



Sixth Sunday  
after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“You Are My Hiding Place”

Michael Ledner

Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

John Wyeth

Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

*With God, all things are possible. Rejoice, for this is the day of our salvation.*

Welcome and Announcements

Peggy McAdoo

Responsive Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!

From the east to the west, from the north to the south,

God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

**From the east to the west, from the north to the south,  
we gather together, united by God's Spirit,  
to celebrate God's glory  
and proclaim His praise!**

Let's worship God together!

Prayer of the Day

Unison

**You, O Lord, are more wonderful than our lips can proclaim!  
When we consider the awesome works of your hands,  
Your love for us is more than amazing!  
You have trusted us with the whole of the earth,  
And put everything we see under the care of our hands.  
Lord, O Sovereign Lord, the earth is filled with your glory! Amen,**

Musical Interlude

“Amazing Grace with Amazing Grace(My Chains Are Gone)”

Arr. By Victor Labenske

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

We confess to each other and to You, our Creator,  
that we fall short of being what we have been created to be,  
what we have committed ourselves to be,  
disciples of the kingdom.

**Hear us, forgive us,  
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

We often seek out the easiest paths;  
paths of least involvement in places where we might be uncomfortable,  
or paths of self-centeredness.

**Hear us, forgive us,  
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

Forgive us for getting so caught up in the world’s trappings  
and its false messages of hope  
that we lose sight of the hope of the kingdom,  
which brings healing and peace to a world in turmoil.

**Hear us, forgive us,  
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

In this time of worship may we resolve to become more kingdom-minded  
to be your peacemakers here and now.

**Amen.**

Kyrie (You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy)

Ashley Young, Soloist

Children of the Most High: you are forgiven and brought into the kingdom. Be filled with spiritual wisdom, lead lives worthy of your inheritance, bear fruit in all you say and do and think.

**God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins, setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy. We will go and do likewise. 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

Ephesians 1:3-14 CEB

<sup>3</sup> Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. <sup>4</sup> God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. <sup>5</sup> God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan <sup>6</sup> and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. <sup>7</sup>

We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, <sup>8</sup> which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> God revealed his hidden design<sup>[b]</sup> to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. <sup>10</sup> This is what God planned for the climax of all times:<sup>[c]</sup> to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things

on earth. <sup>11</sup> We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design.

<sup>12</sup> We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. <sup>13</sup> You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. <sup>14</sup> The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"  
Ashley Young, Soloist

Second Lesson

Amos 7:7-14

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD showed me: The LORD was standing by a wall, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> The LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

"A plumb line," I said.

Then the LORD said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the middle of my people Israel.  
I will never again forgive them.

<sup>9</sup> The shrines of Isaac will be made desolate,  
and the holy places of Israel will be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, reported to Israel's King Jeroboam, "Amos has plotted against you within the house of Israel. The land isn't able to cope with everything that he is saying. <sup>11</sup> Amos has said, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will be forced out of its land.'"

<sup>12</sup> Amaziah said to Amos, "You who see things, go, run away to the land of Judah, eat your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's holy place and his royal house."

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, "I am<sup>[a]</sup> not a prophet, nor am I a prophet's son; but I am a shepherd, and a trimmer of sycamore trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from shepherding the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Affirmation of Faith

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“America the Beautiful”  
Katharine Lee Bates  
Ashley Young, Soloist

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

**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**

