



**July 30, 2023**  
**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Topeka, Kansas**

Pre-Service

“The Solid Rock”  
William Bradbury  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Gather Us In”  
by Marty Haugen  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

*What does the promise of resurrection mean for your spiritual journey?*

Welcome and Announcements

Randall Scott

Introit

“Amazing Grace”  
arr. Jay Althouse  
Tristen Taylor, Soloist  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

On this day of worship, we call on God's name,  
**and hear our own invitation to work for the good of all.**  
Gathered with neighbors and strangers, we call on God's hope,  
**and discover that a lifetime of service seems but a few days.**  
In this place of praise and prayer, we call on God's love,  
**and receive that grace which is as old as creation,**  
**yet as fresh as each morning.**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 41 (vv. 1, 3)

“O Worship the King! All Glorious Above!”

## Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

(silent confession) **Amen.**

### Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Jon Farrell-Higgins

Hear the good news: the One who could accuse us, saves us from sin and death. The One who could condemn us, cradles us in grace. The One who could punish us, prays for us.

**Now we know, there is nothing, not a thing, that can separate us from God. Thanks be to the One who forgives us. Amen.**

### Sung Response GTG 581

“Gloria Patri”

#### THE WORD

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

### Prayer of Illumination

#### First Lesson

Psalms 105: 1-11; 45b

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.  
Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,  
O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God;  
his judgements are in all the earth.  
He is mindful of his covenant forever,

of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,  
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,  
saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance.'

that they might keep his statutes  
and observe his laws.  
Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

### ***Thanks be to God***

#### Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

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

Sermon

“BELIEVE”  
Jon Farrell-Higgins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

\*Hymn No. 833

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

Affirmation of Faith

from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe:**

- **that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;**
  - **that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;**
  - **that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**
- Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“O Worship the King”  
arr. Victor Labenske  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 607)

Congregation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
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. 634

"To God Be the Glory"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response (Hymn No. 600)

"Amen"

\*Postlude

"Postlude on a Welsh Tune"

Gordon Young

Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Jon Farrell-Higgins, Presider

Randall Scott, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music/Organ

Tristen Taylor, Vocal Soloist

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual

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