



# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Topeka, KS

## GATHERING

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

### Prelude

*Largo*

Lefébure-Wély / Brad Stipcak, Organ

## 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

Jace Raines

### Opening Words

### Prayer of the Day

Unison

**God of justice, peace and righteousness, come into our midst this morning  
Breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy, your enlivening,  
your imagination on us. Wake us up, open our eyes, unplug our ears that  
we might hear, that we might see, that we might grieve, that we might  
dream, that we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom.  
Amen.**

### Musical Interlude

*Pastorale*

Gordon Young / Brad Stipcak, Organ

### Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Holy God, you called all that is into being and offered humanity life in all its fullness. Yet we have allowed good relationships to be broken. We have become distant from you and our neighbour.

**Lord have mercy**

At times we have failed to speak out for justice, leaving the voiceless without an advocate.

**Christ have mercy**

To all who fall short of God’s glory you offer pardon and peace.

**Lord have mercy** *(time for silent prayer)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Carmen Raines

**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**

Psalms 78: 1-7

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

**Thanks be to God**

**Special Music**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
Arr. Cindy Berry / Jaron Marcus, Pianist

**Second Lesson**

Amos 5: 18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn

assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Flood Season**

Carmen Raines

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

**Special Music**

*Let Justice Roll Like A River*  
Jim Strathdee / Ashley Young, Soloist  
Jaron Marcus, Pianist

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

*What Does the Lord Require of You*  
Marty Haugen / 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**

*What Does the Lord Require of You* / Jaron Marcus, Pianist

~Please rise in body or in spirit.

## Participating in Worship Leadership:

Carmen Raines, Presider  
Jace Raines, Liturgist  
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music, Organ  
Jaron Marcus, Piano  
Ashley Young, Special Music  
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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