



# TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Liturgy for Home Worship

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
— October 4, 2020 —

### Words for Reflection

"Gentle and lowly." This, according to his own testimony, is Christ's very heart. This is who he is. Tender. Open. Welcoming. Accommodating. Understanding. Willing. *If we are asked to say only one thing about who Jesus is, we would be honoring Jesus's own teaching if our answer is, gentle and lowly.*

-Dane Ortlund

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

-John 15:4-5

Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and his righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification: yet is it not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but worketh by love.

-Westminster Confession of Faith 11.2

### 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.*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
**tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

—Psalm 105:1-3 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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.*

Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson

Music: Folk Tune

## 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.*

**Most Merciful Father,**

We thank You for the free gift of salvation that comes to us through the death and resurrection of Your Son. You have lavished Your love upon us in him. Yet, Lord, we confess that our hearts are still prone to wander from You. We acknowledge the ways we doubt Your goodness and Your grace. We ask You to have mercy upon us, and that by Your Spirit, You would convince our hearts that Your Son will hold us fast. 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 when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

—Titus 3:4-6 ESV

### Hymn of Response | He Will Hold Me Fast

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

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me

fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(Chorus)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! *(Chorus 2x)*

Words: Ada Habershon & Matthew Merker

Music: Matthew Merker

## Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.\*  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

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## 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.*

## The Reading of the Word

James 2:14-26

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**2:14** What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, **16** and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things



## 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 | Give Reviving

Father for Thy promised blessing,  
Still we plead before Thy throne  
For the times of sweet refreshing,  
Which can come from Thee alone  
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given,  
But in these we would not rest  
Blessings still with Thee are hidden,  
Pour them forth and make us blest!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever,  
Answer! Father, answer prayer  
Bless oh bless each, weak endeavor,

Blood-bought pardon to declare  
Wake Thy slumbering, children wake them,  
Bid them to Thy harvest go  
Blessings O our Father make,  
Round their steps let blessings flow.

Let no people be forgotten,  
Let Thy showers on all descend  
That in one loud blessed anthem,  
Millions may in triumph blend  
Give reviving, give refreshing,  
Give the looked-for Jubilee

To Thyself may crowds be pressing,  
Bringing glory unto Thee.

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Words: Albert Midlane, Chelsey Scott; Music:  
Chelsey Scott, Aaron Sands

## Life at Trinity

### Departing Hymn | Father, Long Before Creation

*We respond in faith and song.*

Father, long before creation  
Thou hast chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;

Words: Francis Johnson; Music: Andrew Oseng

## 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.*

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

—Jude 24-25 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

### NET Training

Please consider this opportunity with our local ministry partner the Net. Their fall *Trafficking Training* is happening on Oct 17 with option for virtual attendance as well as a limited number of in-person seats! The Net hosts this *Trafficking Training* twice a year to educate the community and train volunteers on the reality of the sex industry in Fort Worth. Whether you are just interested in understanding the issue of trafficking better or you want to take the next steps to become involved with the Net's *Purchased* or *M.A.S.E* programs, this training is for you! Register at <https://www.thenetfw.com/volunteer-opportunities/trafficking-training>.

### Volunteers Needed

It takes many hands to make our service run as smoothly as possible, especially during this season of extra safety measures and we are in need of volunteers for various teams. Teams needing help are: Usher Team, Welcome Team, Nursery, and Set-up/Take-Down Team. If you can help in any area, please let Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org)) know.

### Youth Group Events

Mark your calendars! Starting next Sunday (10/11), Trinity will begin hosting youth small groups for middle and high school Trinity students directly after worship from 530-530pm at Connell. In these groups students will have the opportunity to develop community with one another as well as unpack the sermon from our series in James along with youth volunteers. For safety reasons, these groups will require students to wear masks while in the classroom together. Questions? Please contact John ([john@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:john@trinitypresfw.org)).

10/7 High School Outdoor Large Group @ FWPC

10/11 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

10/18 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

10/24 Middle School and High School Fall Mini-Retreat (Denton, TX 9am-9pm)

11/1 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

11/8 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

11/15 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

## Catechism Challenge

There is no better time to help your kids learn big truths than while they are little! These questions help your kids understand some basic truths of the faith and we're sure parents will enjoy learning them, also! **Kids have until Friday of each week to work on memorizing that week's questions. By Friday send Jeanette ([children@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:children@trinitypresfw.org)) an email with a video of your children reciting the questions.** A winner will be drawn from all of the videos submitted. The winners will get a special delivery of Blue Bell ice cream on Saturday! Questions? Contact Jeanette.

## Women's Fall Bible Study

This fall (September-November) we are studying *Genesis: The Savior Behind the Stories* and meeting using various small group formats to fit your covid comfort level and schedule. Our bible study groups have begun and books are available for pick up at the church office (3750 S. University) Tuesdays/Thursdays 12-330pm, Susan's front door (4000 W 6th St), or at Connell on Sundays. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Susan ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).