



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
— October 25, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

There is no supernatural character change without deep involvement in community.

-Tim Keller

There arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be the greatest.

-Luke 9:46

No Christian community ever comes together without this thought emerging. Thus at the beginning of Christian fellowship is an invisible, often unconscious life-and-death contest. It is the struggle of the natural man for self-justification. He finds it only comparing himself with others, in condemning and judging others. Self-justification and judging others go together, as justification by grace and serving others go together.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

It feels like 90% of our prayers are geared so that we can need Jesus less.

-Joe Elliot

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 the name of the LORD,

give praise, O servants of the LORD,

who stand in the house of the LORD,

in the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

—Psalm 135:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | All Creatures of Our God and King

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.

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
(Refrain)

All ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care
(Refrain)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
(Refrain)

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German 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 God,

We praise You that in Your grace, You promise to draw near to us as we draw near to You. We thank You that Your Son Jesus has called us friends. Yet, Lord, we confess how tempted we are to become friends of the world. We acknowledge that our passions are often at war within us, and that we have sinned against You and one another because of it. Please cleanse us through the work of Your Son on the Cross, and enable us by Your Spirit to humble ourselves before You. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

—Ezekiel 36:25-27 ESV

Hymn of Response | Before the Throne of God Above

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

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,

My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Words: Charitie Bancroft
Music: Vicki Cook

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 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 4:1-10

God speaks to us through His Word.

4:1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? **2** You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. **3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. **4** You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5** Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? **6** But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9** Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Andy Wood

*A Faith for Real Life
"A Community of Grace"*

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 | Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,
mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One

Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss,

My sinful self my only shame,
my glory, all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music: Christopher
Miner

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | The Sands of Time Are Sinking

We respond in faith and song.

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

Words: Anne Ross Cundell Cousin; Music: Phillip
Palmertree

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.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26 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

Pregnancy Lifeline Fall Celebration and Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest

In lieu of Pregnancy Lifeline's annual family fall fundraiser at the Zoo, they'll be hosting a virtual Pumpkin decorating contest with Visa gift card prizes in categories from Pre-K - Seniors and families. Submit pictures of your pumpkins by midnight, Wednesday, Oct 28 to jeanne@pregnancylifeline.net. Winners will be announced virtually on Saturday, Oct 31 at 10am. Come join us as we celebrate LIFE together. Questions? Call or text Jeanne Mullen 817-292-6449. Details can be found at: <https://pregnancylifeline.net/fall-celebration/>.

Zoom Call for Single Women

This meeting is for any single women post-college who would like to connect with other single women at Trinity! The meeting is Oct 26 @ 730pm. Email Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org) to be added to the Zoom invitation.

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) know.

Youth Group

There are NO small groups tonight since we had the retreat yesterday.

10/28 HS Large Group @ FWPC 730-845pm

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) 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. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org).