



## September 10, 2023 Worship Service Trinity Presbyterian Church Topeka, Kansas

Pre-Service

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
Kathleen Thomerson  
Jaron Marcus, piano

### GATHERING

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

Prelude

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"  
Martin Smith  
Jaron Marcus, piano

### CENTERING WORDS

*Where have you encountered hope in the past?*

Welcome and Announcements

Meredith Snapp

Introit

"We Want to Sing"  
Roger Emerson  
Trinity Heritage Choir  
Jaron Marcus, piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

We gather here, where God would teach us:  
**so we may learn to be more compassionate,  
so we may be taught how to be more loving.**  
We gather here, where Jesus would teach us  
**the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge,  
the language of hope so we may speak to all.**  
We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,  
**so we might know how to share grace,  
so we would learn to welcome all to this Table.**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 611

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day so that we may live as children of the light.**

(silent confession) **Amen**

Sung Response (Hymn No. 551)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

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.*

Sermon on the Steps

Rev. Meredith

Sunday School Teacher Commissioning

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 5: 1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Second Lesson

Mark 5: 21-43 (NRSVUE)

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

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. 39

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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

“The Path of Life”  
Jason W. Krug  
Handbell Quartet

\*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. 26 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

“Earth and All Stars”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response (screens)

“Go Now in Peace”

\*Postlude

“Ein Feste Burg”  
arr. Charles Callahan  
Brad Stipcak, organ

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Meredith Snepp, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Heritage Choir & Trinity Handbell Choirs

Sara Emde, flute

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