



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

March 15, 2009
Third Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE A Lenten Prelude for Flute and Organ
Composer: Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT What Does the Lord Require
Words: Albert F. Bayly; Music: Erik Routley

*What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.*

*How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace and fortify.
Than justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 119

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

People: Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.

Leader: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

People: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

HYMN 167 God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of life,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings...

(the people will keep silence)

*In the community of Christ's church and in the presence of all God's people,
I confess to God that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed.*

I have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as I should.

I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

People: May God forgive you, Christ befriend you, and the Spirit renew and change your life.

Leader: *Amen.*

People: In the community of Christ's church and in the presence of all God's people,
We confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should.
We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

Leader: *May God forgive you, Christ befriend you, and the Spirit renew and change your life.*

People: *Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: *Turn again, O Lord, and give us life*

People: That your people may rejoice in you.

Leader: *Create in me a clean heart, O God,*

People: And renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: *Give us again the joy of your help*

People: with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON First song of Isaiah (Jack Noble White)



Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure__ de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

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 I Corinthians 1:18-25 (New Testament, page 166)

ANTHEM God, Creator and Lawgiver
Music: Melody, ca. 14th century, harm. G.H. Palmer; Words: Fred Pratt Green

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19 (Old Testament, page 498)

SERMON Law vs. Legalism

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 248 You Are Before Me, Lord

Those who have been standing may sit.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – From A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image

male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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

Jesus, my truth, my way
Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Malcolm Archer

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 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Lead Me, Lord (*S.S. Wesley*)



1
Lead me, Lord, Lead me in thy right-cous-ness, make thy way plain be-

2

7
fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, — Lord, — on - ly that

13
mak - est me dwell in safe - - - ty.

POSTLUDE

Martyrdom (Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed)

Composer: Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)

The season of Lent is the forty-day period that leads to Easter. During Lent, we remember Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness. We also call to mind our own need for God's forgiveness and renewal. The liturgical color of Lent is purple, the traditional color of sorrow.

Flowers – The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Clarence Lovejoy to the Glory of God and for Gloria.

Liturgist – Julia Hotaling, Rob Peglar, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – David Nelson

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir – Trinity Choir

Flute – Sarah Hotaling

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News and Notes for March 15, 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, we encourage you to speak with the pastors. 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 if wanted. Spiritual growth classes for children are held at 9:30 am.

ADULT EDUCATION

LIFE TRANSITIONS: Sundays, March 15 – April 5—Dale Kuhn, Care & Counseling. This class looks at life changes that are forced, that are developmental and that are chosen. The class will examine issues of grief, growth, anxiety, energy and the role of faith in the process of transition. Class will be held at 9:30 am in the Chapel.

TODAY AT TRINITY

A JOINT ENDOWMENT AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS meeting will be held in the chapel after worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A LUNCH & DISCERNING ON MARCH 29TH: *Your bulletin insert asks 3 discerning questions* to pray on as we move forward together as a church. We will gather for lunch and conversation about these questions on Sunday, March 29th after worship. Stay tuned for lunch details, but mark your calendars now for this important time of fellowship and conversation. If you are unable to attend, you can write your thoughts on your insert during this month and place them in the basket in the Narthex or email the church.

RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF PLANS: Save your Stuff for our rummage sale on Saturday, April 18th, with **proceeds going towards covering soloist/section leader costs** so we can keep them past May. Start saving hangers and setting aside items to donate as you do your own spring cleaning or downsizing (bring items starting **Sunday March 29th**). Contact Cheryl Evans or Liz if you want to help—we'll need many hands to make this work! Sign up in the Narthex.

WE NEED YOU! TRINITY'S NEXT WORK DAY will be Saturday, March 21 from 9-noon. Come for any or all to help with cleaning and organizing. Great opportunity for kids who need service hours! Food and fellowship and action together.

TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS...order forms are in your pew pads.

"HEALING FROM DEADLY CONFLICT: RECONCILIATION IN RWANDA & BURUNDI." Quakers from our Interfaith Partnership connection invite us to a dialogue Thursday, March 19th from 7-8:30pm, led by coordinators of the African Great Lakes Initiative, a Quaker organization supporting grassroots peacemaking activities in Burundi, DR Congo, Kenya, Rwanda & Uganda. Quaker Meetinghouse, 1001 Park Ave, 63104. RSVP: 623-6550 (Blair Forlaw). A handout with more information is in the Narthex.

A PLACE APART—Dawn Fleishman has prepared a beautiful Lenten Spirituality Center in the basement. It will be open on Thursdays until April 2nd from 7-8:30 pm. Families can learn about the stations at 6:45pm each week. It will also be open before and after worship on Sundays. Come for a time of quiet and contemplation.

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER. WE WILL HOLD A HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The spiritual practices of lighting prayer candles and laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be offered. Members, neighbors and friends: all who seek a quiet, meditative time of healing and peace.

DAN ANDERSON-LITTLE will be out of the office the week of March 16th and will return Monday the 23rd.

SHOP AT SCHNUCKS AND MAKE \$\$ FOR TRINITY. It's that simple. Active a Schnucks Escrip card (in the Narthex), have it swiped each time you shop, and money is donated to Trinity. You need those groceries anyway...

MEALS ON WHEELS—Want to be equipped to help the elderly in U City? Julie March can connect you with this opportunity.

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 our mission trip members working for the God's Child program in Guatemala this week.

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

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

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For the family of Bill Brackman, a former member of Trinity who died on Feb. 22 in California.

Prayers for New Beginnings:

- For Kurt and Julie Buchholz as Kurt looks for a new job after being laid off.
- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.

Prayers for Healing:

- For former Trinity pastor Don Weems, diagnosed with prostate cancer and undergoing more testing to determine severity.
- For the husband of Liz's friend, Jane Griffiths (Marc), just diagnosed with abdominal cancer. They have 4 young kids and live in Washington.
- For Patti Twellman, recovering from arterial by-pass surgery on her leg on March 10.
- For 4 yr old Ryton Miller, grandson of a friend of Genny Richmond's, just diagnosed with 2 types of Leukemia.
- For Elaine Pontious' friend, Jane Hill, battling cancer and leg amputation.
- For Stacy Shupe's Uncle, Fred Gould, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal cancer that has spread to his liver.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- For Traci O'Bryan's father, Eddie Ferrell, who is recovering from heart surgery.
- For Susan Lim as she receives treatment for breast cancer.
- For Karen Mayberry, making progress at home on her recovery from double knee replacement surgery on February 2.
- For Lance Leloup, step-dad of Jenn Clodi & Becca Courtney, in Pullman, WA being treated for cancer of lungs & brain.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who has 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, in hospice care.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who has been diagnosed with liver disease.
- For Susan Harris & her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor and awaiting further testing.
- 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, suffering with Alzheimer's Disease.
- For Karon Bilbrey's niece, Lisa Becker who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- 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.
- Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems.
- The Pontious family 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

Tuesday, March 17

11:00 am

Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Wednesday, March 18

1-4:00 pm

Food Pantry

6:45 pm

Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, March 19

6:15 pm

Sight Singing Class, Choir Room

6:30 pm

Healing & Wholeness service, Sanctuary

7-8:30 pm

Spirituality Center open, God's Creation area

7:15 pm

Trinity Choir rehearsal

Saturday, March 21

9am-Noon

Trinity Building WORK DAY