



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

May 17, 2009
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

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PRELUDE God of Grace (CWM Rhondda)
Composer: setting by Paul Manz (b.1919)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT What a Friend We Have In Jesus
Words: Joseph M. Scriven; Music, traditional Celtic tune arr. by Valeria A. Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 98*

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has dazzled us with the most incredible works!

People: With all the earth, we make our joyful noise to the LORD! On this new day, every living thing breaks forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD with the organ, with the piano and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the harmony of the choir make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for God is coming to judge the earth.

People: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

HYMN 485 To God Be the Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Let us in silence confess our faults and frailty.

The people will keep silence.

*Leader: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.*

People: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader: Amen.

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To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

Leader: *May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.*

People: Amen.

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

Your Love, O God

Words: Russell Schultz-Widmer; Music: Alan Ridout

Your Love, O God has called us here, for all love finds its source in you.

The perfect love that casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ever new.

O gracious God you consecrate all that is lovely, good and true.

Bless those who in your presence wait and ev'ry day their love renew.

O God of love, inspire our life, reveal your will in all we do;

Join ev'ry person ev'rywhere in mutual love and love for you.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17 (New Testament, page 109)

SERMON

Chosen for Love

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.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

Daniel Jasper Anderson-Little – baptized November 20, 1994

Shane Andrew Devine – baptized May 16, 2009

Adam Christopher Hotaling – baptized September 24, 1995

Maxwell Thomas Nutter – baptized October 1, 1995

QUESTIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH BY THE 2009 CONFIRMATION CLASS

"The Trinity of Our Faith"

We believe in God, Maker of heaven and earth,

Almighty Father and Sender of our Savior.

He revealed our imperfection as sinners and showed our need for Jesus.

We believe in Jesus, fully human, fully God.

*The Perfect Savior, Prince of Peace,
The Lord of lords, the King of kings, the Great I AM.
While on earth, Jesus taught us to pray.*

He died for our sins.

Because of Him, we have the possibility of eternal salvation.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is one with God and Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is within us, surrounds us, and watches over us.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe 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 rose 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.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

People: 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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS & PRESENTATION OF CROSSES

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

If Ye Love Me

Words: John 14: 15-17; Music: Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,*

*and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may bide with you for ever:
Even the Spirit of truth.*

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 522 Lord, When I Came Into This Life

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

POSTLUDE Hymn to Joy
Composer: setting by Paul Manz (b. 1919)

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 – Carrie Muegge

Preachers – The Rev. Linda Anderson-Little. Linda is the Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Clayton, MO, she is married to Trinity's Pastor, Dan Anderson-Little and the mother of confirmand Daniel Anderson-Little; Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

Instrumentalists -- Flute: Sarah Hotaling, Recorder: Michael Wyssession

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Trinity Presbyterian Church



News and Notes for May 17, 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 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

Our spring education series has ended. See your insert for our July Spiritual Growth opportunity with First Presbyterian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUPPORT JENNIFER'S WALK FOR THE ST. LOUIS "NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walks for the Mind of America." Saturday, May 30th, Forest Park. The walk raises awareness of mental illness and to raise funds to support mental health programs. Sponsor Jennifer Higginbotham and her employer of 23 years, The Independence Center, will receive 50%. Checks can be made payable to NAMI St. Louis with Jennifer's name in the memo, or donate online: <http://www.nami.org/namiwalks09/STL/jhigginbotham>. PS -if you'd like to walk with me, you're more than welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Special Meeting of the Endowment (congregation) will be held after the church service on May 31 to obtain the approval of the congregation to meet the Endowment Board's commitment of \$80,000 to the 2009 Church Budget. The Endowment Fund value has dropped below its level of Restricted Funds due to the significant recent drops in the value of financial markets and Endowment by-laws require the approval of both the Endowment Board and the Members of the Endowment to expend funds from the Endowment under these conditions. More information will be sent on an email or can be found at our website: www.trinityucity.org

CELLO RECITAL: Cellist Warren Hauff will offer a free recital and reception on Sunday, May 31 at 3pm in the Sanctuary, featuring the music of Bach, Faure, Vivaldi and Popper. He will be accompanied by some members of the Symphony.

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

MAKE YOUR FAITH AND YOUR CONNECTIONS A PRIORITY—JOIN A SMALL GROUP: 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. All groups will have the same curriculum. Talk to Dave Nelson or Rev. Julie March for details, to sign up (thanks to those who already have), or if you would like to be trained as a facilitator.

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.**

OUR NEW WORSHIP SERVICE HAS STARTED – 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 now meets in the chapel on Wednesdays, 11:30am to 12:25. They welcome new members: \$10/person per week; paid at the beginning of each month. If more people join, the fee may go down. Please contact Stacey Carman with questions: carmans@swbell.net. Trinity is still looking into hosting a t'ai chi class on a weekday as well.

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 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 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 Don Weems, Trinity's Pastor Emeritus, receiving treatment for prostate cancer.
- For Marc Griffiths, the husband of Liz Nelson's friend Jane Griffiths, bring treated for abdominal cancer.
- 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:

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, May 18

6 pm OASIS Summer concert, free, Dining Room
7 pm The Commons planning meeting, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, May 19

11 am Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

Wednesday, May 20

11:30 am Pilates, Chapel

1-4 pm Food Pantry

6:45pm Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, May 21

7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal

Saturday, May 23

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