN IMPORTANT PERSON? There are few flower arrangement donation sign-ups for the Communion Table through August. Contact the office or sign up on the flower board across from the elevator if you would like to.

MOUND RIDGE: Sign up for the annual Mound Ridge Church Retreat in the Narthex, set a bit later this year-- Friday through Sunday, **September 5 – 7**. It is a weekend of spiritual reflection, fun, renewal and celebration in the beautiful forested area surrounding the Meramec River. No telephones, no television, no electronics – just God, family and friends **of all ages!** Plan to come on Friday night or Saturday morning.

TRINITY WILL BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Trinity Built in 2001 and again in 2003. We will build again! A build two blocks east of Grand Boulevard and two north of Dr. Martin Luther King Drive will be sponsored by Trinity, the Washington University Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and others. We need \$5,000 to reserve 2 work days and \$10,000 to secure 3 work days. We have already raised \$4,600—how high can we go? We’ll start with 4 days (August 20-23) and then 12 successive Saturdays, excluding holiday weekends. We’ll start signing up volunteers in July. Until then, consider donating generously to this good cause with a check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church with “Habitat” on the memo line. Talk to Pat Gibbons for more info.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you would like an addition to the prayer list or know of a member in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Joys

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For the Wedding of Anna Gardner-Andrews and Christopher Moffatt at Trinity on July 5.
- For the birth of Colin James Reid, son of Lynn and Evan Reid and little brother of Andrew, on July 1.

- For Linde Baechle, Trinity's Financial Administrator, who had a successful lumpectomy July 1 with normal results.
- For Susan Hayes who was ordained as Associate Pastor of St. Mark Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 29.
- For Bill Wade (Interim Minister of Music-Organist) who was recently named a Colleague of the American Guild of Organists.
- For Diane O'Brien who was received as an Inquirer for Ministry by the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy on June 17. Diane is a student at Eden Theological Seminary.

Prayers for New Beginnings:

- For the Verticchio family (Kristy, Tony and Mya) as they move to Cincinnati, OH.
- For the Martin family (Kim, Rick, Delaney and Makenna) as they move to Columbia, MO.
- For Rhonda Dunbar as she prepares to attend the Presbyterian School of Christian Education & Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA.

Concerns

Prayers for Safety:

- For Todd Mayberry, son of Karen and Darrell Mayberry, on assignment in Afghanistan.

Prayers for Comfort:

- For the family of Richard Tappe (his wife is Glenna), good friends of Cricket Gordon who died on July 7.
- For Jenn and Jeff Clodi. Due to complications with her pregnancy, Jenn has lost the twins that she was carrying. As you can imagine, she and Jeff are dealing with a great deal of grief. At this point, the best way you can communicate your support to them, is through written communication. They will let us know when they are comfortable speaking about this loss more directly. Often in such time of immense loss, we are not sure what to say; we can either say too much or nothing at all. I would encourage you, when you see them to say, "I am so sorry. I am praying for you."
- For Stacy Shupe's family, at the death of her cousin, Courtney, on June 24.
- For Tom Serfass' family in Richmond, VA, as his father chooses to suspend medication for heart failure and his mother recovers from a leg infection which required hospitalization.
- For the family of Virginia Parks, who died on June 16.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Mimi Jeske, Tom Wilhite's significant other, recovering from abdominal cancer surgery on July 9 and awaiting results.
- For Chastity Brown, 31 yr old daughter of Diane O'Brien's friend Lerneice, in the hospital with Congestive Heart Failure.
- For Rhonda Dunbar's aunt Patricia who is dealing with multiple cancers.
- For Jasman Lutz's aunt Sheila Griffin who is in the final weeks of life after a long battle with cancer.
- For Deb Norgard, who is recovering from surgery on her jaw in April.
- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, recovering from brain surgery on April 21 in Madison, WI.
- Christy Schindler's cousin Mark Mellinger, in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer and experiencing many complications.
- Betty Gray, Diana's sister-in-law (brother's wife), whose lung cancer is progressing and who is recovering now from surgery.
- Virginia Bregitzer, former member of Trinity, struggling with the difficult effects of ALS.
- Marilyn Kuhn, counselor for Care & Counseling and good friend of Trinity Presbyterian Church, undergoing treatment for lymphoma.
- Linda Anderson-Little receiving treatment for breast cancer.
- Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems.

- Don Weems, having back and eye concerns.
- Barbara Isaac, daughter of Janet Guenther, suffering with Alzheimer's Disease.
- The Pontious family (Elaine, Larry, Adam & Tati) as they help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke in October 2006.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

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| • Helen Bauer | Myrtle Beckmeyer | Colleen Osborn | Jim Pettus |
| • Mabel Howell | Juanita Bruns | Eleanor Griffin | Maxine Story |
| • Evelyn Patterson | | | |

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, July 14

1:00 pm

Genesis House Bible Study, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, July 15

11:00 am

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

7:00 pm

Deacons meeting, Room 206

Wednesday, July 16

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Trinity Food Pantry

7:00 pm

Evangelism Commission meeting, Chapel

No Worship & Music meeting this week

TRINITY STAFF

Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little, Pastor
 The Rev. Julie March, Associate Pastor for Equipping
 Vicki Carmichael, Interim Minister of Music--Choir Director
 Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO, Interim Minister of Music--Organist
 Elizabeth Nelson, Church Administrator
 Linde Baechle, Financial Administrator
 Birty Hodgson, Building & Grounds Caretaker
 The Rev. Nancy Wagner, Parish Associate
 Dr. Donald A. Weems, Pastor Emeritus

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