



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“I Will Never Be”
Geoff Bullock
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Prelude on TALLIS’ CANNON”
Charles Callahan
Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

How are we called to unmask idolatries in our everyday lives?

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Shannahan

Introit

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
arr. Bill Ingram
Trinity Handbell Choir

Responsive Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, for God is good

Sing to God’s name, for the Lord is gracious.

False gods rise and fall, and idols are forged and forgotten,

But the Lord endures from generation to generation!

Unison Prayer of the Day

Lord God, great are your deeds; you have shattered the powers of evil
and have shown compassion to your servants. Keep us from being
deceived by idols, for there is no god like you, and your renown

endures from age to age. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

*Hymn No. 619 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it.
Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your
way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping
anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—with those closest to us
and those who are distant neighbors. Turn us away from violence, falsehood,
and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and
power, for you are the God who made us, led us out slavery, and has brought
us into the community of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy) GTG 576

Congregation
Jaron Marcus, Piano

**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

Exodus 20: 2-4; 22-24

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites this: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

“Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*
Andrew Lloyd Weber/arr. Wagner
Trinity Handbell Coir

Second Lesson

Matthew 6: 19-24

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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

Sermon

“Putting God FIRST: False Idols and Shiny gods”
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*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
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

“Meditation on TALLIS’ CANON”
Charles Callahan
Brad Stipcak, Organ

*Doxology GTG 607

Congregation
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 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.

- * Sending Hymn No. 708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
- *Charge and Blessing
- *Sung Response "When You Walk from Here" (sing twice)
Jaron Marcus, Piano
- *Postlude "God of Wonders" with "For the Beauty of the Earth"
arr. Victor Labenske
Jaron Marcus, Piano
- *Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider
Carol Shannahan, Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Director of Music, Organ
Jaron Marcus, Piano
Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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