

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Music Director: Pamela Carroll

Order of Worship for 09/27/2020

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Opening Prayer in Unison

Hallelujah!

Praise! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!

Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty.

All that is alive, praise!

Praise the Lord.

Hallelujah!—Psalm 150:1-2, 6, TP

Anthem – **The Blessing**

Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

—based on Romans 8:39

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

**Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.**

**As we remember the lavish gift of your grace
symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks
that you forgive us yet again.**

**Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise
daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
—Isaiah 1:18, NRSV

*Our Response **Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***Hymn When Morning Gilds the Skies**

**When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
From depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
Through all the ages long,
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

17:1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

17:2 The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

17:3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

17:4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

17:5 The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

17:6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

17:7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

21:23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

21:24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

21:25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

21:26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet."

21:27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

21:28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

21:29 He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went.

21:30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go.

21:31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

21:32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Hymn **Baptized in Water**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with His rising, Freed and forgiven
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of one Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response **God Be with You Til 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.**

Refrain

**Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still divide you,
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]**

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