



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

July 5, 2009

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE Eternal Father, Strong to Save, from *A Patriotic Suite*
Composer: Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 46*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God utters God's voice, the earth melts.

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

HYMN 446 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *HYMN 333* Seek Ye First (Tune: LAFFERTY)

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 Psalm 48 (Old Testament, page 518)

ANTHEM He That Keepeth Israel

Music: Carl Wilhelm Adolph Schlösser (1803-1913)

*He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.
He will give his Angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
Put thy trust in Him and call upon Him,
For His ears are open unto thy prayers.*

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10 (Old/New Testament, page 279)

SERMON A Tale of Two Cities

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 437 Our Cities Cry to You, O God (Tune: SALVATION)

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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

Heav'n, Heav'n
*Composer: Traditional African-American Spiritual
transcribed by Hugo Frey (1878-1939)*

*I've got a robe, you've got a robe,
All of God's children got a robe;
When I get to heaven, goin' to put on my robe,
Goin' to shout all over God's Heav'n.
Everybody talkin' 'bout heav'n ain't goin' there,
Goin' to shout all over God's Heav'n.*

*I've got a crown, you've got a crown,
All of God's children got a crown;
When I get to heaven, goin' to put on my crown,
Goin' to shout all over God's Heav'n.
Everybody talkin' 'bout heav'n ain't goin' there,
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*I've got a song, you've got a song,
All of God's children got a song;
When I get to heaven, goin' to sing a new song,
Goin' to sing all over God's Heav'n.
Everybody talkin' 'bout heav'n ain't goin' there,
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SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

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 the birth of Owen Charles Kirksey, on June 10, Margaret and James Gary's first grandchild.
- For the 2009 Scholin-Weems Scholarship recipients: Zach Roman, Brian Min, Kari Peglar, Kirstin Campbell, James Kelton, Kelly Jones, Liza Schmidt, Hanna Evans, Diane O'Brien, Rhonda Dunbar
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Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Anna Gordon, and Cricket and Brian Gordon. Anna's sheltered living housemate, Paula, died very suddenly and unexpectedly last week.
- For the family of Joyce Gerren, next-door neighbor to the Anderson-Littles, who died on June 8.
- For the family of Jane Hill, friend of Elaine Pontious, who died on June 18 from aggressive cancer.

Prayers for New Beginnings:

- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Liz Pisano, niece of Cathy and Bill Smith, who is scheduled for surgery at Barnes Hospital on June 30 as a followup to her colorectal cancer surgery two years ago.
- Rose Ann Bodman, healing from knee replacement surgery at St. Luke's. She will move to rehab in a few days.
- For Megan Merritt, who dislocated her elbow and tore two tendons and who is having her tonsils removed on June 16.
- For Jim Pettus, who is at the St. Luke's Rehab in Chesterfield after 2 falls.
- For Art Platt's brother, Rev. Louis Platt (pastor of Westside Seattle Presbyterian Church), recently diagnosed with prostate and lung cancer.
- For Cricket Gordon's best friend Jean Dausch who has just been diagnosed with ALS.
- For Genny Richmond's nephew, Steve Warren, in critical condition in Evansville, IN and her niece, Pat Warren, starting chemo in Atlanta prior to partial lung removal for cancer.
- For Colleen Osborn, Trinity member in Omaha, who is in rehabilitation care as a result of a variety of health concerns.
- 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 Harold Glad and Jan Schulte-Glad as they continue to gather information about Harold's Early Stage Alzheimer's.
- For Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, in a nursing home after a stroke on April 14.
- 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 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, recently diagnosed with 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 Trinity's Pastor Emeritus Don Weems, receiving treatment for prostate cancer; and for Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.
- 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, receiving hospice care 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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| Mabel Howell | Juanita Bruns | Eleanor Griffin | Maxine Story |