



September 3, 2023
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, Kansas

Pre-Service

Jaron Marcus, piano

GATHERING

We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship?

Prelude

"Prelude on "SCHMÜCKE DICH"
Paul Manz
Brad Stipcak, organ

CENTERING WORDS

*What does it mean for me to take up my cross and follow Jesus? How do I
practice that in my daily life?*

Welcome and Announcements

Beverley Lutz

Introit

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in

suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ.

Sung Response (Hymn No. 551)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

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

Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Second Lesson

Matthew 16: 21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This

must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Crosswise”

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

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

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

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

By sharing the cup and the loaf, we recall God's everlasting covenant with us.

*Communion (Hymn No. 521)

"In Remembrance of Me"

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Sung Response (Hymn No. 552)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him—

letting go of fear, setting our minds on holy things,

and giving our whole lives for the sake of the gospel.

Remembering your goodness and grace,

we offer ourselves to you with gratitude

as we share this joyful feast.

Sung Response (Hymn No. 553)

"Christ has Died; Christ is Risen"

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this bread and cup;

make us one in the body and blood

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

By your Spirit, help us to love and honor one another,

living in the grace of Christ that binds us together

and sends us forth to witness and serve.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Spirit,

we bless you, God of glory,

now and forever.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Music

“Let Us Break Bread Together”
arr. Charles Callahan
Brad Stipcak, organ

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

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

*Sending Hymn No. 320, vv. 1-3

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response (Hymn No. 600)

“Amen”

*Postlude

“Soul, Adorn Yourself in Gladness”
Johann Cruger
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:
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