TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for May 9, 2021

Gathering Music Welcome & Announcements Prelude – Call to Worship

> Joyful is the sound we make this morning! For this day liberates us from doubt and fear. Thankful is the song we sing! For this day moves us past darkness and despair. Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips! For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life. Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment! May his peace and presence be known to you. And also to you. Let us greet one another with expressions of Christian love. —based on Matthew 18:20

Anthem

Call to Confession

When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord. There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord. —from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13, NRSV

Our Response

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today; With Your wonted loving-kindness Hear Your people as they pray, And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls alway.

Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of You to gain, What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain, And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one, One in might, and one in glory, While unending ages run.

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #416

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 98

1 O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. 2 The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. 4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. 5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it: the world and those who live in it. 8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy 9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. Second Scripture Lesson John 15:1-8

15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

15:2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

15:3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

15:4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.15:6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon – Abiding With Jesus - Janet Hunt

*Hymn Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come! Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down; Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #370

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

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. Amen

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

Postlude

Liturgist: Meryl Davis Flutist: Kim Meckes Head Deacons: Barbara Rinker & Fred Hunt Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer Music Director: Pamela Carroll Thank you to Jan Hunt for filling in for Rev. Jennifer today. Happy Mother's Day!