



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

May 10, 2009
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE My God and I – *Composer: Austris A. Wihtol (1889-?)*

GREETING

INTROIT Into My Heart
Words and Music: Harry D. Clarke

*Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 22

Leader: My praise comes in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear God.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise the LORD.

Leader: May your hearts live forever!

People: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.

HYMN 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn?

*People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.*

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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

ANTHEM

The Holy Vine – *Music: Dom Andrew Moore; Words: John 15:1-5*

*I am the holy vine, which God my Father tends;
each branch that yields no fruit my Father cuts away,
each fruitful branch He prunes with care
to make it yield abundant fruit.*

*If you abide in me, I will in you abide;
each branch to yield its fruit must with the vine be one.
So shall you fail to yield your fruit,
if you are not with me one vine.*

*I am the holy vine and you the branches are.
Those who abide in me, I will in them abide.
So shall you yield much fruit,
but none if you remain apart from me.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8 (New Testament, page 109)

SERMON

Radical Implications of Easter: Nothing Is Impossible

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 314 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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."

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION Joy Bernice Pipes

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Those who are able are invited to stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *UNISON*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Those who have been standing may sit.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Children are invited to come forward for the baptism.

THE BAPTISM

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER & PRESENTATION OF THE RAINBOW

SONG OF WELCOME

With joy _____ and thanks- giv- ing _____ we wel- come _____ you
in - to Christ's church to _____ share with us _____ in this
mi - ni - stry, _____ for we are all one in Christ!

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

Honor! Honor! – Traditional African-American Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

*King Jesus lit the candle by the waterside
To see the little children when they truly baptized.
Honor, honor unto the dyin' Lamb!*

*Oh, run along, children, and be baptized.
Mighty pretty meetin' by the waterside.
Honor, honor unto the dyin' Lamb!*

*I prayed all day, I prayed all night,
My head got sprinkled with the midnight dew.
Honor, honor unto the dyin' Lamb!*

*Oh, run along, children, and be baptized.
Mighty pretty meetin' by the waterside.
Honor, honor unto the dyin' Lamb!*

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 111 Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

Leader: Go into the world and bear the fruit of love. Find the places of lifelessness and bring renewal. Be the branches and create the community of life. Do it all through the power of Jesus.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE Improvisation on "For the Beauty of the Earth" – *Composer: Bill Wade (b. 1953)*

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.

Flowers – The flowers on the Communion Table this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Joy's baptism by her daughter. Here is a note from Carolyn: *"Mom--You have given me so much love, encouragement, and spiritual nurturing throughout my life. God and I hold you in our hearts at this spiritual milestone in yours. Happy Mother's Day! Love, your daughter, Carolyn, and all the Hurwitzes."*

Liturgist – Roberta McBride

Peace Prayer – Anna Moffatt Gardner-Andrews

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director, Soloist – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Piano – Karen Coletti

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Notes on today's Prelude: "My God and I" was written by the Latvian immigrant Austris A. Wihtol. Mr. Wihtol was born in 1889 in Riga, then a part of Russia, later a part of Latvia. He studied music in his childhood, and followed that art professionally all his life. He has wrote many musical compositions, especially ecclesiastical pieces. He came to the United States in 1909 and settled in California and later moved to Chicago. While in California in 1935, he wrote the song "My God and I." Mr. Wihtol remembered that in his early boyhood, an organ grinder used to make weekly visits to the neighborhood in Riga and that among the tunes played was one similar to the tune in "My God and I." He carried this tune in his mind for many years prior to writing down the music and lyrics in 1935. The use of this piece became the focus of several copyright infringement lawsuits against churches, church musicians, and choir directors as the popularity of the composition grew and its unauthorized use and arrangements became widespread. I was not able to locate a reliable date of death of the composer.



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News and Notes for May 10, 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. **A Member Inquiry class will be held this morning and May 17th at 9:30 am in the Library.** 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

FINAL SESSION OF SPRING: Being Christian in a Pluralistic World; Damayanthi Niles, Eden Theological Seminary. 9:30 am; Chapel. See insert for our July Spiritual Growth opportunity!

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

LONGTIME MEMBER EDNA PAUL IS TURNING 100 ON MAY 19TH! Cards can be sent to: 1 meadow St., Apt. 131, Berlin, MD 21811. (Phone: 410-629-1476). Edna and the Presbyterian Women's group are still in strong contact.

MAKE YOUR FAITH AND YOUR CONNECTIONS A PRIORITY: You've been asking for more opportunities to connect with each other and grow in your faith. The Equipping Team's small group ministry is ready to start. Groups (6-8 people) will meet for 12 weeks. Fill out your card to learn more & talk to Team members about curriculum & other details.

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. We have committed to raising \$5,000 toward the project by the end of May. **Please contribute by putting a check in the collection with "Habitat" written on the memo line, or sending a check to written to the office. Building will be between July and October.**

TRINITY T-SHIRTS are in. Pick yours up in the Narthex; \$9. There are some extras available for purchase as well.

RUMMAGE SALE HELPERS, Cheryl Evans has made you a thank you gift. Pick yours up in the Narthex.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN LAST NIGHT – The Commons@The Loop will be held on Saturdays at 5pm. 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. A multi-media service, a wide variety of music, 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.**

A PILATES CLASS has started meeting in the chapel on Wednesdays, 11:30am to 12:25. They welcome new members: \$10 per person per week; paid at the beginning of each month. If more people join, the fee may will go down. Please contact Stacey with questions: 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. **Currently they have a few openings for the new season:** <http://www.fairshares.org>.

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 Ella Catherine and Luke Phillip on April 18.

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 Harold Glad and Jan Schulte-Glad as they continue to gather information about Harold's early stage Alzheimer's.

Prayers for New Beginnings:

- For Kurt & Julie Buchholz as Kurt looks for a new job & all those struggling with economic & 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 Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, rehabbing at Parkwood after having a stroke on April 14.
- For Rev. Paul Reiter, Executive Presbyter for Trinity's presbytery, who is being treated for endocarditis.
- For Michelle Tims, from First & Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO, being treated for leukemia.
- 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, 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.
- For Lance Leloup, step-dad of Jenn Clodi & Becca Courtney, 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, May 11

7 pm The Commons planning meeting, Library
7:30 pm Worship & Music meeting, Rm. 206

Tuesday, May 12

11 am Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Wednesday, May 13

11:30 am Pilates, Chapel
1-4 pm Food Pantry
6:45pm Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, May 14

7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal

Saturday, May 15

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

Sunday, May 17

9:30 am Membership Inquiry class, Rm. 206
10:30 am Confirmation (reception to follow)