

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship for July 26, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Opening Prayer in Unison

You, O God, are mighty forever.

You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.

**You sustain the living, give life to the dead,
support the falling, loose those who are bound,
and keep your faith with those who sleep in the dust.**

Who is like you, O God of mighty acts?

Praise be to you forever. Amen.

Anthem – Tell Me the Stories of Jesus with Kim Meckes

Call to Confession

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us,
we often act in destructive and hateful ways.
We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law.
Together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are.
We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid.
When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you
might call us to do.**

**When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths,
embarrassed to speak your Word.**

**When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our
hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.**

**When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame,
afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power
to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

—Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8, 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 - 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 bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
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.**

First Scripture Lesson

Genesis 29:15-28

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were lovely,[a] and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. 18 Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. 23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. 24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) 25 When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve

with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" 26 Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. 27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." 28 Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

13:31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

13:32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

13:33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

13:46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

13:48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous

13:50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13:51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

13:52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

***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 thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**

**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.**

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.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn - This Is My Father's World**

**This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.**

***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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