

August 20, 2023
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, Kansas

GATHERING

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

Gathering Music

“O Lord, Our Lord” Hymn No. 613

“Great Are You Lord” Hymn No. 614

“O Sing to the Lord” Hymn No. 637

Carmen Raines

Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

How good it is that sisters and brothers live together in human dignity. As we celebrate our common humanity this day, let us lift up a humane spirituality in song and silence, prayer and practice.

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Hornecker

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

When hatred and division separate us,

God’s love binds us together.

When quarrels estrange us from one another,

Christ’s light shows us the way to reconciliation.

When we feel excluded and left out,

The Spirit’s peace eases our pain.

When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

God’s grace restores our hope.

Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 624

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others.

We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ.

(silent confession) **Amen**

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Friends, the gifts and the calling of God
are irrevocable.

Receive the gift of forgiveness
and share that gift with others,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sung Response (Hymn No. 447)

“We Are Forgiven”

THE WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar,

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel:

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Special Music

Carmen Raines

Second Lesson

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Feasting on the Crumbs"
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Hymn No. 829, vv. 1-3

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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

“Olivet”
Gordon Young
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.**

<p>SENDING FORTH</p>

<p><i>Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.</i></p>
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*Sending Hymn No. 543 (vv. 1-4)

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response (Hymn No. 600)

“Amen”

*Postlude

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:
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Carol Hornecker, Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music
Jaron Marcus, Piano
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