



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Partita on Lobe den Herren
Cynthia Goff (b.1963)

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.
Many: The Lord is our strength and might,
 God has become our salvation.
One: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.
Many: This is our God, whom we praise;
 the Lord is God's name.
All: Let us worship our God!

†GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 664

[Morning Has Broken](#)

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WE OPEN UP TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know the truth: you are perfect and we are not. You are might and we are frail and fragile. You see, hear, know it all from beginning to end – and we know none of those things. We only know what is here; and try as we might to make the best of it, we fall short of who you call us to be. And yet, we also know this truth: that you love us endlessly, that your grace abounds, and that you are eager to forgive. Hear our prayer, Lord. Hear our prayer and make us whole again, as you've done countless times before, as you will continue to do every day of our lives. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

† WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news, beloved:
God fills us with joy, clothes us in grace, paves the way for peace.
Many: As mercy leads to mercy, we will take these gifts to share with the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

† THE PEACE

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

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582

[Glory to God](#)
GLORY TO GOD

GOD SPEAKS TO US

MORNING WATCH

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130: 1-8

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas
Ola Gjeilo (b. 1975)

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The Love of Christ has gathered us into one. Amen.*

SERMON

Let's Get Real About Lament
Dr. Lindsley and Rev. Heilman-Campbell

The reality we need to acknowledge:
There is no going back to the ways things used to be.

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 39

[Great Is Thy Faithfulness](#)
Faithfulness

‡**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From the Preamble to the Sarasota Statement, NEXT Church We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord over a kingdom in which no one is hungry, violence is no more, and all suffering is gone. Our hope is not simply that we will experience this kingdom in the future, but that, as Christ's prayer demands, this kingdom comes "to earth as it is in heaven." So strong is this hope that we lament any and all instances of its absence. Furthermore, we are called to be vehicles of change through which God's Kingdom breaks into the world and our earthy lives. Our commitment is to acts that feed, clothe, instruct, reconcile, admonish, heal, and comfort – reflecting the power of God's hope and an eagerness to see the Kingdom made manifest. We believe God's Kingdom comes not because we are confident in our own capacities, but because we trust in God, who can do more than we can ask or imagine.

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.

A MOMENT FOR OFFERING AND MEDITATION

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR Code to the right.



OFFERTORY

‡[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. 821

[My Life Flows On](#)

How Can I Keep From Singing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven
Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

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

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley and Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell, preachers and liturgists; Rev. Jodi Martin, Director of Christian Formation and Youth; Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music and Cultural Events; Dr. John Siler, organist; and the Trinity Choir.

For those in need of hearing assistance, our Sanctuary is equipped with a "loop system" that broadcasts the audio into your hearing aids using t-coil technology. Alternately, headphones can be accessed in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE OF ELDERS DINNER – Tonight, at 6:00 p.m. in the Carson Fellowship Hall. The dinner this year will be potluck so bring a dish to share and Philip Blount will share his experience in Berlin at the Special Olympics.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB - Please join Trinity Book Club on September 26, at 5:30 p.m., at Leroy Fox, to discuss, *If I Survive You*, by Jonathan Escoffery. RSVP to Lynette Neel, lynettekneel@gmail.com.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - Join us Friday, September 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Back to School Celebration as we gather together in community for pizza, play, and conversation. Our friends at Kona Ice will be serving up cool treats while we celebrate a new school year. Please plan to donate \$5 per family member interested in pizza and kindly RSVP to Andria Siage by Thursday, September 28. andriapetrysiage@me.com You are also welcome to BYO food & beverage.

ISABEL WILKERSON AT QUEENS UNIVERSITY - Isabel Wilkerson, the author of *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, is speaking at Queens University on Thursday, **October 26**, at 7:00 p.m. Trinity's Racial Equity Council encourages you to attend to continue our education of racial justice.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE - On Tuesday, November 21, Trinity will welcome Charlotte's faith community when we host the Mecklenburg Ministries Interfaith Thanksgiving service. Please consider volunteering in one of many needed positions before, during or after the service. Don't wait to be asked: you are needed! Contact Carol Sugg, csrsugg@aol.com, to represent Trinity as we live up to "Growing Together and Welcoming All" to our beautiful facility and campus.

2SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 3 – MARCH 9, 2024 ADULT MISSION TRIP - Trinity is partnering with Sardis Presbyterian for a 2024 Adult Mission Trip in rural Kentucky! More information to come. Contact Rebecca Heilman if interested, rheilman@trinitypreschurch.org.