



5th Sunday after Easter

May 15, 2022

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Conrad Kocher

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Prelude on St. Peter”
Charles Callahan

CENTERING WORDS

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

Welcome and Announcements

Jacob Barnard

Introit

“Come, Rejoice in God”
Jacques Berthier
Trinity Heritage Choir

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 14 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**God of mercy,
your command to love one another
across all differences
opens us to new horizons,
yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray,
and give us a true repentance
that leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Time for silent confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sung Response (GTG 591)

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

THE WORD

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

Sermon on the Steps

Janis Holiwell and Pat Thomblison

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

John 13: 31-35

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I’m with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—‘Where I’m going, you can’t come.’

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

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

Anthem

“In This Very Room”
Ron Harris
Trinity Heritage Choir

Second Lesson

Acts 9: 36-43

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God’s word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him, “You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!”

Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. “I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’ I responded, ‘Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ The voice from heaven spoke a second time, ‘Never consider unclean what God has made pure.’ This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man’s house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?”

Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

*People: **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

Chef’s Choice
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

*Hymn No. 693

“Though I May Speak”

Reception of New Members

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Offertory”
Gordon Young

*Doxology Hymn No. 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

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.

*Hymn No. 318 vs. 1-3

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response GTG 246, v. 5

“Christ is Alive”

*Postlude

“We Will Glorify”
Twila Paris

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Jacob Barnard, Liturgist,

Jan Holiwell and Pat Thomblison, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual

Matt Blum, Audio/Visual

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