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10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Processional

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Greet one another with the Peace of Christ

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

Preparation for Worship

Elie Wiesel

For me, every hour is grace.

Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Molly Ijames

Introit

Give Thanks and Praise to God, Our Lord

Handel

Call to Worship

Psalm 105

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

All: Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all the marvelous works of the Lord. Glory in the holy name.

One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek the face of God.

All: Remember the marvels the Lord has done, You who are God’s servants, the descendants of Abraham, the chosen ones, the children of Jacob. Let us Worship God.

*Hymn of Praise #482

Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty

Call to Confession

Philippians 1:27

One: “Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

Prayer of Confession

One: Loving God, we know that we often do not live our lives in a manner worthy of the Good News we know through Jesus Christ.

All: We make choices that bring harm to ourselves and others.

One: We turn away from people in need and resist your call to us.

All: Forgive us when our words and actions do not reflect your love.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 139:1-2

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

All: And you sent your son, Jesus Christ, that we may know you, and the love and forgiveness you offer to us. In Christ we are forgiven. Let us live in the love God gives to us.

*Gloria: Clapping Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

(choir verse)

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(choir verse)

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Anthem

And We Sing Gloria

Jay Althouse

Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis.

Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis.

We sing with one heart and we sing with one voice.

Together we sing out this song.

We sing with compassion for all humankind.

Our faith in all life must be strong.

And we sing Gloria in excelsis, in excelsis Deo.

And we sing Gloria in excelsis, in excelsis Deo.

*With faith in the future and hope in our heart
We sing out this anthem of praise.
With loud alleluias and full harmony,
Our voices we gratefully raise.
And we sing Gloria in excelsis, in excelsis Deo.
And we sing Gloria in excelsis, in excelsis Deo.*

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord of the living word give us all the grace to hear your word and to accomplish its purposes as your community of faith and faithfulness. In your name we pray Amen.

Scripture Reading. Matthew 20:1-16 Translation: Eugene Peterson

“God’s kingdom is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of a dollar a day, and went to work. “Later, about nine o’clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. They went. “He did the same thing at noon, and again at three o’clock. At five o’clock he went back and found still others standing around. He said, ‘Why are you standing around all day doing nothing?’ “They said, ‘Because no one hired us.’ “He told them to go to work in his vineyard. “When the day’s work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, ‘Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first.’ “Those hired at five o’clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, ‘These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us who slaved all day under a scorching sun.’ “He replied to the one speaking for the rest, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn’t we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I

am generous?’ “Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We are in this together by Grace

Larry Vilaro

***Hymn #435**

We All Are One in Mission

Prayers of the People

*After each petition please say, “God of Life and Hope”
and all respond, “Hear our Prayer.”*

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory

Happy Are They Who Walk With the Lord

Daniel E. Gawthrop

***Doxology #591**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: We dedicate ourselves to the faith of the gospel and we commit to stand as one household of God looking out for one another.

***Closing Hymn #358**

Help Us Accept Each Other

***Blessing**

***Amen**

***Postlude**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Mary McDonald

**We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

THANK YOU

Pastor: Larry Vilaro
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Michael Christie
Greeter: Ellen Bauerle
Usher: Pete Halper
Flowers: Jolynn Carrington Khoury
Coffee: Mayre and Tim Vincent

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. After worship, please join us for coffee, tea, and juice in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here!

Book Club, Monday, September 25, NOTE TIME CHANGE...

2pm, Fireside Room

We will discuss Ryan Althouse's book: "The Expanse: Homos, Hobos, and the Holy Hereafter."

Next Sunday, October 1st

October 1 is a very busy day. It is World Communion Sunday, where we have several different breads from around the world. Special thanks to Marta Narus for organizing this yearly event, and also to Jeff Lawton for baking many of the breads. Additionally, it Peace and Global Witness Sunday, one of our 4 yearly special offering Sundays. See the insert in this Sunday's bulletin for more info about this offering.

Trinity All-Church Retreat, October 7th - 8th

Sign up today to join in the fellowship, fun 'n games, good eats, sing-alongs, fresh air, relaxation, quiet walks, friendly talks, favorite reads, clever crafts, or a perfect nap! Along the way, we'll have plenty of food for the soul, thought provoking discussions, and reflective worship. Contact George Bunch or Ellen Bauerle for more information.