



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

September 7, 2008
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Prelude God's Time is the Best (Sinfonia to Cantata No. 106)
 Composer: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord
 Christopher Tye

*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise God's holy name;
From early morn to setting sun God's might on earth proclaim!*

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 559 We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Mighty and merciful God, you call us to be your people and claim us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have claimed us in our baptism and fed us in communion, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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*

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Exodus 12:1-14 (Old Testament, page 58)

ANTHEM Christ is the World's True Light
Stanley Vann

*Christ is the world's true light, its Captain of salvation, the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;
New life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway; freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.*

*In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete from sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.*

*One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign!*

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14 (New Testament, page 162)

SERMON Living on the Edge

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 304 Jesus Loves Me

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

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Music: Mikail M. Ippolitof-Ivanof; text adapted: N. Lindsay Norden

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits:

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness.

He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He His wrath forever.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

This morning we celebrate communion by intinction. Please come forward by rows, starting from the front of the Sanctuary. When you come forward, break off a piece of bread from the common loaf, dip it in the common cup, and eat. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please signal an usher by raising your hand; ushers will be in the front corners of the Sanctuary when communion begins.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT Unison

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Go with Us, Lord (*music can be found at Hymn 535*)
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

POSTLUDE Marche Triomphal
Composer: Jacques Lemmens (1812-1891)

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 – Spirit Sorensen

Peace Prayer – Luise Hoffman

Preacher – 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

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Spiritual Growth classes for adults and children start next Sunday the 14th at 9:30 am. See the bulletin insert for more details. All members—and especially families with children—are invited to gather in the Dining Room at 8:45 am on the 14th for a special breakfast during which we will learn more about Trinity's approach to spiritual formation for children this year.

September 7, 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. 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.

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.

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.

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 next Sunday for adults and children at 9:30 am. See the bulletin insert 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!

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.

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 and 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.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Lynn Reid's grandfather in Iowa who is in poor health.
- For Margy Brown's father, Dick, who is in the hospital with pneumonia in Pennsylvania.
- For former members Bill and Joyce Brackman, as Bill recovers from brain surgery in California.
- For Don Twellman, who is recovering from a pacemaker implant.
- For 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.
- For Christy Schindler's mother Marty Hird who is recovering from depression 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.
- 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.
- 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 8

7:00 pm

Interfaith Exploration, Chapel

Tuesday, September 9

11:30 am

Presbyterian Women Salad Lunch, Dining Room

7:00 pm

Deacons, Brainstorms

Wednesday, September 10

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Trinity Food Pantry

6:30 pm

Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 11

7:15 pm

Trinity Choir rehearsal, Choir room

Friday, September 12

Office closed

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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