

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Showers of Blessing by James McGranahan arr. Gail Smith

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Book of Order, W-5.0304)

God sends the Church to work for justice in the world: exercising its power for the common good; dealing honestly in personal and public spheres; seeking dignity and freedom for all people; welcoming strangers in the land; promoting justice and fairness in the law; overcoming disparities between rich and poor; bearing witness against systems of violence and oppression; and redressing wrongs against individuals, groups, and peoples.

In the Service for the Lord's Day we proclaim, receive, and enact reconciliation with God in Christ. Through Baptism and the Lord's Supper we are united with Christ, made one in the Spirit, and empowered to break down the dividing walls of hostility that still separate us from one another. We pray for an end to violence and injustice and commit ourselves to pursue peace and justice in Jesus' name.

Let us worship God:

OPENING HYMN #87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Comfort, comfort you my people, tell of peace, thus says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.

Make you straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

CALL TO CONFESSION

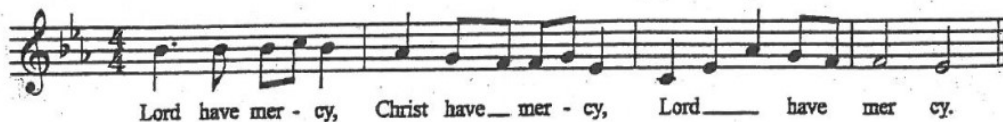
Even though we may attempt to bury our sins and hope no one will know what we have done, we cannot hide our guilt from ourselves, and certainly not from God. Because we cannot hide or run away, we are invited to let go of all that isolates us from God and eats away at our own true selves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rescue us, O God, from sinking in the mire of pretension and drowning in the gully of guilt. Save us from the deadly grasp of unacknowledged sin. Keep us from presuming to judge others when we ourselves deserve correction even more. Here in your sanctuary of silence, we confess our offenses and ask that you forgive them as the sins which have kept us from life in your Spirit. Amen.

Minute of Silent Personal Confession *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—ALL SING



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's acceptable time of forgiveness and healing. Even before we sinned, God provided for us a way of restoration and renewal in Jesus Christ. We are debtors, called to live by the Spirit as heirs with Christ of all God's promises. Live, then as a free people who celebrate God's mercy reaching out to others in Christ's name. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Long Has it Been? by Mosie Lister arr. Fred Bock

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of sacred stories, we give thanks for the witness of the holy scriptures. We pray that you would speak to each of us and to all of us this day so that we may be faithful hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 13

SERMON

Wrestling Through Crisis

Elder Patricia Brown

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN #853

Siyahamba (We are Marching)

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of,
The light of God,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of,
The light of God,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH"

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, By our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, By our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Refrain

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

Refrain

CHARGE AND BLESSING

God is near. We need not fear.
God is as near to us as our very breath.
God's peace is ours. There is no room for worry.
Christ promises that we are never alone no matter where we are.
The Spirit surrounds us with a loving embrace.
God is with us always.

Rejoice my friends. Rejoice in God and go in peace.

POSTLUDE

How He Loves You (Medley) by Kaiser/Peace/Bradbury arr. Jay Rouse

Liturgist

Marta Mojzer

Choir Director/Accompanist

Davis McKinney

Guest Preacher

Elder Patricia Brown