



16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Topeka, KS

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Introit / G. Young
Poco Allegretto from "L'Organiste" / C. Frank
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Welcome and Announcements

Carrie Lancaster

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What is your favorite part of worship?
How might you incorporate that part into your daily routine?

Opening Words

O come, let us worship and bow down; Ps. 95:6; John 4:23
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
Rejoice! Give thanks, and pray
For the Holy One is in our midst!

Prayer of the Day

Unison

**God, our maker, hold us this day, with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep our hearts soft and supple, make our faith strong and firm.
Renew us, re-form us, re-create us
into the image of Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Holy God,
You alone are worthy of our worship and praise. Yet we confess that we are prone to worship other things. We worship security when we are called to invest in you. We worship platitudes when we are called to deep and**

critical thinking. We worship comfort when we are called to try new things. Help us to put aside distractions so that we may praise you without ceasing. Help us to practice daily gratitude, that we may turn aside from selfish living. Forgive us, we pray:
(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

Psalm 95: 1-7

1

Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!
Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

2

Let's come before the Lord with thanks!
Let's shout songs of joy to God!

3

The Lord is a great God,
the great monarch over all other gods.

4

The earth's depths are in God's hands;
the mountain heights belong to Lord;

5

the sea, which God made, is the Lord's
along with the dry ground,
which God's own hands formed.

6

Come, let's worship and bow down!
Let's kneel before the Lord, our maker!

7

The Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture,
the sheep in God's own hands.

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Special Music

Intermezzo in A Major Op. 118 No. 2
Brahms / Jaron Marcus, Piano

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-28

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.
Beloved, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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 Loves Me
W. Bradbury-arr. C. F. Brown / 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**

Come Thou Fount
J. Wyeth-arr. C.F. Brown / Jaron Marcus

~Please rise in body or in spirit.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are provided to the glory of God by Vicky Walters in loving celebration of God's Wonder Creation of Earth.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider
Rev. Carrie Lancaster, Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music, Organ
Jaron Marcus, Piano
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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