



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

August 31, 2008
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE "Duke Street" – From All That Dwell Below the Skies (Psalm 117)
Composer: Neil Harmon

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Oh, Praise Our God
Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

*Oh, praise our God, ye lands abroad, Now praise Him, ev'ry nation.
His tenderness is great toward us to grant us His salvation.
His promise true He doth renew, His truth endures forever,
With joyous refrain we laud His name and praise with voices ringing:
Alleluia, alleluia with singing!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is in this place.
People: Because God is here, we are standing on holy ground.
Leader: God's love and mercy abound in this place.
People: Because God is here, we are standing on holy ground.
Leader: The saints before us served God and witnessed to God in this place.
People: Because God is here, we are standing on holy ground.
Leader: We are in this place with God.
People: Because God is here, we are standing on holy ground.

HYMN 274 O God of Earth and Space

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON (Music can be found at Hymn 333)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!
Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

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

ANTHEM

Come, Labor On
John Ferguson

*Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today!"
Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.
Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's will, God's righteous will.
Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"*

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-15 (Old Testament, page 50)

SERMON

The Ground We Don't Possess

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 261

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

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

Rainbow

Timothy Swan; text Isaac Watts from Psalm 65

*'Tis by Thy strength the mountains stand, God of eternal pow'r;
The sea grows calm at Thy command and tempests cease to roar.
Thy morning light and evening shade successive comforts bring;
Thy plenteous fruits make harvest glad, Thy flow'rs adorn the spring.
Seasons and times and moons and hours, heav'n, earth and air are Thine:
When clouds distil in fruitful showers the Author is divine.*

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

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 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Grace and Peace be with you! 'Til we meet again

Grace and Peace be with you! Let God's Love Come In
and shine through your spirit In all you say and do.

Grace and Peace be with you! God will see us through!

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Duke Street"

Composer: Robert J. Powell; Tune by John Hatton, 1793

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 – Max Nutter, Lori Luchtman-Jones, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – Anna Gardner-Andrews

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Music Notes: The prelude and postlude are based on the hymn tune “Duke Street” by John Hatton (1793). Several well known hymns use this tune as the backdrop for the poetry of the hymn. Some are in the Presbyterian hymnal, some are not. Among the familiar hymns using this tune are: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”, “Fight the Good Fight”, “From All that Dwell Below the Skies”, and “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun.” For today’s service, the hymn tune is used as bookends to affirm the steadfastness of God’s love and our assurance that through our labor and love, God will be glorified.

August 31, 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. The next new member classes will start the evening of Sept. 21. 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. Spiritual Growth Sunday School gathering for kids will begin at 9:30 on Sept. 14th.

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Our Adult Education series, “Rescuing Jesus” will begin on Sept. 14th at 9:30 in the Chapel. This 12-session DVD and discussion exploration of Jesus through the ages will explore our traditional beliefs about Jesus and move on to challenge or affirm us with some new ideas about Jesus. If you cannot attend all 12 sessions, please come when you can, as each session is self-contained. *See bulletin insert for more information.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CALL FOR USHERS: Linda Min needs ushers for the Sundays in September. Please contact her if you can help (781-2150).

WEEDING HELP: Stay after church on Sept. 28th to help beautify our small garden plots. Speak with Bonnie Roy if you can help.

COME TO THE LIBRARY: The library space will be changing with the upcoming elevator renovation. Over the last number of years, the books have been used rarely and many have become outdated. We appreciate the hard work some members put into organizing and updating the library in the past. We do plan to keep a much smaller library in the room and donate the rest of the books. Because we know that some books have been given as gifts, given in memory of others, or are simply interesting to congregation members, we are opening the library doors this Sunday after worship and invite members to peruse and take home books that are of interest to them before we donate them.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES will start on Sunday, Sept. 14 for adults and children at 9:30 am. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for exciting information about programming for all ages.

JOIN IN THE MUSIC! Want to join the Trinity Choir? Talk with Bill or Vicki. Want to join the recorder group? Talk with Bill. It will meet Sunday mornings at 8:45 am. Vicki will also offer a music sight-reading class later this fall.

KIDS WHO SING, Karen Coletti is forming a 5th-8th grade youth choir to start on October 5th. Please talk with her if you'd like to join in the fun!

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will hold their first monthly friendship salad luncheon on Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30 am in the Dining Room. Women of all ages are invited to bring a salad and come for a time of fellowship. Make new friends and meet up with old ones.

A SPIRITUAL GROWTH KICK-OFF BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 8:45 am in the Dining Room. Everyone is welcome—especially families with children—to come learn about the plan to foster a small-group feel in each K-12 classroom this year.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: We had our first build day at the home (two blocks east of Grand Boulevard and two north of Dr. Martin Luther King Drive) on Thursday, August 21. Consider signing up for our next day, tentatively Saturday, October 25, and on another Saturday in October to be determined later. Email Pat Gibbons at pcg@wustl.edu, or call him at 314-727-1471 (home) or 314-935-6271 (work) with any questions. And please keep all the staff and volunteers at Habitat in your prayers as this year's ambitious build goes on.

NEXT INTERFAITH GATHERING: We will gather for our fourth and final exploration: "Who is Jesus for us?" on Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 pm in the Chapel. Come and bring friends as we explore our own faith in preparation for meaningful dialogue with those of other faiths. As always, this will be interactive, engaging and will include good food and fellowship.

YOU'RE INVITED TO BE WILD WITH WORDS! An exciting new small group begins at Trinity in mid-September, called Wild With Words. It is a spontaneous, interactive spiritual writing group where we will write, relinquish and remember, prompted by words, readings and Scripture to explore God's presence and action within our souls. NO writing experience is needed, and ALL are welcome. Are you interested? Call Julie March, Betty Burnett or Ann Fischer to find out more about Wild With Words.

WHAT DO WE THINK? You got a taste of the breadth of our loves in our Litany of Thanksgiving last week. The entire report of the Music Ministry Needs Assessment Dream Team is available in the Narthex.

A CALL FOR BENCH BUDDIES: Beginning this Fall, Bill will ask for youth volunteers (about 7 years and up) to serve as "Bench Buddies" with him at the organ during the Sunday morning service and on special programs. The Bench Buddy will assist the organist by turning pages, pressing pistons, pulling stops, and learning about the way the organ contributes to the fulfillment of worship. Begin thinking

about someone you know that might enjoy this opportunity to learn more about the King of Instruments.

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 Leo and Lois Eason who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.
- For Cheryl & Reed Evans, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary August 14th.
- For Linda Anderson-Little as she returns to work following treatment for breast cancer.
- For Todd Mayberry, son of Karen and Darrell Mayberry, safely returned from assignment in Afghanistan.

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For Rhonda Dunbar as she begins studies at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA.
- For Diane O'Brien as she pursues theological studies at Eden Theological Seminary.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For John Pfeifer, Andrea Stephens-Pfeifer, Ethan and Claire at the death of John's father Harold Pfeifer on August 27, 2008.
- For the family of former longtime member, John Senne, who died August 8th. His father was the architect who designed our building.

Prayers for Healing:

- Don Twellman is in Missouri Baptist for the installation of a pacemaker.
- Betty Gray, Diana's sister-in-law (brother's wife), whose lung cancer has progressed and is in the last stages of her life.
- For Vickie Jeter's father Bill Carroll in Ellijay, GA who was recently released from ICU with various health concerns.
- Virginia Bregitzer, former member of Trinity, in the hospital with ALS complications.
- For Christy Schindler's mother Marty Hird who is suffering with depression and anxiety following the death of a close friend and cousin.
- For Polly Brown's daughter in Minneapolis, who is at home recovering from a serious pulmonary illness.
- For Vicki Carmichael's brother, Warren, recovering from a bicep tear and infection.
- For Mimi Jeske, Tom Wilhite's significant other, undergoing chemotherapy for abdominal cancer.
- For Chastity Brown, 31-year-old daughter of Diane O'Brien's friend Lerniece, in and out of the hospital with congestive heart failure and other issues as well.
- 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, being treated for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- For Christy Schindler's cousin Mark Mellinger, in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer and experiencing many complications.

- Marilyn Kuhn, counselor for Care & Counseling and good friend of Trinity Presbyterian Church, undergoing treatment for lymphoma.
- 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.

Helen Bauer
Mabel Howell
Evelyn Patterson

Myrtle Beckmeyer
Juanita Bruns

Colleen Osborn
Eleanor Griffin

Jim Pettus
Maxine Story

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, September 1

Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

11:00 am

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Wednesday, September 3

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Trinity Food Pantry

7:00 pm

Session meeting, Chapel

Thursday, September 4

7:30 – 9:10 pm

Trinity Choir rehearsal, Choir room

Friday, September 5

Office closed

Mound Ridge Church Retreat 7pm until 11 am Sunday

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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- 5) Jesus' Birth: Incarnation
- 6) Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition
- 7) Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God
- 8) Jesus' Life: Model for Discipleship
- 9) Killing Jesus, Part One: Who Killed Jesus?
- 10) Killing Jesus, Part Two: The Atonement
- 11) The Resurrection of Christ
- 12) Why Jesus Is Worth Saving.

Join us **Sundays at 9:30 am** for this spiritual growth series in the Chapel. If you cannot attend all 12 sessions, come when you can! Each topic is self-contained. Rick Hasler will facilitate this lively exploration and discussion. See opposite side for the great religious thinkers of our day who are contributors to this series. Good coffee and food as well!

September 14—November 30

We feel this is such a potent program, we hope to offer in on a weekday evening as well. Contact the office if you have interest in a 2nd offering.

Series Contributors

Marcus Borg - Jesus scholar, author of *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, and The Heart of Christianity*.

Rita Nakashima Brock - Director of Faith Voices for the Common Good, co-author of *Proverbs of Ashes*.

John Dominic Crossan - Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at De Paul University, premier historical Jesus scholar. Author of *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography, Who Killed Jesus? and The Birth of Christianity*. A Roman Catholic monk for nineteen years and a priest for twelve years, Crossan is a former co-chair of the Jesus Seminar and chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature.

James Forbes - Senior Pastor of Riverside Church in NYC, the first African American to serve as Senior Minister of one of the largest multicultural congregations in the nation.

Matthew Fox - Episcopal priest, author of *Original Blessing, Creation Spirituality, and The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*.

Amy-Jill Levine - Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

Rebecca Ann Parker - Seminary President, Professor of Theology of Starr King School, *co-author of Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering, and the Search for What Saves Us* and author of a book of collected essays *Blessing the World: What Can Save Us Now*.

Helen Prejean - Roman Catholic Sister and leading American advocate for the abolition of the death penalty. Author of *Dead Man Walking*

Bernard Brandon Scott - Professor of New Testament at the Phillips Theological Seminary, University of Tulsa, OK, charter member of the Jesus Seminar, author of *Re-Imagine the World and Hear Then the Parable*.

...with further contributions by Jon Cobb, **Walter Brueggemann**, **Lloyd Geering**, **Hans Küng**, Tex Sample, Luther Smith, Pat Mc Mahon, Stephen Patterson, John Shelby Spong, Jim & Jean Strathdee, and Emilie Townes

