



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

October 11, 2009
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

*Composer: Arranged by Michael Burkhardt based on the tune TOKYO
Japanese gagaku mode by Isao Koizumi*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Wonder What They're Doing in Heaven Today

Words and Music: Charles A. Tindley

*Wonder what they're doin' in heaven today;
Sin and sorrow all gone away.
Peace abounds like a river, they say.
Wonder what they're doin' now.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 96*

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God is to be revered above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Leader: For those times when our eyes are short-sighted, when we fail to see your vision for our lives—

People: Help us focus on you.

Leader: For those times when we choose not to give but to store up treasures for our own use—

People: Help us focus on you.

Leader: For those times when your never-ending love and amazing grace mean less to us than they should—

People: Help us focus on you.

Leader: For those times when our feet stay firmly in this world, rather than walking in your footsteps—

People: Help us focus on you.

Leader: For all those times when we fail to acknowledge that in your saving love we are new creations, raised to life with Christ—

People: Gracious God, forgive.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And above all this put on love...

People: ...which binds all these in perfect unity.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be a - fraid. For the

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Lord is my strong-hold and my sure__ de-fense, and God will__ be my__ Sav-ior.

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 Matthew 6:24-34 (New Testament, page 6)

ANTHEM Wicked Path of Sin
Bill Monroe/Lester Flatt

*In this awful world of sorrow,
On this wicked path of sin,
Never thinking of tomorrow
Or what I'd lose in the end.*

*(Refrain) Oh I can hear the joy bells ringing
Where my friends and loved ones wait.
Oh I can hear the angels singing
Just inside those pearly gates.*

*I can hear my savior calling,
Saying, "Come unto me.
Wash away your sins forever,
And you shall rest eternally." (Refrain)*

*Now I'm safe with my Jesus;
He will guide me on my way;
I will sing His praise forever;
We'll meet in heaven some sweet day. (Refrain)*

SERMON The Greatest Stewardship Sermon Ever Preached

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 324 Open My Eyes

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 STEWARDSHIP

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

Harbor of Love
Bill Monroe / Carter Stanley

*There's coming a time on the great judgment morning
When the Savior will welcome you home.
Will you be prepared for the journey to Heaven
On the great ship that carries God's chosen ones home?*

*(Refrain) Oh the water's so deep
on the river of Jordan;
And the light shines so bright
from the Heaven above;
And the midnight has passed,
a new day is dawning (from Heaven on high),
Oh the great ship will anchor
in the harbor of love.*

*If you're wandering in sin away from God's teaching,
Won't you ask Him to show you the way.
Fall down on your knees in the chapel next Sunday,
And meet all your friends up in Heaven some day. (Refrain)*

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 322 Live Into Hope

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Since I laid my burden down.

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Since I laid my burden down.

Feel like shouting "hallelujah!"

Since I laid my burden down.

Feel like shouting "hallelujah!"

Since I laid my burden down.

INVITATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As environmental stewards of this earth, we have to opportunity to do our part by recycling our worship papers. After worship, please dispose of your bulletin in the blue or green recycling containers in the Narthex or outside the sanctuary doors by the pulpit.

POSTLUDE To God Be the Glory
Composer: arr. Wade (b. 1953)

The second period of Ordinary Time begins following Pentecost and continues until Advent. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, the color of life and growth.

Flowers – The flowers on the Communion Table this morning are given by Linda Peterson and Clark McKenzie to the glory of God and in celebration of daughter Kristin’s 12th birthday.

Liturgist – McCoy Edmonds, Jean Merson, the Rev. Julie March

Preacher – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Musicians – David’s Harp (Dennis Babbitt, Karen Coletti, Martha Weston) plus, Brian Schroer, James Shoemaker, Connie Toretta, and George VanHare, Larry Pontious

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AFRICAN MUSICAL ARTS, INC. of St Louis, Presents:

Winneba Youth Choir of Ghana *In concert at Trinity* *Presbyterian Church, TONIGHT 7pm*



- ♪ *First African choir to perform for US Presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and a host of Ambassadors and Diplomats, worldwide*
- ♪ *Featured Choir at the 2008 World Choral Symposium in Copenhagen, Denmark*
- ♪ *Featured Choir at the 2006 Cultural Exchange Guests in Hannover, Germany*
- ♪ *Featured at AU (African Unity Summit), BBC World Service*
- ♪ *Choral Group of the Year for consecutive years since 2000*
- ♪ *Best Mass Choir (2003)*
- ♪ *Ghana's Cultural Tourism Ambassadors*

“Perhaps few youth choirs from Africa or elsewhere can demonstrate the diverse artistry for which the Winneba Youth Choir of Ghana is now famed. With voices evenly balanced between boys and girls, they approach with ease a wide-ranging repertoire- from complex choral harmonies to folk, American Spirituals and Gospel, yet remain true to their unique niche of African song and dance traditions. Though from Ghana, the choir proudly bears a banner for all of Africa, and thus showcases selections from around the continent.....Here is a choir whose female treble voices could bring tears to your eyes and yet with their young men would render matured repertoire that’ll make even the Mormon Tabernacle Choir flinch with envy. Yes, simply put, the Winneba Youth Choir of Ghana is that good. Their partnership with the African Musical Arts, Inc of St Louis ensures that the choir is host to a steady flow of choral directors and clinicians from the United States and Europe to help train and enrich the choir’s repertoire. As Musical Director, John Arthur-Francis Yemoah (popularly known as “Paa John”) is well-known and respected in choral circles in Ghana and the United States. With a keen eye on artistic and personal integrity, Paa John has directed the choir for 20 years.”



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News and Notes for October 11, 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 about our membership classes. 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 age and younger, if wanted. Spiritual growth classes for children and adults are held at 9:30 am. Our 'uncommon' worship service, *The Commons@The Loop*, is held on Saturdays at 5pm in the Chapel.

TODAY AT TRINITY

CONCERT TONIGHT: We just found out that the award-winning **Winneba Youth Choir of Ghana** will offer a free concert at Trinity tonight at 7pm in the sanctuary. Come! Bring friends and neighbors! A free will offering will be taken.

THE B&B (BONDING & BRIDGING) SMALL GROUP FOR 3RD-6TH GRADERS will meet again today after worship, run by Vicki Carmichael and Karen Coletti. Kids should bring a snack and get ready for creating art, stories and music, playing games together, doing a mission project, and making friends. The group will meet the first 3 weeks of each month.

ADULT EDUCATION

COUNTERING PHARAOH'S PRODUCTION-CONSUMPTION SOCIETY TODAY (10/11/09 – 11/8/09) is a 5-session DVD study featuring theologian Walter Brueggemann: Session One: The Way Out, Session Two: The Decalogue, Session Three: Countering Caesar, Session Four: An Act of Imagination, Session Five: On Not Doing God Any Favors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE STARTING A PARENT GROUP NEXT SUNDAY, October 18th at 9:30 am in room 206. Dan will coordinate a weekly gathering at spiritual formation time for parents who would like a place to talk and share. Speak with Dan for more information and join us—it'll be even better than heading to Bread Co. for coffee!

CROP WALK 2009: Join the Trinity Trotters Team as we donate and walk to raise money for those in need. You may donate through the church by check or cash designated for Crop Walk, or contribute directly online with your credit card. Go to cropwalk@churchworldservice.org, and click on "donate" to add to our Trinity fundraising goal of \$1,000. On this site you may also join the Trinity Trotters team. Last year we gave a grand total of \$1,971—let's pass that this year!

THE GROCERY CART IN THE NARTHEX AWAITS YOUR DONATIONS FOR OUR WINGER FOOD PANTRY. Please consider bringing canned goods and non-perishable items for our weekly pantry. Monthly, we will wheel the cart down with our other offerings as a reminder that this, too, is part of our stewardship and mission work.

TWO EVENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS: Join the Trinity Retirees for a drive to see the fall colors and have lunch together on Thursday, October 22nd. The group will leave from church at 10am and will eat lunch in Waterloo, IL. Details: Ask Genny Richmond. Also, the Presbyterian Women will hold a friendship salad lunch on Tuesday, October 6th in the Dining Room at 11:30 am. Bring a salad to share for a time of fellowship.

T'AI CHI AT TRINITY: a reminder that you can sign up to take a 5-class session through OASIS. 9-10am on Tuesdays in the Chapel. \$32 for 5 weeks. This session just started and the next 5-part session starts Nov. 10. Talk with Liz in the office.

"ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS – FOR GOD'S SAKE: HOW PRACTICAL STRATEGIES AND THEOLOGY INTERSECT!" Willis Jenkins, Ph.D., author and assistant professor of social ethics at Yale University, will present two lectures – *"The Ecology of Grace: Why Protecting Biodiversity Matters for Friendship with God"* on Monday, October 19 and *"Neighborhood Ethics: Building Just and Sustainable Communities"* on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church at 4501 Westminster Place (at Taylor) in the Central West End. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

TRINITY CHOIR TO PERFORM CANTATA: The choir will sing member Jim Shoemaker's *Promises of God* cantata on Sunday, Nov. 1st at 4pm at University United Methodist Church. They will be joined by the Choir of Zion United Church of Christ.

DO YOU WANT TO RING CHIMES AT CHRISTMAS? Talk to organist Bill Wade about playing in the Intergeneration Chime Choir.

WILD WITH WORDS MEETS AGAIN ON OCTOBER 18TH (TWICE A MONTH). NO writing experience is needed, and ALL are welcome to join this spontaneous, interactive spiritual writing group where we will write, relinquish and remember, prompted by words, readings and Scripture to explore God's presence and action within our souls.

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 marriage of Jeff Roman & Leah Horn on October 11th in Boston, MA. Jeff is the son of John & Joanne Roman.
- For Al Ng and Linda Li who were married at Trinity on Oct. 3.
- For the wedding of Meena Philips & Stephen Hoffman, Sept. 19. Meena is the daughter of George & Alice Philips.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Rachel Bowell and her family at the death of her grandmother Sarah Eichar who died on Sept. 14.

Prayers for Safety:

- For Jon Gibbons, son of Pat & Jane Gibbons, husband of Emily Shapiro and father of Harriet and Frances, who will be serving as an anesthesiologist at a military hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan from October 2009 to May 2010.

Prayers for New Beginnings:

- For Leo and Lois Eason as they journey to Florida on Oct. 11 to spend the winter there.
- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.
- For Cricket & Brian Gordon, spending a semester in Canterbury, England for a University program.

Prayers for Healing:

- For George Hodgson, Birty Hodgson's father, in serious condition with prostate cancer, in Nicaragua.
- For Polly Brown's daughter, Sharon Vatt, in critical condition with Pulmonary Disease in Minneapolis, MN.
- For Rex Bull, father of Cathy Hasler, in Missouri Baptist for congenital heart failure, kidney problems, and recovery from a mini-stroke.
- For the Pontious family as they work to help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities, including his move to Beverly Farm in Grafton, IL.
- For Rev. Don Weems, Trinity's Pastor Emeritus, receiving treatment for prostate cancer.
- For newborn Max Griffin and his parents Jordan & Claire, friends of Stephanie Ball. Max is in intensive care with a Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH).
- For Vicki Carmichael's brother Warren, his wife, Lori, and his family as they go through difficult times.
- For Jean Dausch, Cricket Gordon's friend, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- For Rev. Louis Platt, Art Platt's brother, being treated for lung cancer.
- For Katy Gordon, daughter of Cricket and Brian Gordon, being treated for cysts on her liver.
- For Lorraine McGhee, Roberta McBride's neighbor, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- For Harold Glad and Jan Schulte-Glad as they deal with Harold's Early Stage Alzheimer's.
- For Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, in a nursing home after a stroke.
- For Suzanne Trahan, friend of Traci O'Bryan, who is being treated for breast cancer; and for Suzanne's father John Foushee who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- For Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal cancer that has spread to his liver.
- For Susan Lim as she nears the end of treatment for breast cancer.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who is recovering from surgery for pancreatic cancer.
- For Susan Harris & her young family, close friend of Cheryl and Reed Evans, recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor.
- For Lisa Becker, Karon Bilbrey's niece, who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, being treated for lung and brain cancer.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a bone marrow disorder.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who is dealing with liver disease.
- For Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- For Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

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| • Helen Bauer | Myrtle Beckmeyer | Eleanor Griffin | Mabel Howell |
| • Maxine Story | Jim Pettus | Evelyn Patterson | |