



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, KS

Welcome and Announcements

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Call to Worship

Sing a song of thanksgiving.
Declare God's wondrous deeds.
For the Lord dwells among the people;
the glory of God abides with us.

Hymn No. 833 vv. 1, 3 & 4

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

**1- O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.**

**3- O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.**

**4- O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**God of mercy,
we confess that, like the disciples,
we set our minds not on divine things**

**but on human things.
Doubting your loving care, we grab for
more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink
from living as your followers.
Doubting your loving plan, we become
stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray.
We pray in Jesus' name.**

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Thanks be to God

Second Lesson

Matthew 16: 21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took

him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Petit Carillon on a Marian Hymn
C. Callahan / Brad Stipcak, Organ

Doxology Hymn No. 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn No. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

**1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?**

**Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**6 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

My Savior My God
A. Shust / Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider
Barbara Koci, Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music
Jaron Marcus, Keyboardist
Anton Ahrens & Carmen Raines, Audio/Video Team

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