



Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Jesus Draw Me Close”
Kelly Carpenter
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Charles Callahan
Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

No matter how far we wander, God’s Spirit is as near to us as our very breath.

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Langfitt

Responsive Call to Worship

We worship God with song and dance,
singing God’s praise and shouting for joy.

We worship God with silence and sighs,
grieving for loss and longing for comfort.

We worship God with prayers and hands,
praying for healing and working for peace.

Let us create a sabbath space
and worship the God who gives us life.

Prayer of the Day

Unison

**Shepherd God,
you call us into a rhythm of work and rest
that our lives may be the better for it.
So shape our leisure and our labor,
that the world will recognize us
as Jesus' disciples
and our ministry
as what you would have us do. Amen.**

Hymn No. 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Congregation

We know that you call your people to lives of
service and works of justice.

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives
just loud enough to drown out your call.
Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days
just busy enough to convince ourselves
that we have a righteous excuse.**

We know that you work for the healing of all that
is broken in the world.

**Heal us, O Lord, of our ignorance by your
grace.**

Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy) GTG 576

Congregation

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*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 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,[a] called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body[b] through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.[c]

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.[d] In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually[e] into a dwelling place for God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves

and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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.

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Offertory”
Gordon Young
Brad Stipcak, Organ

**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

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.

*Sending Hymn No. 182, vv. 1 & 3

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn No. 542, v. 1

“God Be With You Till we Meet Again”

*Postlude

“It Is Well/It Is Well With My Soul”

Victor Labenske
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Michael Langfitt, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Director of Music, Organ

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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