



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Second Sunday of Easter

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**PRELUDE**

My Lord, What a Morning!

*Composer: African American Spiritual, arr. By James Pethel*

**GREETING**

**INTROIT**

Even Me

*Words and Music: Traditional, arr. by Doris Jones Wilson*

*Lord I hear of showers of blessings  
Thou art scattering full and free  
Showers the thirsty souls refreshing  
Let some drops now fall on me.  
Even me, Lord, even me.  
Even me, yes, even me.  
Let some drops now fall on me.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 96

*Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.*

*People: Sing to the LORD, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.*

*Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.*

*People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God is to be revered above all gods.*

*Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

*People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; bring an offering, and come into God's courts.*

**HYMN 118**

The Day of Resurrection

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Leader: God who weaves extraordinary patterns into our ordinary lives;*

*People: Forgive us for complacency.*

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*People: Forgive us for taking you and yours for granted.*

*Leader: God who weaves extraordinary patterns into our ordinary lives;*

*People: Forgive us for failing to accept either the cost or the joy of discipleship.*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

*Leader: Hallelujah! Christ has risen!*

*People: Christ has risen, Indeed!*

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### SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is ris - en from the dead and He is  
Lord! Ev-ry knee shall bow, ev-ry tongue con-fess That Je - sus Christ is Lord.

The musical score is written for unison in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs.

### 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** Deuteronomy 14:22-26 (Old Testament, page 171)

**ANTHEM** He Never Failed Me Yet  
*Music and Words: Robert Ray*

*(Refrain) I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power.*

*I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.*

*He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test.*

*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.*

*I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.*

*I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.*

*One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.*

*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. (Refrain)*

*Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?*

*And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?*

*When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.*

*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. (Refrain)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 20:19-31 (New Testament, page 115)

**SERMON & TESTIMONY****Radical Implications of Easter: Going All In  
Stewardship 101: Tithing**

*This morning's sermon is part of two different series. The first series is the Radical Implications of Easter. Over the next six weeks we will explore the ways that we are invited to live out the life-changing and world-changing message of Easter. This is also the first Sunday sponsored by the newly formed Stewardship Team. Every couple of months, the Stewardship Team will help us focus on what our Book of Order calls "the privilege of responsible Christian stewardship of money and time and talents." This morning Team member Larry Pontious will share in the sermon by giving his testimony.*

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 391 Take My Life**

*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**

sung by the Citywide University Gospel Ministries

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**SONG OF PRAISE UNISON**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him<sup>†</sup> all creatures here below!

Praise Him<sup>†</sup> above ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!<sup>‡</sup>

<sup>†</sup>You may substitute the word "God"

<sup>‡</sup>You may substitute the words "Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!"

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****HYMN 117**

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – given by Elder Stacy Shupe****BLESSING THE SAINTS – Jean & George Sallwasser on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

*Please join Jean and George in the front of the Sanctuary immediately following worship to share in their celebration with some refreshments.*

## WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

Easter Hymn

*Composer: Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)*

Easter is a seven-week season beginning on Easter Sunday, a Sunday also called the Resurrection of the Lord. During the Easter season, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead and God's victory over sin and death. The liturgical color of Easter is white, the traditional color of purity and joy.

**Liturgist** –The Rev. Julie March

**Peace Prayer** – Dave Nelson

**Preachers** – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little & Larry Pontious. Larry is a member of the newly formed Stewardship Team.

**Organist** – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

**Choir** – Citywide University Gospel Ministries and members of the Trinity Gospel Choir, directed by Christopher Taylor

**Musical Acknowledgements** – “He Never Failed Me Yet”, *words and music by Robert Ray, ©1982 Hal Leonard Corporation. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-707661.*

## DISCERNING

*At Trinity, we have entered a time of discerning God's will for our future together. During this time, we encourage members and friends of Trinity to pray, discuss, and listen carefully to the still small voice that speaks in so many ways. Some Christians have a natural gift for praying—prayer comes easily and naturally. But for many of us, prayer is struggle. Each month we will offer some guidance on different ways to pray.*

### *Lectio Divina:*

Lectio Divina is the ancient practice of “holy reading.” Lectio Divina is a way of hearing God through the reading and praying of scripture. Lectio Divina usually begins with a short passage (you can use the one above if you like). You will read the passage three times. The first time read the whole passage through (you can do this silently or aloud) so you hear the whole passage. Pause. The second time you read the passage, listen for the word or phrase that “shimmers” or calls you to pay attention to it. Pause. Read the passage a third time paying close attention to the passage that “shimmered.” When you are done with your third reading, pray or breath the word or phrase that presented itself to you. Allow that word or phrase to speak to you, to guide your thinking or your meditation. After a time of prayer, thank God for God's word to you.

Join us at our next potluck lunch and conversation after worship on April 26th. We will discuss the April discerning questions listed in the bulletin insert.



# Trinity Presbyterian Church



News and Notes for April 19, 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

April 19 - May 10: **Being Christian in a Pluralistic World**; Damayanthi Niles, Eden Theological Seminary. How do we begin taking plurality seriously in our theological discussion? What might such an approach look like? And where might it lead us? This class will study why it is essential to take pluralism seriously in order to understand the heart of the Christian faith. We will explore the ways we can take plurality seriously in our theological discussion by revisiting several Christian key concepts through the lens of pluralism and discover how it can help enrich our faith.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*See the monthly Trinity News or our website ([www.trinityucity.org](http://www.trinityucity.org)) for more details on these items*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH & DISCERNING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>:** We will gather for our second potluck lunch and conversation about the April discerning questions listed below after worship. **For lunch, Last names A-G: please bring dessert or bread., Last names H-P: a salad or side to share, Last names Q-Z: main dish.** No need to RSVP, but if you have questions or can help set up and/or clean up, please contact Elders Dave Nelson or Sharon Christopher: 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.

**APRIL DISCERNING QUESTIONS:** In preparation for our next discerning lunch conversation, please read this verse and pray about the following questions: Isaiah 49:5-6--*And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”*

1. This passage recalls that God is the source of our strength and identity. In what ways have you seen God’s faithfulness in the life of Trinity?
2. This passage is surprising because it doesn’t imagine a future that is a restoration of the past; rather it imagines a future that is more profound than what has already happened. What greater ministry, what greater witness do you hear God calling Trinity to at this time?

**MONTHLY INTERFAITH DIALOGUE GROUPS** sponsored by Interfaith Partnership are held in west county, Ladue, Kirkwood and the Central West End. More information will be in your May Trinity News.

**NEW WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS SATURDAY, MAY 9** – Trinity’s new worship service called **The Commons@The Loop** will hold its inaugural service on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. This service is designed to connect with folks who embrace Trinity’s values of justice, diversity and hospitality, who do not connect with our Sunday morning worship service. This will be a multi-media service, with a wide variety of music. The style is informal. Trinity members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to invite their friends who do not currently have a church home to check it out.

**TRINITY T-SHIRTS** are in. If you didn’t pick yours up for the rummage sale, please talk with Liz about pick up. Each shirt is \$9.

## 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 Rev. Nancy & John Wagner at the birth of their 7th grandchild Ty Matthew Wagner, born on March 30

#### Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For Dawn Fleishman, 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 Janet Guenther at the death of her daughter, Barbara Isaac, from Alzheimer's on March 28th in St. Louis. Barbara had a husband, Norman, and 2 teenage children.

### 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 Robert Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, recovering at Barnes after having a stroke April 14.
- For Rev. Paul Reiter, Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy (Trinity's presbytery) who is being treated for endocarditis.
- For Linda Anderson-Little who is recovering from arthroscopic surgery to release her frozen shoulder.
- For Tommy Norman, Jasman Lutz's father, who was injured when his motorcycle was struck by a car. His friend Keith McBride was also struck and was killed. Please keep the Norman, Lutz and McBride families in your prayers.
- For Michelle Tims, from First & Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO, being treated for leukemia at Children's Hospital, St. Louis.
- For Suzanne Trahan, friend of Traci O'Bryan, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and begins treatment this week; and for Suzanne's father John Foushee who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- For Meredith Adler, niece of Rev. Nancy Wagner in Indianapolis, who is diabetic and pregnant. She is in the hospital for the next few weeks waiting for delivery.
- For Dick Berg, a former member of Trinity, who has suffered a massive stroke in North Carolina and is in intensive care, partially paralyzed.
- For Bob Fowler (Julie March's first cousin) resting at home after a stem cell transplant for cancer.
- For Joyce Gerren, next-door neighbor to the Anderson-Littles who has been diagnosed with terminal liver disease.
- For Trinity's Pastor Emeritus Don Weems, receiving treatment for prostate cancer.
- For Marc Griffiths, the husband of Liz Nelson's friend Jane Griffiths, just diagnosed with abdominal cancer. They have 4 young kids and live in Oregon.
- For 4 yr old Ryton Miller, grandson of a friend of Genny Richmond's, just diagnosed with 2 types of Leukemia.
- For Jane Hill, friend of Elaine Pontious, battling cancer and leg amputation.
- For Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, 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 Susan Lim as she receives treatment for breast cancer.
- For Karen Mayberry, making great progress on her recovery from double knee replacement surgery on February 2. Karen is at home.
- For Lance Leloup, step-dad of Jenn Clodi and Becca Courtney, in Pullman, WA being treated for cancer of the lungs and the brain.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- For Lydia Eckwald, Vicki Carmichael's grandma, in hospice care.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who is dealing 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 Lisa Becker, Karon Bilbrey's niece, who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, being treated for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.
- For Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems.
- For The Pontious family as they help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- For Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- For Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke in October 2006.

### Prayers for Homebound Members:

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

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Monday, April 20

7 pm Personnel Meeting, Rm. 206

### Tuesday, April 21

11 am Presbyterian Women, Chapel

### Wednesday, April 22

1-4 pm Food Pantry

6:45pm Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room

### Thursday, April 23

6:15 pm Site singing class, Choir room

7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal

### Saturday, April 24

2 pm Bill Brackman memorial service

5 pm The Commons@the Loop worship planning meeting, Chapel