

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

WELCOME

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

PRELUDE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; English melody arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

—Thom M. Shuman

We come so that we can worship our God,
whose words restore us to life.

We come so that we can follow Jesus,
whose hopes for justice are crystal clear.

We come so that we can learn from the Spirit,
**whose teachings help us to understand
how to live as God's people.**

OPENING HYMN #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love through out the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close-binding human-kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him through out the whole wide earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

As children of God's light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

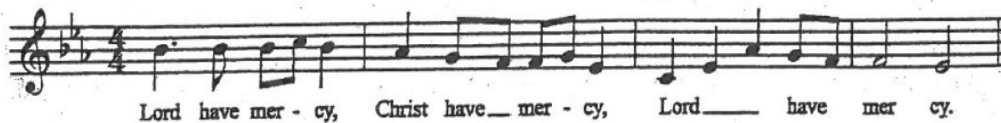
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

—*Thom M. Shuman*

We confess what we are afraid to face, Blessing God, that the seductions of this world gnaw away at our hearts. We have more and more to choose from at the market, and so we forget those whose only choice is hunger. Our sense that we are your favorites causes us to make fun of those we are convinced are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we overlook those who have so little this day. Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for thinking we are the center of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots deep into your heart, and so become those people who are blessings to others, as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

KYRIE—ALL SING



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By God's grace, we are forgiven. In Christ, we are drawn together entrusted with gifts to be shared for the good of all. We are knit into one body for encouragement and growth. All of us have a part in building up the body of Christ. Let us give thanks for God's grace and mercy. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Then Shall Live by Sibelius/Gaither arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word is our wisdom; it gives us insight, strength, and courage. Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you want to give. Speak, Lord! Your people listen! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 133

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

Elder Cindie Postell

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN # 463

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus know our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Bound for the Kingdom arr. Anthony Giamanco

Portions of today's service are from—Rev. Thom M. Schuman's lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

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Davis McKinney

Guest Preacher

Elder Cindie Postell