



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

September 21, 2008
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE

Aria and Variations
Composer: Paul French (b. 1959)

The prelude is a time of centering – a transition from “getting here” to “being here”. You are invited to take the time to quiet your spirit. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of God in the community.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Prayer of St. Francis
Composer: Alan Viner

*Lord, makes us instruments of your peace; where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *From Psalm 87*

Leader: On the holy mount stands the city God founded;
People: the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
Leader: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.
People: Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Tune: Austrian Hymn*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

All Powerful God, you shower us with blessings every—the blessing of food and shelter, the blessing of family and friends, the blessing of hope and faith. And yet, O God, we frequently live as if your blessings were conditional and your blessings were not sure. We fill our hearts and minds with anxiety and worry. We push ourselves to exhaustion in order to feel secure. But real security comes from you, Lord. With holy manna you feed us in the wilderness; in Jesus' touch you heal us; in his resurrection you give us life eternal. Forgive our lack of trust, O God. And fill us with all hope and faith that we may know that our lives are secure in you. This we pray in Jesus' name.

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

PSALM 128

Beati Omnes

Music: James McCray

*Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, and blessed those who walk in God's ways.
You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands: You shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine that grows on the walls of your house;
Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
Thus will those be blessed who fear the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!*

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-15 (Old Testament, page 62)

SERMON Blessings that Rain Down

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 554 Let All Things Now Living *Tune: Ash Grove*

Those who have been standing may sit.

COMMISSIONING OF THE PEACE PRAYER TEAM

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 SERVICE – Advent Bags

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

Beautiful Savior

Music: Chester L. Alwes;

Words: Münster Gesangbuch, trans. Church Carols & Choir Studies 1850

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of creation, Son of God and Son of man.

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows. Fairer still the woodlands, robed in the flowers of blooming spring.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful savior, Ruler of the nations! Son of God and Son of man.

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE *Unison* *Tune: Old 100th*

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 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Tune: Cwm Rhondda

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go with Us, Lord* *(For music see 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

Song of Joy

Composer: Robert J. Hughes

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 – Quinn Evans, Brian Muegge, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – Jan Schulte-Glad

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

September 21, 2008
Spiritual Growth – 9:30 a.m.
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 this evening. 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!

ADULT EDUCATION

Our Adult Education series, “Saving Jesus,” continues this morning at 9:30 am in the Chapel. This 12-session DVD and discussion of Jesus through the ages will explore our traditional beliefs about Jesus and move on to challenge or affirm us with some new ideas. The program contains contributions from the great religious thinkers of our time and will be moderated by Rick Hasler and Larry Pontious. If you cannot attend all 12 sessions, please come when you can, as each session is self-contained. Upcoming topics:

- *Today: Jesus Through the Ages*
- *Sept. 28: Who Was Jesus*
- *Oct. 5: What Can We Know About Jesus (and How)?*
- *Oct. 12: The World into Which Jesus was Born*
- *Oct. 19: Jesus’ Birth: Incarnation*
- *Oct. 26: Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition*

Stay tuned for the rest of the series...



TODAY AT TRINITY

YOU'RE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE WILD WITH WORDS, a new small group meeting at Trinity. In our time together we are prompted in interaction with readings, biblical texts, pictures, words or objects to look deeply into who we are as we affirm the sacred in all our lives. Wild With Words will meet this afternoon from 3:30 – 5pm in Weems Chapel. The next meetings will be Oct. 5 and Oct. 19. Join us as we learn the quiet gifts of words that we each carry within. Call Rev. Julie March for more information (725-3840).

A NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held tonight at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Dessert will be served. Please let Dan know if you plan to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM: We have a number of ways in which we can minimize our footprint in the world at Trinity--recycling, energy changes (light bulbs, heating/cooling), eco-palms, paper consumption, etc. Especially now that we have our report of recommendations from our recent energy audit, the time is ripe to develop this Team idea further (a handful of members have been discussing this since the mission fair last fall). If you are interested, please let Liz know in the office.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY PLANS: Please join us on Sunday, October 5th as we gather with our brothers and sisters around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. At Trinity we will lift up members who have lived in or have had a particular involvement with another country and hear some of their experiences on their faith journey. We will commune with breads of many countries as we observe this special day with Christians world wide.

BREAK THE BREAD OF NEW CREATION; PEACEMAKING ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: *“Then they told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you’.”*

Each year members of Trinity Presbyterian Church join other churches in The Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) to bring peace to God’s children in God’s world. We declare that peacemaking is the believer’s calling, that all our joint ministries should proclaim peacemaking and that Presbyterians will work for peace in their own lives, their families, their community and the world. We also join with the entire Presbyterian family and the Peacemaking Program to provide financial means to bring peace on earth. **The Peacemaking Offering will be taken on Sunday, October 5**, the day of Worldwide Communion, as we celebrate with brothers and sisters around the world the many great gifts given to us by God. These next three weeks you will find in your worship bulletin examples of ministries in the world made possible by our joint Peacemaking efforts and dollars.

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 rehearse 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!

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 days, Saturdays, Oct. 4, 11, and 25th. Meet Pat Gibbons in the Narthex today for the specific activities of each day or contact him 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.

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 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 Vickie Jeter and her family at the death of her father Bill Carroll in Ellijay, GA on September 11, 2008.
- For Chastity Brown, 31-year-old daughter of Diane O'Brien's friend Lerneice, who died on Sept. 6.
- For the family of Sheila Griffin, Jasman Lutz's aunt, who recently died.
- 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 Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a bone marrow disorder.
- For Barbara Isaac, daughter of Janet Guenther, and her family as Barbara moves into a nursing home to care for her Alzheimer's Disease.
- For Karon Bilbrey's niece, Lisa Becker who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Karen Mayberry, recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.
- For Joy Pipes, in Barnes rehab after a mild stroke.
- For former members Bill and Joyce Brackman, as Bill begins treatment for brain cancer in California.
- 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 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 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 Mimi Jeske, Tom Wilhite's significant other, undergoing chemotherapy for abdominal cancer.
- For Rhonda Dunbar's aunt Patricia who is dealing with multiple cancers.
- 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.

- 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:

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, September 22

1:00 pm

Genesis House Bible study, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, September 23

11:00 am

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Wednesday, September 24

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Trinity Food Pantry

6:30 pm

Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

7:15 pm

Trinity Choir rehearsal, Choir room

Friday, September 26

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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