



Third Sunday  
after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

Billy J. Foote

Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Fred Bock

Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

*What are the works of God’s hands that make you want to sing for joy! Ps 92*

*The Lord of the universe is ever ready to transform us by the power of his spirit.*

*Are you ready to let God change you by God’s grace & power?*

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Bozeman

Responsive Call to Worship

What mysteries there are in God’s world!

**We, so sophisticated, stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world.**

We look at the tiniest of seeds and wonder what will happen

**From that small seed will grow a large shrub.**

Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

**God will use our gifts in miraculous ways.**

**Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. Amen**

**Holy One: you anoint us with water, so we may go to serve the world in these troubled days. You open our eyes so we will see everyone as our sisters and brothers.**

**Seed Planter: you place faith deep within us, so we can bear witness to your just and loving kingdom. Your love regulates our hearts, so we can welcome all in your name.**

**Gentle Spirit: when we cannot see the way, you take us by the hand so we can step forward, in faith, into the kingdom. You fill us with hope, so we can sing God's joy all of our days.**

**God in Community, Holy in One, be with us as we worship together as one body, sisters & brothers in Christ throughout the world.**

Musical Interlude

“Sanctuary”  
Thompson/Scraggs  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**We confess: the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised.**

Kyrie (You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy)

Congregation

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Carol Shannahan

People: **Thanks be to God!  
Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri

GTG 581  
Congregation

**Glory be to the Father,**

**and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

THE WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

<sup>22</sup> The LORD God proclaims: I myself will take one of the top branches from the tall cedar. I will pluck a tender shoot from its crown, and I myself will plant it on a very high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On Israel's mountainous highlands I will plant it, and it will send out branches and bear fruit. It will grow into a mighty cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it and find shelter in the shade of its boughs. <sup>24</sup> Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the LORD, bring down the tall tree and raise up the lowly tree, and make the green tree wither and the dry tree bloom. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. <sup>29</sup> Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

<sup>30</sup> He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? <sup>31</sup> Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; <sup>32</sup> but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. <sup>34</sup> He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Carol A. Shannahan

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                    “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross with The Wonderful Cross”  
arr. Labenske  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

\*Doxology

GTG 607  
Congregation

**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 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

\*Sung Response

Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
Congregation

**Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, never alone.  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

\*Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”  
Oliver Holden  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Carol A. Shannahan  
Susan Bozeman, Liturgist  
Jaron Marcus, Piano  
Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual  
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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