



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

July 20, 2008  
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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**PRELUDE** For the Beauty of the Earth (Tune: Dix)  
*Composer: Neil Harmon*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from *St. Mark Union Church in Kansas City, Missouri*

*Leader: Good Morning!*

*People: Good Morning!*

*Leader: Who are you?*

*People: We are the people of God created in the image of God.*

*Leader: Why are you here?*

*People: We are here to receive the power to do the will of the creator!*

**HYMN #439** In Christ There is No East or West (Tune: *St. Peter*)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

God of glory, fill your church with resurrection power, that, in the midst of our sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever! Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

### SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - ia! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

## **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** Acts 2: 43-47 (New Testament, page 120)

## **PSALM 82 – CONGREGATIONAL READING**

*All: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:  
"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?  
Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.  
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."  
They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince."  
Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 9: 9-13 (New Testament, page 9)

**SERMON** Doing Nothing To Help The Poor

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN #527** Near to the Heart of God (*Tune: McAfee*)

*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**

Reach Out and Touch  
 Composer: Charles F. Brown

*Reach out and touch a soul that is hungry; Reach out and touch a spirit in despair;  
 Reach out and touch a life torn and dirty, a man who is lonely . . . If you care!  
 Reach out and touch that neighbor who hates you; Reach out and touch that stranger who meets you;  
 Reach out and touch the brother who needs you; Reach out and let the smile of God touch through you.*

*Reach out and touch a friend who is weary; Reach out and touch a seeker unaware;  
 Reach out and touch, though touching means losing a part of your own self . . . If you dare!  
 Reach out and give your love to the loveless; Reach out and make a home for the homeless;  
 Reach out and shed God's light in the darkness; Reach out and let the smile of God touch through you.*

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**SONG OF PRAISE UNISON (Tune: Old 100th)**

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

<sup>†</sup>You may substitute the word "God"

<sup>‡</sup>You may substitute the words "Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!"

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**HYMN**                    **STANDING ON THE PROMISES** (Tune: Promises)  
 Composer: R. Kelso Carter (1849-1928)

*Please see your blue bulletin insert for the music for this hymn.*

**WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                    Grace and Peace  
 Composer: Randy Wills

Grace and Peace be with You! 'Til we meet a - gain Grace and Peace be  
 with You! Let God's love come in, and shine through your spi-rit, in all you say and  
 do, Grace and Peace be with you! God will see us through!

**POSTLUDE**                    Hornpipe from *Water Music*  
 Composer: G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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.

**Liturgist** – John Howard, Bonnie Roy, the Rev. Julie March

**Preachers** – Paul Devine. Paul is a Commissioned Lay Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, works with the Senior High Youth Group, and leads The Gathering, a monthly worship service held for the youth of the church.

**Organist** – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

**Singers** – David Carmichael, soloist

**Notes on “Standing on the Promises”** - Russell Kelso Carter (1849-1928) wrote the words to this hymn in 1886. He was gifted in many ways. In school he excelled in all subjects. In sports he was outstanding in baseball and gymnastics. As he entered adult life he became a teacher, then a minister, and then a physician. He prepared text books in several subjects and authored a number of novels. And on top of all of that, mixed in with everything else, he wrote hymns and music.

Carter studied the Bible and knew it well. He knew the stories of creation in the Books of Moses. He knew the stories of the end times as told by the prophets and apocalyptic writers. And he knew what was written in between. In the beginning, God created. In the end, God will reign. In between, God's creation falls. But God promised to provide a way. Through Jeremiah, God promised to restore. Through the Psalmist, God promised to watch over His people. Through the parable in Luke, God promised justice. Through the epistle to Timothy, God promised to equip His people for every good work. Carter claimed those promises for himself. In the words of this hymn, he is "standing on the promises of God."

-from: [www.hymnsite.com/lection/index.shtml](http://www.hymnsite.com/lection/index.shtml)

# Standing On the Promises

D. K. C.

R. Kelso Cartes

1. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ my King, Thru e-ter-nal  
 2. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es that can-not fail, When the howl-ing  
 3. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I now can see, Per-fect, pres-ent  
 4. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e-  
 5. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es, I can-not fall, List'ning ev-'ry

a-ges let His prais-es ring, Glo-ry in the high-est, I will shout and sing,  
 storms of doubt and fear as-sail, By the liv-ing Word of God I shall pre-vail,  
 cleans-ing in the blood for me; Stand-ing in the lib-er-ty where Christ makes free,  
 ter-nal-ly by love's strong cord, O-ver-com-ing dai-ly with the Spirit's sword,  
 mo-ment to the Spir-it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav-ior, as my all in all,

## Chorus

Standing on the promises of God. Stand - - ing, stand - - ing,  
 Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God, my Sav-ior, Stand - - ing,  
 Stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

stand - - ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.  
 stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

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

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# *Trinity Presbyterian Church*

## *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!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STAFF VACATIONS:** Dan Anderson-Little is visiting his father in Madison, WI and will be back tomorrow. Liz Nelson is visiting family in Michigan and will return tomorrow as well. Building and Grounds Caretaker Birty Hodgson and wife Digna (our door security guard) are visiting family in Florida until July 25th. We wish safe travels and a time of rejuvenation for all who are traveling this summer.

**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 role does the Bible play in our faith?” 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 4<sup>th</sup> event on the Bible, plan to attend, and bring a friend!

**WE WANT YOUR INPUT:** Your bulletin includes a blue insert requesting your thoughts about our music ministry. Longtime member, newer member, visitor—please share as we work together to take the next steps in hiring a new Minister of Music. Even if you provided feedback at last Sunday’s lunch, take the opportunity to more fully share your own feelings with the “Dream Team.”

**SPECIAL COMMUNION:** The Worship and Music Commission has some exciting ideas for occasional new expressions of the Communion Service. We invite you to come to The Lord's Table on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for a true communion between the Lord and ourselves, going back to the communion traditions of 2,000 years ago.

**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).

**BE A PART OF A BOOK:** The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy is collecting non-fiction stories of a time that God's Grace was working in your life, but that Grace was not recognized until hours, days, months, or even years later. If you have a story 500 words or less to share, you have until Nov. 1st to submit it in writing or via phone interview. Contact Liz in the office for more information (725-3840).

**FLUTE DUO CONCERT AT TRINITY:** Trinity will host a concert of the best of flute duo repertoire with compositions by Gabriel Faure, Philippe Gaubert, Ian Clarke, Robert Baksa, and Gary Schocker. Flutes will be played by Wendy Hymes, Matt Allison and Marie Jureit. Violinist and trinity member Jessica Platt will also join the ensemble for J.S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto #4*. The FREE concert will be on Tuesday, July 29th at 7pm in the sanctuary. A freewill offering will be taken.

**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. Speak with Traci O'Bryan with any questions. Cost details coming soon.

**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 Susan Hayes, ordained as Associate Pastor of St. Mark Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 29.

**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 families and students of teacher Sandy Wacker, injured in a car accident last weekend, and Cindy Thompson, killed in the same accident. Cindy was an elementary school teacher of member Quinn Evans.
- For Vera Morrow and family at the sudden passing of her son, Dr. Jason Morrow, in Tennessee on July 8.
- 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. Jenn and Jeff welcome notes and phone calls.
- 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 Genny Richmond, who will undergo testing at St. Luke's on July 14.
- 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 surgery for brain cancer 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**

**Tuesday, July 22**

11:00 am

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

**Wednesday, July 23**

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Trinity Food Pantry

**Saturday, July 26**

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

10:30 am

Choir Retreat, Choir Room

ArtMuse class for 5-7 yr olds, Chapel.

Fee and registration, contact the office

### **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

Birby Hodgson, Building & Grounds Caretaker

The Rev. Nancy Wagner, Parish Associate

Dr. Donald A. Weems, Pastor Emeritus

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