

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship

Defying expectations, God calls us to serve. Upending established patterns, God enrolls us in the story of grace.

We are startled! We are humbled. We are called.

Sheltered by God,

We come now to worship.

Invited by Christ,

We come now to pray,

Welcomed by the Spirit,

ALL: We gather as the people of God.

Call to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins, that grace might bridge, and we might cross, the great chasm between us.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving Father, we confess that we do not follow your commands and teaching. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things, instead we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than your will. Forgive us for growing weary in doing good; for failing to pray for your will to be done if it means we must change or sacrifice our own control. Forgive us for losing hope in your power to transform not only individuals, but the powers of this world. Seeking large results, we too often neglect the small acts that will lead to big change. Turn our hearts to your word and the means of grace by which your love is

received. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

The Scriptures are given to correct our ways, to train us in righteousness, and to equip us for every good work. We give thanks for the gift of forgiveness we know through the Son. By the grace of Christ we will be persistent in the life of faith to which we are called.

Our Response

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn - #273 ***“God of our Life” vss. 1-3***

First Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13 NIV

Samuel Anoints David As King

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Second Scripture Lesson John 15:9-17 NIV

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to

you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Sermon: “**You Are Chosen**” **Donna J. Dickinson, APS**

*Hymn - # 343 “**Called as Partners in Christ’s Service**” vss. 1-4

Presentation of Tithes & 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response

Halle Halle Halle

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Postlude

Liturgist: Abbie Coy

Head Deacons: Allyson Lord and Josh Coy

APS: Donna Dickinson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Kristina’s mother’s 65th birthday. Given by: The Coy Family



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