

*CLOSING HYMN

Our Father

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* by A.J. Showalter arr. Anthony Giamanco

Congregation remains seated

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| Liturgist | Debi Hess |
| Ushers | Kathy Kessler, Donna Schuler, Wilson Tayong |
| Communion Servers | Kurt Schuler, Ginny Kramer, Glenn and Marta Mojzer |
| Choir Director | Davis McKinney |
| Pastor | Rev. Tom Dunlap |

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 in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. 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* and Rev. Thom M. Schuman’s *lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com*

Trinity Presbyterian Church



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15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 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

Meditation on “Mercy” by Louis Gottschalk arr. David Hegarty

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, we seek a stronger sense of your presence.

Are you here, in this life and in this world?

Does your breath stir in the air?

Does your tune float to the clouds?

Is the sun our sister and the moon our brother?

We read of a world awash in divinity,

of seedlings with private angels whispering, “grow!”

O God, help us rest, attend, play and sing,

Help us sense the sacred in your world.

*OPENING HYMN #633

Praise Ye the Lord

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Knowing in advance that we are totally acceptable people in the eyes of God, let us open ourselves to self examination so that we may receive grace to move forward with our spiritual evolution.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

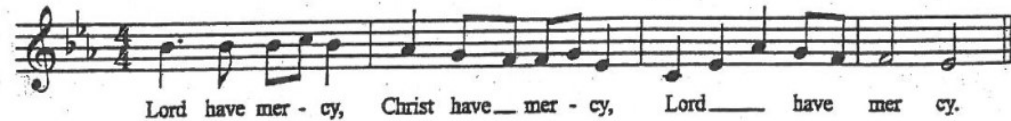
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God of Mercy, we stand before you and confess that we have often allowed our dismay over both conditions in our world and complications in our own lives to darken our hearts and to squash our joy in living. Instead of focusing on the many positive things and wonderful people in our lives, we have chosen to obsess over all that displeases and upsets us. Forgive us and help us to refocus on the generosity of your Spirit so that we may live in the fullness of Life you have granted us. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

KYRIE—All Sing



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*
Do not let regret weigh you down. Accept the grace you have been offered. Let us be reconciled to both God and one another. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Wondrous Love is This?; American folk hymn*
arr. Mark Hayes

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Healing God, you do all things well. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your words and demonstrate your grace. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 2:18-22

SERMON *Truth or Consequences* *Rev. Tom Dunlap*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

DOXOLOGY Hymn #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS' SUPPER (see insert)

*The Lord's Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.
Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents' blessing.
Please eat the bread when you receive it, symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ. Hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our unity in Christ.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
[Clergy expressions; **Congregation response**]

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Let us come to our Lord's table with hearts that are open to God's Spirit.

We come too with open hands to receive the Bread of life.

We come to receive nourishment for our souls.

We come with gratitude knowing that God walks with us on all the pathways of our lives.

Let us come in faith, choosing to believe that the Spirit of Christ supports and sustains us.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION #494 (v. 1-4)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Thank you, God: for the bread and the cup, for the life and the Love, for the Wisdom to walk into your world. With your strength, our faith is strengthened. With your grace, our love grows. Help us to share that love, strength, and faith. Help us to accept when others share it with us—that it might change the world. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

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Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise God with the lute and harp.
Praise God with timbrel and dancing.
Praise God wherever you are.

Praise God with holy cymbals.
Praise God with string and with pipes.
Praise God with clashing cymbals.
Praise God with all your might.

Praise God in the holy temple.
Praise God for all mighty deeds.
Praise God for those bountiful mercies,
For God fulfills our needs.

Praise God on top of the mountains.
Praise God both day and night.
Praise God down in the low valleys.
Praise God because it's all right.

Hymn #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee, all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.