# Trinity Presbyterian Church August 21, 2022 A.D.

### Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music Welcome & Announcements Prelude

Call to worship

L: Lord God, your eyes are open day and night watching your children, and your ears are always ready to listen to prayer.

P: And for this we come here today to worship you.

L: So on this day, Father, allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with understanding what you are saying to us.

All: Awaken in us a longing to do what is right, and to make us aware of the great company of faithful witnesses, past, present and to come, with whom we join to worship you this day. Amen!

Call to Confession

Let us come before the Lord in a prayerful attitude of confession this day . . .

## **Prayer of Confession**

L: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. We claim to have fellowship with him, yet we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His son, purifies us from sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Therefore, let us confess our sins unto him who hears all . . .

All: God our Father, we have done wrong, and do not deserve to be called your children. We have turned from your way, and been taken in by our own desires. We have not loved neighbors as you have commanded. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us, and forgive us, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Silent Confession

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

Dear friends, as far as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our sins from us. Believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Christ, Jesus we are all forgiven. Amen.

Our Response

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!

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

\*Hymn - When Morning Gilds the Skies #487

The Morning Scripture Lesson: Mark 4:21-28

## A Lamp on a Stand

- 21 He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand?
- <u>22</u> For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.
- 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear."

- <u>24</u> "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.
- <u>25</u> Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them."

## The Parable of the Growing Seed

- <u>26</u> He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.
- <u>27</u> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.
- <u>28</u> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

Sermon: Beautiful Gifts Prepared in Advance

\*Hymn - All Things Bright and Beautiful #267

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 God be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

#### Postlude

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Liturgist: Nicole Fleschut

Head Deacons: Michele Steele & Josh Coy

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson Music Director: Pamela Carroll

The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of

their son Ryan Jones. Givens by: Ken & Cathy Jones



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