



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
William Marion Runyan
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Prelude on “St. Flavian”
Charles Callahan
Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

Encourage one another to live as people worthy of God’s calling.

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Langfitt

Responsive Call to Worship Michael

Praise God!

We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart,
in this congregation we will seek wisdom.

Great are the works of God
studied by all who delight in them.

God’s deeds are amazing and to be remembered;
God is gracious and merciful.

The awe of God is the beginning of wisdom;
All those who practice it have a good understanding.

May God be praised forever.

Unison Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Help those who receive his body and blood to be the body of Christ for the world, sharing the riches of his grace with all who hunger and thirst for eternal life; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

We try to be so careful, Faithful God, yet we make so many mistakes. We think we are so wise, yet do not understand the simple wonder of a child. We spend so little time in your presence, and ask why we do not know your dreams for us. We long to be good, upright people, but find our hearts tripping over the temptations of the world.

Have mercy, Covenant Keeper, and be gracious to us. As you continue to teach us of your hopes, your dreams, your love for us, may we practice what we learn, as we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in faith.

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy) GTG 576

Congregation

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

*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 5: 15-20

So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; always give thanks to God the Creator for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

John 6: 51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Then the people debated among themselves, asking, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "I assure you, unless you eat the flesh of the Human One and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. As the living One sent me, and I live because of the Living One, so whoever eats me lives because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. It isn't like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever."

People: **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

"For the Beauty of The Earth"
arr. Margaret Goldston
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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This morning we will celebrate communion as we worship.
If you are worshiping remotely and wish to partake of this sacrament,
please have elements (juice, bread, etc.) ready.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

May the God of joy be with you!

And also with you!

At this Table, God speaks grace to us.

We offer our listening hearts so we hear these words of life.

In this company of faithful followers of Jesus, give thanks.

In this moment, and always, we sing praises to our Steadfast Love.

[All praise is due to you, Amazing God,
for your great works we call creation.
Grace flowed out of your heart,
its gentleness woven into

the light, the earth, the air;
peace rested upon all that was shaped
out of your unpredictable imagination,
all that lived and breathed touched by
the wisdom of your Spirit.
You formed humanity in your image,
that we might bear witness to you,
but we could not discern between
good and evil, choosing to follow
death and sin out of your presence.
You asked your servants, the prophets,
to teach us your ways and will,
but we did not have understanding minds.
So, in grace and mercy, you sent Jesus,
the living bread come down from heaven
that we might have eternal life with you.

So, with the wise and the unwise,
the foolish and the faithful of every time,
we join our voices to sing our thanks:]

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God who teaches us to walk in faith.
All hearts in creation sing praises to you.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the Living Bread which came down from heaven.
Hosanna in the highest!**

[Holy are you, Awesome God,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, Living Bread.
When he could have remained
in the high places of glory with you,
he became fully human,
walking the paths of pain,
drinking the brackish waters of rejection,
eating the stale bread of our broken promises.
When he could have been careful,
he threw his fears to the wind,
taking up his cross to embrace death,
rising from the grave to lead us to eternal life.

As we gather to eat at your Table of remembrance,
as we give thanks for the life, death, and resurrection of Christ,

we point to that mystery of grace called faith:]

**Christ died, the Bread which will live forever;
Christ was raised, on the first day of new life;
Christ will come for us, so we may abide in God's kingdom forever.**

[It is not in the high places
but here at this Table graced
with the common loaf and the graced cup
that we find your promises kept,
and your Spirit poured out upon us.
You offer us the Bread of heaven,
broken that we might be made whole,
to us, so that filled with grace,
we might go to find all those
whose hopes have been foreclosed.
You touch the Cup of life,
poured out for our renewal,
to our lips, to our hands, to our hearts,
so that we might be transformed
into servants to all the world.

And when all your works have come to fruition,
when all your children are gathered around you,
we will lift our voices, singing praises to you,
through all time, and for all good things you have done,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.]

*[And with the confidence of the children of God, we are bold to pray Our
Father...]*

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion Meditation

“In Remembrance”
Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

* Sending Hymn No.500 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

*Responsive Charge and Blessing

Go, with the God of gentleness, into the world.

We will go to offer passionate justice for all

Go with the Bread of life into the world.

We will share compassion with the needy in our communities.

Go with the Spirit of holiness into the world.

We will speak the good news, even with our fumbling words.

*Sung Response Hymn No. 542, v. 1 "God Be with You Till we Meet Again"

*Postlude "What Does The Lord Requires of You"
Jim Strathdee
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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