



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

May 24, 2009
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE Largo from Symphony No. 9 in E Minor "From the New World" (Op. 95)
Composer: Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Acceptable to You
Words: Psalm 19; Music: Eli Wilson, Jr.

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable, Lord, to Thee.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 81*

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;

People: shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Leader: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

People: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

HYMN 464 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER AND A NEW SERVANT

Pat Scannell

The Rev. Bill Lorenz

QUESTIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION Harris Marten Barklage

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!

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

Immortal Love, For Ever Full

Music: Richard DeLong; Words: John Greenleaf Whittier

*Immortal love, for ever full, For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, for ever whole, A never ebbing sea!*

*Our outward lips confess the name All other names above;
Love only knoweth whence it came, And comprehendeth love.*

*We may not climb the heavenly steeps To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps, For Him no depths can drown.*

*But warm, sweet, tender, even yet A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet, And love its Galilee.*

*The healing of His seamless dress Is by our beds of pain;
We touch Him in life's throng and press, And we are whole again.*

*O Lord and Master of us all, Whate'er our name or sign,
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call, We test our lives by Thine.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-26 (New Testament, page 130)

SERMON Radical Implications of Easter: Unbelievable Church Growth

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Those who have been standing may sit.

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

Not Too Far From Here

Words and music by Ty Lacy and Steve Siler

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 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Processional from “A Patriotic Suite”

Composer: Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

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 – Chris Schmidt the Rev. Julie March

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir; Andrew Skelton, tenor

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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome **The Reverend Bill Lorenz** into the Trinity family. Bill is a fourth generation pastor, avid bridge player and one of the newest members of Trinity’s choir. Bill grew up in Cincinnati, the son of an Army chaplain whose joy in ministering to the troops during WWII inspired Bill to pursue becoming a pastor. After finishing his undergraduate studies at Princeton University and doing relief work in Poland, he entered McCormick Seminary, where he received national recognition as top Seminarian Preacher of the Year. His career has included roles with the National Council of Churches in migrant worker ministry, serving churches in Michigan and Missouri, marching with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and working with civil rights organizations and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

He became aware of Trinity during a time as a Volunteer in Mission for our Presbytery, when he interviewed 29 urban pastors including Dan Anderson-Little. After Bill’s wife died a year ago September, Bill sought Trinity out as a congregation led by a pastor most closely aligned with his own theological views. “I immediately felt at home after visiting Holy Week services this year,” Bill reports.

Pat Scannell is a native St. Louisan who grew up in near north county (she is a graduate of Normandy High School). Pat had two daughters, one of who died of cancer just before her 11th birthday; her other daughter and her husband live in the Central West End. Pat is the proud grandma of their two children J.R. and Grover. Before retiring, Pat worked for Wash U.’s Human Subject Research Ethics Committee. She volunteers her time with Baskets of Hope, a charity that prepares gift baskets for children who have been diagnosed with serious illnesses; she also volunteers with Make-a-Wish. Pat has an eclectic faith background. She grew up a Roman Catholic and has spent time in the Nazarene Church and the Seventh Adventist Church. This year Pat is hosting Sumi Choi, an exchange student at UMSL; Sumi attends Trinity with Pat.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, May 25

Office closed

1-4 pm Food Pantry

6:45pm Handbell rehearsal, Choir Room

Tuesday, May 26

11 am Presbyterian Women, Dining Room

7 pm Evangelism meeting, Rm. 206

Personnel meeting, Youth Lounge

Thursday, May 28

7:15 pm Trinity Choir rehearsal

Saturday, May 29

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

Wednesday, May 27

11:30 am Pilates, Chapel



Trinity Presbyterian Church



News and Notes for May 24, 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. **Member Inquiry classes are held quarterly.** 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 and adults are held at 9:30 am, fall through spring.

ADULT EDUCATION

Our spring education series has ended. **Stay tuned for a 4-evening July Spiritual Growth opportunity with First Presbyterian Church. Dawn will be asking for feedback on scheduling.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LOVE PEACE? Trinity's peace prayer team is always looking for people moved to give the peace prayer during worship. If you have strong opinions about peace, or are simply moved and inspired by something you've read, seen or experienced, contact Dave Nelson - 862-7466, camra.dave@gmail.com and get yourself on the schedule to share it with the congregation. You can give the peace prayer once, or become a regular - all voices are welcome.

YOU KNOW WHAT SHE DID FOR OUR YOUTH—LET'S HELP HER HELP OTHER KIDS! As a seminary student in Virginia, Rhonda Dunbar will be an intern this summer with CHAT (Church Hill Activities and Tutoring), deepening her work with the at-risk youth in the program. She is asking for partners in this ministry through your prayers and/or a contribution towards the \$3,500 she must raise for her salary. Find out more at: www.chatrichmond.org or email Rhonda at Rhonda.dunbar@union-psce.edu.

THE FLOWER DONATION CALENDAR IS EMPTY until September. If you are interested in providing Communion Table flowers this summer please sign up across from the elevator. Feel free to sign up to bring your garden flowers as well.

A MEETING of the Endowment (congregation) will be held right after church 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 financial market values and Endowment by-laws require the approval of both the Endowment Board and the Members of the Endowment to expend Endowment funds under these conditions. More information has been sent via email or can be found at our website: www.trinityucity.org

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. 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 her, you're more than welcome!

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.

THE EQUIPPING TEAM'S SMALL GROUPS ARE ABOUT 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 and make time for your faith growth.

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.**

GROWTH HAPPENS BY PERSONAL INVITATION. *The Commons@The Loop* will be held on Saturdays at 5pm. This new 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. It is a multi-media service with a wide variety of music and an informal style. Members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to invite their friends who do not currently have a church home to check it out.

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 Kurt Buchholz who recently got a new job.
- For Jim Person & Diane O'Brien at the birth of their granddaughter Amelia Jane Henderson, May 7.

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 Healing:

- For Katy Gordon, daughter of Cricket and Brian Gordon, who is being treated for cysts on her liver.
- For Roberta McBride's neighbor, Lorraine McGhee, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- For Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, receiving rehab at Parkwood after having a stroke on April 14 with limited response.
- For Rev. Paul Reiter, Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy (Trinity's presbytery) who is recovering from endocarditis.
- 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 is recovering from a stroke in North Carolina.
- 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, diagnosed with abdominal cancer.
- For 4 yr old Ryton Miller, grandson of a friend of Genny Richmond's, 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 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 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, being treated for a sinus/brain tumor.
- 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 Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.
- For Lydia Eckwald, Vicki Carmichael's grandma, in hospice care.
- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, being treated for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- 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 | |