## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - July 17, 2022

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude –

Opening Responsive Prayer (from the 150th Psalm)

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!**Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Anthem

Call to Confession

Sin clings to us and distorts our hearing of God's Word. Therefore, let us confess our personal and communal sins to ready ourselves to receive God's truth.

**Prayer of Confession** 

Christ our Savior, we are worried and distracted by many things. Our minds wander. Our apathy reigns. We prefer to focus on ourselves than on you. Forgive our lack of attention. Forgive us for not prioritizing you and attending to you. Humbly, we sit at your feet and ask for your grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)

## Assurance of Pardon

Receive the forgiveness offered us in Christ. Rejoice in the redemption God provides. Amen.

## Our Response

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya Oh Lord, kumbaya!

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

\*Hymn - #360 "Hope of the World"

First Scripture Lesson Genesis 18: 1-12

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?"

Colossians 1: 15-29

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil and strive with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

Sermon "Christ is the Center, and the Reason for Hope" CP Bruce Jordan

\*Hymn - #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings: Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Offertory

\*Doxology-

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral response

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

Postlude

Liturgist: Abbie Coy

Soloist: Jessica Hitchcock

Head Deacons: Beth Davis & Linda Baines

CP Bruce Jordan Music Director: Pamela Carroll

The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Drew Julius Fleschut's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Given by: Nicole, John, Brandon & Ella



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