

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

Order of Worship for September 6, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Opening Prayer in Unison

God our Father, we call on you like little children because we know that you love us and care for us like a loving parent. Because your Son, Jesus, prayed to you as Father, so we pray this way. You created us to live with you and to ask for your help and guidance. Amen.

Anthem –

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unending, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

**God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully
receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

—Romans 5:1-2, NRSV

***Our Response Jesus Loves me
Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain:

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me he who died
heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. [Refrain]**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

***Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus
What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

12:2 This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

12:3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

12:4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

12:6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

12:7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

12:8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

12:10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

12:11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

12:13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

12:14 This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

18:15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

18:16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

18:17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

18:18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

18:19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

18:20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Sermon – Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

***Hymn There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.**

**There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." [Refrain]**

Communion

As we gather around tables you will be invited to partake of the elements that you received upon arrival or that you have at home.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Invitation to Prayer **I've Got Peace Like a River**

**I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.**

**I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

**I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)**

**I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)**

**I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)**

**I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)**

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