



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE The Hunt's Up
Composer: William Byrd (1542-1623)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Come, All You People!
Music and Words: Victoria Carmichael

*Come, all you people, praise the Lord!
Worship our God with shouts of joy,
With songs of praise!*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Leader: God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. God determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.

People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; God's understanding is beyond measure.

HYMN 255 Now Praise the Lord (verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you pour your Spirit upon us your gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. But we confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful servants, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*



God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God is good to me.
God cares for you, God cares for me, God cares for us, God is good to all.

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 Mark 1:29-39 (New Testament, page 35)

ANTHEM I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
Music: Cary Ratcliff; Words: Joseph Hart

*I will arise, and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior; Oh, there are ten thousand charms.
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus, son of God, will save you, full of pity, love and power.
Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.
Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If ye tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.*

SERMON Context Is Everything

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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."

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER – Juli Shields

QUESTIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF WELCOME



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

Almighty Maker God
Traditional, arr. Alice Parker

*Almighty Maker, God, how glorious is thy name!
Thy wonders, how diffused abroad throughout creation's frame!
In native white and red the rose and lily stand;
And free from pride their beauties spread to show thy skillful hand.
The lark mounts up the sky with unambitious song;
And bears her Maker's praise on high upon her artless tongue.
Fain would I rise and sing to my Creator too;
Fain would my heart adore my King and give him praises due.
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 430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen, Amen



POSTLUDE

Galliard

Composer: William Byrd (1542-1623)

You are invited to stay in your seats for the Postlude and then go immediately to the Dining Room for the Annual Congregational Meeting. When you get to the Dining Room, take a seat at a table. Refreshments are on each table.

The first period of Ordinary Time begins following Epiphany and continues until Lent. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, the color of life and growth.

Flowers – The flowers on the communion table are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Great Grandmother's (GG's) 98th birthday, by John and Katie Howard.

Liturgist – Anna Moffat Gardner-Andrews

Peace Prayer – Anna Moffat Gardner-Andrews

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Harpsichordist – Charles Metz

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MEET OUR NEW MEMBER: I am delighted to have the opportunity to introduce and welcome Juli and Leah Shields to Trinity. I first met Juli downstairs in the thicket when my sons Evan and Daniel greeted her daughter enthusiastically as one of their grade-mates from Glenridge Elementary. I started seeing Juli more frequently at Glenridge events and could tell that she and Leah would be a wonderful addition to the Trinity community. We discovered multiple connections past our children's school, including Juli and Rick being true “Hoosiers” and a passionate agreement in the recent political events of our nation.

Juli grew up in Martinsville, Indiana and attended the local First United Methodist Church until high school, when she joined First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville. She attended this church through college and thereafter off and on. In the mid-1990s, Juli eventually joined Northminster Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. She soon became an elder and sang in the choir. Juli adopted Leah from Hunan, China in August 2002 when Leah was 10 months old. Leah was baptized at Northminster in October 2002. In 2002, Juli and Leah moved from Indianapolis to Greenwood, an Indianapolis suburb. They attended Prince of Peace United Church of Christ until they moved to St. Louis.

Juli and Leah moved to St. Louis from Indianapolis in June 2006 for Juli to take a new job as Associate General Counsel of Ascension Health, where Juli stills works. Leah is in first grade at Glenridge Elementary School in Clayton. Juli and Leah visited a few churches in the area after moving to St. Louis; they love the warmth and inclusiveness of Trinity and have decided it will make a wonderful church home for them. Juli loves to watch sports, quilts and reads (and does a number of kids' activities, of course). Leah takes jazz and ballet lessons and loves play dates. They told me that they are excited and honored to be members of Trinity!

—Cathy Hasler



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News and Notes for February 8, 2009



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, membership inquiry classes are held quarterly. Please speak with the pastors if you are interested. Information about our schedule can be found in the welcome brochure in the pews. We welcome children in worship, with childcare provided downstairs for children pre-school and younger. Spiritual growth classes for kids are held at 9:30 am.

ADULT EDUCATION

MODERN EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH: at 9:30 in the Chapel, with Rick Hasler. Today: **The God Gallery: What does faith look like, sound like and read like?** Come explore, contemplate and discuss.

NEXT WEEK through 3/8/2009: **Ten Commandments.** Prof. John Bracke, Eden Theological Seminary.

TODAY AT TRINITY

OUR ANNUAL MEETING will be held after worship in the Dining Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the monthly Trinity News or our website (www.trinityucity.org) for more details on these items

TRINITY MEMBERS HAVE AN INCREDIBLE MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY to attend, for FREE, two recitals this Friday, 2/13 in our sanctuary. Dr. Calvert Johnson, internationally renowned organist, will perform organ music of Nigerian organist and composer Fela Sewande at 7:30 pm. And internationally renowned violinist, Rachel Barton Pine, will play music from composers of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries from Cuba, England, the U.S., and Africa. This is part of the *Festival of African and African-American Composers* being held in St. Louis and is possible because of our ongoing connection with the St. Louis African Chorus. Collect your "free pass" in the Narthex.

SIGN THE PEW PADS TO: 1) tell us your latest email address if it has changed in the past year (so you can receive all-church mailings), and 2) indicate by writing "TN" below the address if you would like to receive the newsletter via email attachment (if you are not already receiving it this way). This will help us save paper and postage as we work to trim our budget deficit.

HELP WITH THE GOD'S CHILD PROJECT TO GUATEMALA: Needed: a few sturdy "one-way suitcases" (to stay in Guatemala), school supplies, tooth brushes, toothpaste, medicines, vitamins and first aid items, cash donations for lumber, mattresses, sheets, blankets and pillows, food staples and chairs. Collecting in the dining room until February 22nd; tax letters for your contribution are available. Talk to the Wagoners.

WINGER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP: 1) a shopper for July/August/September who has a large vehicle; 2) a person on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (1-4pm) to lift bags up 3 stairs for clients (at least until Birty is back); and 3) a bagger for December 2009. Please contact Stacey Carman.

VICKI'S SIGHT-SINGING CLASS has resumed at 6:15 p.m. on Thursdays. No previous music-reading skills are required.

TRY T'AI CHI AT TRINITY in a 1-time FREE class on Tuesday, Feb. 10th in the Chapel. 12:30-2:30. Call the office.

SMALL GROUP DINNERS ARE BEING PLANNED for Friday - Sunday, Feb. 20-22—a chance for fellowship and a brief and informal discussion of our discerning process, led by an elder. Some of the houses will have child-friendly gatherings and others will be more adult-focused. Sign up in the Narthex.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For the birth of Matilda Eunhae (Grace) Kim, to Susan Lim and Sukkoo Kim, born on February 2

- For the niece of Rev. Nancy Wagner (Meredith Adler) who is diabetic and pregnant with twins.
- For the healing of Mimi Jeske, Tom Wilhite's significant other, who has completed chemotherapy.

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For **Dawn Fleishman**, Trinity's Minister of Spiritual Growth, as she pursues pastoral studies at Eden Seminary. For **Rhonda Dunbar** as she studies at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA. For **Diane O'Brien** as she pursues theological studies at Eden Seminary.

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Rev. Julie March, her family, and the entire Trinity community at the death of her husband, Rev. Curt March, on January 11.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Susan Lim as she recovers from the birth of her new daughter Matilda Eunhae and as she is being treated for breast cancer.
- For Karen Mayberry, recovering from double knee replacement surgery on February 2.
- For Lance Leloup, step-dad of Jenn Clodi and Becca Courtney, in a hospital in Spokane, WA awaiting test results to confirm possible cancer of the lungs and the brain.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who has just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- For Debbie Fowler, Julie March's cousin, and her husband, Bob, who has cancer and is scheduled for a stem cell transplant soon.
- For Lydia Eckwald, Vicki Carmichael's grandma, currently bed-ridden due to loss of muscle strength.
- For Neil, husband of Sandy Norkaitis, recovering from gall bladder surgery on January 20.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who has been diagnosed with liver disease.
- For Susan Harris and her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor and await further testing.
- For Birty Hodgson, Building & Grounds Caretaker, recovering from a broken shoulder and arm and back to work part time.
- For Fran Kruger, former Trinity member, who had colon surgery December 9 in Seattle.
- For Walt Phillips, close friend of the Hotalings, diagnosed with colon cancer and undergoing treatment at Barnes.
- For Carol Rustemeyer recovering from surgery on her hand to repair a ruptured tendon.
- For Lana Edwards, friend of Cathy Smith, experiencing heart trouble.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis.
- For Barbara Isaac, daughter of Janet Guenther, and her family as Barbara is now in a nursing home to care for her Alzheimer's.
- For Karon Bilbrey's niece, Lisa Becker who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For former members Bill and Joyce Brackman, as Bill receives care for brain cancer in California.
- 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 and good friend of Trinity Presbyterian Church, undergoing treatment for lymphoma.
- Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems and 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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, February 9

1:00 pm Genesis House Bible Study, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, February 10

11:00 am Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

12:30- 2:30 pm FREE intro T'ai Chi class, Chapel

Wednesday, February 11

1-4:00 pm Food Pantry

6:30 pm Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, February 12

6:15 pm Sight Singing Class, Choir Room

7:00 pm Equipping Ministry Team meeting, Chapel

7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal

Friday, February 13

7:30 pm Organ and Violin recitals, Sanctuary, free for Trinity members (with "ticket" received in the Narthex)