



# TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Liturgy for Home Worship

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

— August 23, 2020 —

### Words for Reflection

The distinguishing mark of this community will be hope.

-Lesslie Newbigin

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

-Philippians 2:1-4

Whatever it means practically on any given day, the pursuit of community will cost us. It will mean investing our gifts in the building up of the church. It will mean staying put when it would be so much easier to walk away. It will mean difficult conversations that take place on bent knees over open Bibles. It will mean forgiving and letting it go. Sometimes it will mean an incarnation of grace that acknowledges the wounds and then steps up to bandage the very hands that inflicted them.

-Heidi Johnston

True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

-C. S. Lewis

### The Call to Worship

*God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.*

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**praise him in his mighty heavens!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD!**

—Psalm 150:1-2, 6 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | And Can It Be?

*We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of what He has done in Jesus' death and resurrection. Some songs might be initially unfamiliar, but we believe the rich, true, beautiful words of these hymns will make their way into your heart.*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain!  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
(Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
(Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my  
own.  
(Chorus)

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Scott Roley

## Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*We ask for God to be present among us and conclude with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.*

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.

## Doxology

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. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.*

Father of mercy,

We thank You that You have reconciled us to Yourself through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son Jesus. We praise You that we are part of one body, united by one Spirit, and share in one hope. Yet we confess that we have not loved our brothers and sisters in Christ in the way You've commanded us. We acknowledge that we often fail to exhibit humility, gentleness, and patience towards one another. Please have mercy on us through Christ and enable us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

*God reminds our forgetful hearts of the grace that is ours in Jesus.*

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

—Ephesians 2:13-14 ESV

### Hymn of Response | In Christ Alone

*We respond in thanks and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,

Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Words & Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

## Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #1

*We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.*

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## The Offering

*In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God. You may give online at [www.trinitypresfw.org/give](http://www.trinitypresfw.org/give) or through the Church Center App.*

## The Prayers of the People

*We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray.*

**Women's Ministry @ Trinity**

Susan Tyner

*Women's Ministry Coordinator*



## The Celebration of Holy Communion

*Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. It's not a meal for good people. It's a meal for desperate people who trust in Jesus alone for salvation, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully with Jesus. You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to spend this time in reflection or prayer.*

*Children who have not received their first communion are welcome to come forward with their families. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts!  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:  
People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!**  
Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!  
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**  
Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Hymn for Communion | The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ  
her Lord,  
She is His new creation, By water and the  
Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her, To  
be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for  
her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one over all the  
earth;  
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one  
faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one  
holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With every  
grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation, Of peace  
forevermore;  
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing  
eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious, Shall be  
the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union, With God the  
Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion, With those  
whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace  
that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high  
may dwell with Thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone; Music: Brian Moss

## Life at Trinity

### Departing Hymn | Jesus With Thy Church Abide

*We respond in faith and song.*

Jesus, with Thy church abide;  
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Words: Thomas Benson Pollock; Music: Christopher Miner

## The Benediction

*God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in His mission to Fort Worth.*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15:13 ESV

## The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world to love God, love people, and love Fort Worth.*

Pastor: Let us go forth to serve Fort Worth and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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## Announcements

### Welcome to Our Visitors!

Due to our current circumstances, it's harder for us to welcome you and connect you with our church in our normal ways! So if you're visiting with us, please take a moment to sign up for our weekly email updates on our website ([trinitypresfw.org](http://trinitypresfw.org)). That's one of the best ways to get connected. If you're a member or regular attender and you've brought a friend, please let Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org)) know, so that we can be sure to reach out.

### Community Groups Resume in September

Our Community Groups are essential to our life at Trinity and will resume in September. Contact Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org)) for more information or if you would like to join.

### Protest in Prayer

At 7pm on Thursday, Aug 27 at Evans Plaza (1012 Evans Ave, 76104), we'll join with the M68 Project (<https://www.them68project.org>) and other churches in Fort Worth to pray for racial justice and reconciliation in our city. Pastor Brian will lead a portion of the prayer time along with Pastor Kaynenn Parker (Pillar Church), Dr. Justina Jenkins (Rivertree Academy), Father Chris Culpepper (Christ the Redeemer Anglican), Rev. Wendell Campbell (West Mt. Moriah Baptist Church), and Pastor Joel Suarez (Paradox Church). Why the word "protest"? We are protesting prejudice and racism in all its forms by seeking the Lord together. For more information, visit (<https://www.them68project.org/protest-in-prayer.html>). Feel free to bring your whole family as well as chairs and/or blankets. We will observe social distance between families, and masks will be required when that distance cannot be maintained.