



3rd Sunday
after Easter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

Think about a situation where you have experienced a surprising transformation.

Welcome and Announcements

Connie Hubbell

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

Sing praises to God, you people of faith.

We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.

Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

Praise God, who clothes us with joy.

Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

We give thanks to our God, today and always.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 240 (vs. 2 & 4)

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Generous God,

in Jesus you have shown us love,

love that seeks,
love that suffers,
love that survives all things.
You call us, even command us,
to show that love in our lives.
Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.
We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.
We deny and ignore,
hurt and hate,
despise and reject.
Have mercy on us.
Help us to receive your love
so that we can love others.
Help us to receive your love
so that we can love ourselves. Amen.

Time for silent confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sung Response (GTG 591)

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”
Jaron Marcus, Piano

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Sermon on the Steps

Carrie Lancaster

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the

boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards[b] off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Special Music

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Second Lesson

Acts 9: 1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Surprising Friendship
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Statement on Ordination

Constitutional Questions

Question to the Congregation

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Brad Stipcak, Organ

*Doxology Hymn No. 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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Music: Brad Stipcak. Organ

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

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

*Hymn No.515 (vs. 1-2)

"I Come With Joy"
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response GTG 246, v. 5

"Christ is Alive"
Brad Stipcak, Organ

*Postlude

Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:
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Connie Hubbell, Liturgist
Carrie Lancaster, Sermon on the Steps
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