

*The Apostles' Creed*  
Week Five:

"...the  
forgiveness of  
sins..."

**July 16, 2023**  
**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Topeka, Kansas**

Pre-Service

"Blessed Assurance"  
Phoebe Palmer Knapp  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

*We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.*

Prelude

"Oblivion"  
Piazzola  
Karl Page, Cello  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

*How does our ministry honor the past and look forward to the future?*

Welcome and Announcements

Marvin Burris

Introit

"Arioso"  
J.S. Bach  
Karl Page, Cello  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

O come, let us sing to the Lord  
**and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!**  
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
**singing joyful songs of praise.**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 515 vv. 1, 3, 4

"I Come With Joy"

## Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our failure to be what you created us to be.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
By your loving mercy,  
help us to live in your light  
and abide in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

(silent confession)

Kyrie (Hymn No. 442 v. 1)

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

### Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.  
Beloved people of God, believe the good news:  
through the grace of Jesus Christ  
we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response (Hymn No. 442 v. 3)

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

### THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.*

## Prayer of Illumination

### First Lesson

Romans 5: 12-21

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not

like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, so that the trespass might increase, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so grace might also reign through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God***

Special Music

"Bouree"  
J.S. Bach  
Karl Page, Cello

Second Lesson

Matthew 5: 28-38

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well, and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.*

\*Hymn No. 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Seek Ye First"  
Karen Lafferty  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 607)

Congregation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive  
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.*

\*Sending Hymn No. 418

“Softly and Tenderly”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response (Hymn No. 600)

“Amen”

\*Postlude

“Duke Street”  
attributed to John Hatton  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:  
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Marvin Burris, Liturgist  
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music  
Jaron Marcus, Piano  
Karl Page, Cello  
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