

*CLOSING HYMN #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth by W.A. Mozart
arr. Penny Rodriguez*

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist
Choir Director
Guest Preacher

Kurt Schuler
Davis McKinney
Rev. Kate Mauch

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card and put them in the offering baskets on the stands by the entry doors. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

Portions of today’s liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B Vol. 2, 2015 Westminster John Knox Press.*

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August 29, 2021 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

PRELUDE

*I Offer My Life with O Jesus, I Promised by Cloninger/Moen
arr. Carol Tornquist*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God’s holy mountain?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

*OPENING HYMN #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God and the world, trusting in God’s mercy to forgive.

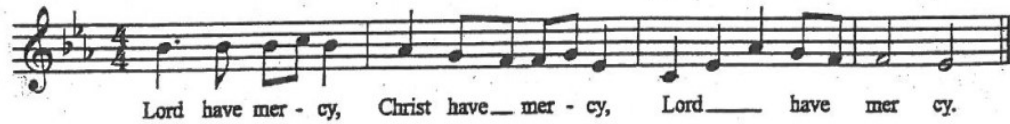
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of God's creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Art Thou Troubled? by Georg F. Handel
arr. Shirley Denwood

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, by the power of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to receive your Word that we not forget the wonders you have done nor neglect to make them known to our children, nor fail to tell them to the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: James 1:19-27

SERMON

Looking Outward

Rev. Kate Mauch

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN #630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpts from Confession of Belhar 1986

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name,

are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray

together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church. With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth of your word, and follow your commandments with sincere hearts; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #39*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to
Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Hymn # 630*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, and adoration.
Now and forevermore be thine!

Hymn # 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.