



21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 25, 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Topeka, KS

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Forever

C. Tomlin / Jaron Marcus

CENTERING WORDS

What changes might come into your life as a result of taking to heart and practicing the commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself”?

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Thomas

Opening Words

Prayer of the Day

Unison

Bless your servants, O God, and favor us with your steadfast love. May your love flow through us like springs of living water, that we may rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives. Amen.

Musical Interlude

Interlude

C. Boodle / Brad Stipcak

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess:
We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves
nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation.
We have judged unjustly,
regarded others ungenerously,
profited at the losses of those near and distant,**

**borne grudges, desired vengeance,
and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.
We long to live in accord with your desire
that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty
will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace.
Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

(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

Leviticus 19: 1-2; 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord. This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Special Music

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. R. Harris /Ashley Young, Soloist
Jaron Marcus, Pianist

Second Lesson

Matthew 22: 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, 'You shall love

the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Blessed Assurance
arr. J. Ray / Ashley Young, Soloist
Jaron Marcus, Pianist

***Prayer of Dedication and 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**

Postlude in C Major
D. Zipoli / Brad Stipcak

~Please rise in body or in spirit.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are provided to the glory of God by Brenda Dietrich.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider
Carol Thomas, Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music, Organ
Jaron Marcus, Piano
Ashley Young, Special Music
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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