

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship for August 30, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Opening Prayer in Unison

All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. You chose us, before the world was made, to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.

You adopted us as your children in Christ.

You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins.

You have made known to us your secret purpose, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.

You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance. All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

—based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Anthem –

Call to Confession

The apostle John wrote: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on 1 John 2:1-2, NRSV

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we
be saved from God's wrath through him!
—Romans 5:8-9, NIV

*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 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

**You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

**God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.**

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

3:1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

3:3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

3:4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

3:5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

3:6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

3:7 Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

3:8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

3:9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

3:10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

3:12 He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

3:13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

3:15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

16:21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

16:22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

16:25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

16:26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

16:27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

16:28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Sermon – **Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

*Hymn **When Israel Was in Egypt's Land**

**When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go!
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go!**

Refrain:

**Go down, Moses,
Way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh,
To let my people go!**

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said:

**Let my people go!
"If not I'll smite your first born dead,"
Let my people go! (Refrain)**

"No more shall they in bondage toil,"

**Let my people go!
"Let them come out with Egypt's spoil,"
Let my people go! (Refrain)**

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 am 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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