



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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*This morning's worship service is designed and led by members of the God's Child Guatemala Mission Trip Team. The team spent a week in Guatemala at the beginning of March. In our service today they will share not only what they did and what they learned, but how their faith was shaped by their time in Guatemala.*

**PRELUDE** Sinfonia to Cantata No. 156  
*Composer: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

## GREETING

**INTROIT** With What Shall I Come Before the Lord?  
*Words: Micah 6:6-8; Music: Hubert Bird*

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
He has showed you, O man, what is good: and what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Dorothy McRae-McMahon in 'Liturgies for the Journey of Life' SPCK (with permission)

*Leader: We are the people of the feast of God*

*People: The feast which feeds the hungry, body, mind and soul.*

*The feast which pours the water of life into the thirsty depths of our being.*

*Leader: We are those who are offered life in all its fullness*

*People: Life to be shared in justice, freedom and peace.*

*Leader: In thanksgiving we gather*

*People: The feast is for all.*

**HYMN 439** In Christ There Is No East or West

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Merciful God, we come to You seeking forgiveness. We come to you confessing the things that we are ashamed of: making speeches about justice and inequality rather than acting upon our words; clinging to self-interest and small-mindedness, rather than to love, kindness and compassion. We come to you knowing that our lives are far more comfortable than others in the world, and still, we complain. But we also come knowing that You are full of forgiveness. We come to you confident that You will show us love, even when we forget to show love to others and to ourselves. We come assured that You will help us and guide us as we seek to be more like Jesus. Lord, take these confessions and turn them into a will within us to be more loving, more aware, more like You. For these things and more we pray, Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*Leader: Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." That year of favor is now and God's good news is for us: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

People: Hallelujah! Amen.

## SONG OF PRAISE UNISON



## 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 12:4-11 (New Testament, page 174)

**ANTHEM** See the Silent Ones Who Wait  
*Music: Cary Ratcliff; Words: Herbert F. Brokering*

*Lord of feasting and of hunger, give us eyes to see your bread  
In the miracle of wonder, till all tables will be fed.  
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.*

*Lord of seed and Lord of harvest, turn the desert into bloom;  
Purify the sky and forest, give your wisdom; send it soon.  
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.*

*Lord of storm and heat and danger, deep inside and high above,  
Break into all fear and anger, till you reign the earth in love.  
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.*

*Lord of taking and of giving, give us back our dignity;  
In our universal living break down all inequity.  
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 21:15-17

*Leader 1: When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,*

*Leader 2: Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?*

*Leader 1: He said to him,*

People: Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.

*Leader 2: Feed my lambs.*

*Leader 1: A second time he said to him,*

*Leader 2: Simon son of John, do you love me?*

People: Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.

*Leader 2: Tend my sheep.*



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.

Leader: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful . . . these you deserve, O God. For when we were nothing, you made us something. When we had no name and no faith and no future, you called us your children. When we had lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us. When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome. And look, you prepare a table for us, offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise. So now, in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the church on earth and in heaven.

## SANCTUS

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - dor - a! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to\_e-res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the \_\_ words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, we ask that as you feed us, you would feed those who have no food this day; as you heal us, you would heal those whose bodies are ailing, whose minds are confused, whose spirits are broken; as you bring us peace, you would make us the instruments of your peace; as you comfort us, you would comfort all who mourn and are despairing. So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us your body, healing, forgiving, and making us whole; and that we may be for you, your body, loving and caring in the world. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer will first be prayed in Spanish by one of the worship leaders. Then, the congregation is invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in English.

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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Gathered around a table, our Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, saying, "This is my body, it is broken for you." And later he took the cup and said, "This cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death. Take this—all of you—to remember me."

## THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD (from a Mujerista Liturgy)

Leader 1: The power of the seed from which the wheat grows.

Leader 2: The power of the earth nurtures the seed and makes it flourish

Leader 3: The power of the sun gives warmth and light to the wheat.

Leader 4: The power of the campesinas, campesinos, who care for the harvest of the wheat.

Leader 1: The power of the yeast that even if it is small in quantity makes all the dough to rise.

Leader 2: The power of the bread which sustains us and without which there is no life.

*Leader 3: The power of this community which in breaking this bread renews its commitment to the people who struggle for their liberation.*

*Leader 5: The gifts of God for the people of God; come and eat joyfully with the resolution and understanding that we will continue to struggle and that God will always sustain us as we sustain one another. Come and feast.*

### **SHARING THE BREAD AND 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.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** One Bread, One Body by John B. Foley, S.J.

*Leader: The feast in worship has come to an end...God's feast in the world is just beginning!*

**HYMN 436** We Are Your People

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** Pièce Héroïque  
*Composer: Cesar Franck (1822-1890)*

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.

**Liturgists** –The Rev. Julie March and Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

**Worship Presenters** – Members of the Guatemala God's Child Mission Team: Pat Courtney, Dayna Early, Bob Wagoner and Nancy Wagoner. Alice Philips and Shanthi Philips also participated in Mission Trip, but are out of town today.

**Presenters of the Communion Elements** – Alec and Lauren Carter-Early

**Organist** – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

**Choir Director** – Vicki Carmichael

**Choir** – Trinity Choir

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**Bonding and Bridging  
in small groups.**

**Starting Mid-to-End of May**

**A small group ministry supported by the  
Trinity Presbyterian Church Equipping Ministry Team**

*Find out more in "News & Notes"*



# Trinity Presbyterian Church



News and Notes for May 3, 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.

## TODAY AT TRINITY

A special guest will lead the writing group, Wild With Words, from 6:30-8pm in the Chapel. Member Susan Rava, will read selections from her recent a memoir manuscript, titled "Swimming Solo," as prompts for the group's writing. Attend and invite others to come with you!

## 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*

**TRINITY WILL PARTICIPATE IN SPONSORING AND BUILDING A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE** in 2009. We will be part of a group of six Presbyterian Churches named WCC - Presbyterian Churches. WCC stands for "We Construct Community." The churches are Bonhomme, Kirkwood, Ladue, St. Mark's, Trinity, and Webster Groves. May is the time for us to raise the funds we hope to contribute to sponsoring the house. We have committed to try to reach the level we reached last year: \$5,000 toward the project. **Please contribute by putting a check in the collection with "Habitat" written on the memo line, or sending a check so written to the office. Building will be between July and October.**

**TRINITY T-SHIRTS** are in. If you ordered one, Liz will be taking payment and passing them out in the Narthex. Each shirt is \$9. There are some extras available for purchase as well.

**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.

**"...YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT..."** (1 Cor. 6:19). The pilates class Stacey Carman attends will begin meeting in the chapel on Wednesdays, starting next week, from 11:30am to 12:25. They welcome new members: the cost is \$10 per person per week; the fee for the month is paid at the beginning of each month. If more people

join, the fee potentially will go down. Please contact Stacey with questions: [carmans@swbell.net](mailto:carmans@swbell.net). Trinity is still looking into hosting a t'ai chi class on a weekday as well.

**FAIR SHARES:** Trinity is a distribution point for Fair Shares, our local Combined Community Supported Agriculture organization. Fair Shares contracts with local food producers, such as farms, dairies, orchards and bakeries, and distributes a mixed assortment of fresh, local food to its members each week for a set fee. **Currently they have a few openings for the new season.** If you are interested in a full share or in splitting a share, you can sign up ( or learn more about Fair Shares) on its website: <http://www.fairshares.org>.

**THE FINAL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SHARED MEAL** of the spring is this Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring a salad to share for **DINNER** at 6pm in the Dining Room.

*You've been asking for more opportunities to connect with each other and grow in your faith. A small group ministry sponsored by the Equipping Ministry Team is ready to start! Groups (6-8 people) will meet for 12 weeks. Talk to the Equipping Team members about curriculum, leadership and other details.*

*Make your faith  
and your  
connections a  
priority*

**B&Bs**  
Bonding and Bridging  
in small groups.  
You are invited.

- Study, learn and pray together.
- Find the joy of meaningful service together.
- Increase your connection to church and community.
- Find meaningful fellowship and spiritual growth.

For more information, contact Julie March at 314-825-3550 or talk to Equipping Team members Dave Nelson, Lisa Bernhard, Rick Jeter or John Merker.

## 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 Meredith Adler, niece of Rev. Nancy Wagner, who gave birth to twins Ella Catherine and Luke Phillip on April 18.
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#### **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 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 Liz Nelson, currently dealing with pain as her Rheumatoid Arthritis medications continue to be adjusted.
- For Roberta McBride's neighbor, Lorraine McGhee, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- 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), 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 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, 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, 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, healing well from double knee replacement surgery on February 2.
- For Lance Leloup, step-dad of Jenn Clodi and Becca Courtney, in Pullman, WA being treated for cancer of the lungs and 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.
- 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 Texas, 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:**

- Helen Bauer                      Myrtle Beckmeyer                      Colleen Osborn                      Jim Pettus                      Evelyn Patterson
- Mabel Howell                      Juanita Bruns                      Eleanor Griffin                      Maxine Story
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**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Monday, May 4**

8:45 am      Facilities meeting, Library

**Tuesday, May 5**

6 pm      Presbyterian Women Salad Dinner, Dining Room

**Wednesday, May 6**

1-4 pm      Food Pantry  
6:45pm      Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room  
7 pm      Session Meeting, Chapel

**Thursday, May 7**

7:15 pm      Trinity Choir rehearsal

**Saturday, May 9**

5 pm      The Commons@the Loop worship service,  
Dining Room—invite a friend!

**Sunday, May 10**

9:30 am      Membership Inquiry class, Rm. 20