



15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Topeka, KS

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to Encounter God in worship.

Prelude

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
arr. P. Manz / Brad Stipcak

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Carol Shannahan

CENTERING WORDS

*Forgiveness is a hard thing. When has someone forgiven you?
Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness?*

Opening Words

Give praise to God!
Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves. . . .
It is God who forgives. . . .
It is God who delivers. . . .
Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

Be Thou My Vision
arr. S. Pethel / Thomas Pi, Trumpet
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not
forgiven others.
You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves**

**nor have we loved one another.
Take pity on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord.**
(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 14:1–12

CEB Translation

1 Welcome the person who is weak in faith—but not in order to argue about differences of opinion. **2** One person believes in eating everything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. **3** Those who eat must not look down on the ones who don't, and the ones who don't eat must not judge the ones who do, because God has accepted them. **4** Who are you to judge someone else's servants? They stand or fall before their own Lord (and they will stand, because the Lord has the power to make them stand). **5** One person considers some days to be more sacred than others, while another person considers all days to be the same. Each person must have their own convictions.

6 Someone who thinks that a day is sacred, thinks that way for the Lord. Those who eat, eat for the Lord, because they thank God. And those who don't eat, don't eat for the Lord, and they thank the Lord too. **7** We don't live for ourselves and we don't die for ourselves. **8** If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God. **9** This is why Christ died and lived: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. **10** But why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you look down on your brother or sister? We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God. **11** Because it is written,
*As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me,
and every tongue will give praise to God.*^[a]

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Special Music

Concerto in B♭ Major for Two Trumpets and Piano
A. Vivaldi / Thomas Pi, Trumpet 1 & Quentin Mallette, Trumpet 2
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Second Lesson

Matthew 18:21–35

21 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.[\[a\]](#) **23** Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24** When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold.[\[b\]](#) **25**

Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. **26** But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’

27 The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. **28** “When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins.[\[c\]](#) He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’ **29** “Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ **30** But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt. **31** “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. **32** His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. **33** Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ **34** His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt. **35** “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our Substance.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jesus Shall Reign
arr. S. Pethel / Quentin Mallette, Trumpet
Jaron Marcus, Piano

***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.

SENDING FORTH

Worship Equips Us To Go Forth To Serve God In The World.

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Mighty to Save
B. Fielding / Jaron Marcus, Piano

~Please rise in body or in spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Rev. Carol Shannahan, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Organ

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Thomas Pi, Trumpet

Quentin Mallette, Trumpet

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Video Team

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