



21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Conrad Kocher
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”
Kirk Dearman
Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

How much is enough?

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Langfitt

Introit

“Lord, Be Glorified”
Bob Kilpatrick
Trinity Heritage Coir

Responsive Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord for God’s faithful love

Give thanks to the Holy One’s wondrous works.

God satisfies those who are parched with thirst

And the Lord fills up the hungry with good things!

Unison Prayer of the Day

Congregation

Extravagant God,

you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.

**You pour out mercy and cover us with love.
You show us true justice and offer us peace.
You provide us with every need
and promise us eternal life with you.
In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world,
nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance.
Bathe us in the light of Christ,
illumine us with your Holy Spirit,
and enable us to live only for you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn No. 716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Gracious God,
in our wanderings and selfish desires:
we have forsaken fellowship with our families,
our friends, and our neighbors;
we have neglected our communion with you,
choosing worldly pleasures and desires
over truth, justice, and righteousness.
In a world of plenty,
we have hoarded our earthly blessings,
rather than storing up our heavenly treasures.
Free us from such bondage,
that we may truly reveal
the presence of Christ in our lives. 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
Jaron Marcus, Piano

**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

2nd Corinthians: 8: 1-8; 9: 5-6

Brothers and sisters, we want to let you know about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia. While they were being tested by many problems, their extra amount of happiness and their extreme poverty resulted in a surplus of rich generosity. I assure you that they gave what they could afford and even more than they could afford, and they did it voluntarily. They urgently begged us for the privilege of sharing in this service for the saints. They even exceeded our expectations, because they gave themselves to the Lord first and to us, consistent with God's will. As a result, we challenged Titus to finish this work of grace with you the way he had started it.

Be the best in this work of grace in the same way that you are the best in everything, such as faith, speech, knowledge, total commitment, and the love we inspired in you. I'm not giving an order, but by mentioning the commitment of others, I'm trying to prove the authenticity of your love also.

This is why I thought it was necessary to encourage the brothers to go to you ahead of time and arrange in advance the generous gift you have already promised. I want it to be a real gift from you. I don't want you to feel like you are being forced to give anything. What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"Once Again"
arr. Tom Fettke
Trinity Heritage Choir

Then [Jesus] told them a parable: “A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That’s where I’ll store all my grain and goods. I’ll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, ‘Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?’ This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.”

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

Sermon

Putting God FIRST: Share the Wealth
 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

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
arr. Cindy Berry
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Doxology GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Amen.**

Congregation
Brad Stipcak, Organ

*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. 320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”
Brad Stipcak, Organ

*Responsive Charge and Blessing

Happy are those who know real treasure and where to find it.

Happy are those who receive God’s treasure and share it unselfishly.

Invest your life and your heart in Christ, just as God has invested Christ in you.

Happy are those whose reward is found in heaven, not on earth.

Go now in the name of Christ, God’s ultimate gift of love.

Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response

“When You Walk from Here”
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Postlude

“You Are My King” (Amazing Love)
Billy J. Foote
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

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