



August 6, 2023 Trinity Presbyterian Church Topeka, Kansas

Pre-Service

"Give Us Clean Hands"
Charlie Hall
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

"The Power of your Love"
Geoff Bullock
Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

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

Welcome and Announcements

Cindy Stevens

Introit (Hymn No. 402)

"How Lovely, Lord"
Jaron Marcus, Piano
Carmen, Guitar

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation
(based on Matthew 14:16-17, 20)

God willingly satisfies our greatest needs
when we bring what little we have.
Let us love our neighbor as ourselves
joining in God's miracle-working power.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 612

"We Praise You, O God"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourself, ensuring
that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own distractions, we are**

blinded by our selfish desires. We are sick and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our little, to multiply it with your great power. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

(silent confession) **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Carmen Raines

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

Isaiah 55:1-5 CEB

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!
Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!

Why spend money for what isn't food,
and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and eat what is good;
enjoy the richest of feasts.

Listen and come to me;
listen, and you will live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful loyalty to David.

Look, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a prince and commander of peoples.

Look, you will call a nation you don't know,
a nation you don't know will run to you
because of the LORD your God,
the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalter:

Carmen Raines

Hymn No. #616 GtG "Awesome God"
Responsive Litany from Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Leader sings: Awesome God

Congregation sings: Awesome God

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Congregation sings: Awesome God

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

Congregation sings: Awesome God

The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Congregation sings: Awesome God

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:1-21 CEB

At that time Herod the ruler heard the news about Jesus. He said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He's been raised from the dead. This is why these miraculous powers are at work through him." Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod's brother Philip.

That's because John told Herod, "It's against the law for you to marry her."

Although Herod wanted to kill him, he feared the crowd because they thought John was a prophet. But at Herod's birthday party Herodias' daughter danced

in front of the guests and thrilled Herod. Then he swore to give her anything she asked.

At her mother's urging, the girl said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a plate."

Although the king was upset, because of his solemn pledge and his guests he commanded that they give it to her. Then he had John beheaded in prison. They brought his head on a plate and gave it to the young woman, and she brought it to her mother. But John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus what had happened.

When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat."

They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish."

He said, "Bring them here to me." He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Tale of Two Parties"
Carmen Raines

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

*Hymn No. 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Affirmation of Faith

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"You Are My All in All"
Dennis Jernigan
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*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. 770 vv. 1, 3, 4

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response (Hymn No. 600)

“Amen”

*Postlude

“Halle, Halle, Halle”
Hal H. Hopson
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

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Cindy Stevens, Liturgist

Jaron Marcus, Piano

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