



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING WATCH

MEDITATION

Trinity Choir

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made
Mark Hayes

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Before the earth was formed, we were God's chosen people.
Many: We were made in God's image and on the seventh day, God rested.
One: God, the maker of heaven and earth, rested so that
Many: Justice could be given to the oppressed and bread to the starving.
One: God rested to free the prisoners, to straighten those bent low, to protect the lowly.
Many: May we worship the God of rest, following in those footsteps of love.

† GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 623
(Repeat first verse after third verse)

[I've Got Peace like a River](#)
PEACE LIKE A RIVER

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, the maker of heaven and earth, we have taken it easy this summer. We have learned about sabbaticals, gifts, and rest. We have napped, vacationed, and enjoyed the joys of community. Within all of that, as we've tried to be your people, we still fell short. Sometimes it's easier to not phone the friend in need. Sometimes it's simpler to drive by the person experiencing homelessness and not lend a hand. Often, time is never on our side to enjoy your creation and presence. Forgive us, God. While we have learned, we continue to have growing edges. While we have rested, we continue to balance our renewed spirits. Speak to us, O God, and settle your spirit within so that we might embody the life you want us to live.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord Have Mercy



† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God, who comes close to hear our prayers and touch our hearts, we belong in your loving presence

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

† THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –
And also with you!

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 581

[Glory Be to the Father](#)

GLORIA PATRI

GOD SPEAKS TO US

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146: 1-10

SERMON

Stories of Sabbatical

Dr. Steve Lindsley, Casey Field, Debbie Thompson

† LITANY FOR CONCLUDING THE SABBATICAL JOURNEY

One: It is with great joy that we welcome Steve back from his sabbatical as our church concludes our sabbatical journey as well.

Many: We welcome you back and trust that you experienced the gift of spiritual growth, and that you return renewed and energized for ministry.

Steve: It is good to be back with you! I trust that you, too, found time to explore God's gifts in your life and encountered rest and renewal along the way.

One: Going forward, we look to the future and ponder what God has in store.

Steve: We see possibilities and promise, challenges and opportunities.

Many: We anticipate God's presence through it all, as God has been present with us throughout these years.

Steve: May we be faithful to our mission and vision as a congregation as we work to help God build God's kingdom on earth.

One: May we lean into the Spirit's guidance and let her lead the way, wherever that might lead us.

Many: May we always love one another as we seek to grow together and welcome all.

Steve: Jesus Christ was Lord at the beginning

One: Jesus will be Lord till the end.

Many: Even now, Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia! Amen!

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 36

[For the Fruit of All Creation](#)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

PRESENTATION OF 6TH GRADE BIBLES

A MOMENT FOR OFFERING AND MEDITATION

To make an offering, click [HERE](#).

OFFERTORY

Let the People Praise Thee, O God
William Mathias

† [DOXOLOGY](#)

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 FOR OFFERING

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

† SENDING HYMN

Glory to God, Hymnal No. 24

[God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens](#)

HOLY MANNA

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Robert Lind

† *All who are able are invited to stand.*

WORSHIP LEADERS: Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman and Rev. Jodi Martin, liturgists; Casey Field and Debbie Thompson, guest speakers; Dr. Chris Gilliam, director of music; Michael Rowland, organist; Ilana Lubitsch, guest instrumentalist; and Trinity Choir.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Our church family actively seeks to welcome all and to acknowledge and embrace the rich diversity of God's human creation. Come as you are. We do not seek to change you; rather, to provide space for you to grow in your unique faith journey. We believe that it is impossible to live out Christ's purpose, as individuals and as the church, without being fully open and inclusive, following the example Christ set for us. At Trinity Presbyterian Church, we believe in: Growing Together. Welcoming All. Please fill out our digital [Connect Card](#) to learn more about our church!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of each of our wonderful ministers by a grateful congregation.

THE WELL IS BACK - The Well Class will be meeting over Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. starting on Wednesday, September 15. We'll also have a class in person on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Heritage Room starting Sunday, September 19. Our Christian Education Intern for the Fall, Marcy Doak, will be leading both classes and she is excited to get started! Email Rebecca at rheilman@trinitypreschurch.org if you're interested in joining the email list.

THURSDAY CLASS- The Thursday Class will resume their weekly meetings Thursday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Elliott Hipp will again be our lead teacher.

FALL GARDENERS NEEDED - We've got carrots, turnips and pumpkins! Now that the weather is cooling off, help us in the garden! There will be planting, harvesting, and yes, weeding, but that's what it means to have a garden! Sign your family up or reach out to a friend and care for the garden for a week click [HERE](#) or go to <https://bit.ly/3lmu1dh>.

COVID POLICY UPDATE - Session unanimously voted that all individuals, including children two years old and older, be required to wear a mask at all times while indoors until further notice. The COVID Advisory Group will be revisiting those recommendations frequently over the coming weeks and months and we anticipate that additional changes to Trinity's policies will be needed to address concerning dynamics of this pandemic.

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