



**September 17, 2023
Worship Service
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, Kansas**

Pre-Service

“Shout to The North”
Martin Smith
Jaron Marcus, piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Hodges/Beethoven
Jaron Marcus, piano

CENTERING WORDS

What are your favorite stories of hope?

Welcome and Announcements

Becky Jones

Introit

(GTG 637-congregation sings vv. 4 & 5)

“O Sing to the Lord”
Brazilian Folksong/arr. Cartford
Trinity Heritage Choir
Jaron Marcus, piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

Bless God’s holy name.

God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

Bless God’s holy name.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 268 (vv. 1 & 4)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love.

(silent confession) Amen

Sung Response (Hymn No. 551)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

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.

Sermon on the Steps

Jenny Lee

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow[a] out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed[b] together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Anthem

"How Majestic Is Your Name"
Michael W. Smith
Trinity Heritage Choir
Jaron Marcus, piano

Second Lesson

Luke 1: 26-38(NRSVUE)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." [a] But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" [b] The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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. 265 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

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

"Sanctuary"

Thompson/Scruggs
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. 772 (vv. 1,3,4)

“Live Into Hope”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response (screens)

“Go Now in Peace”

*Postlude

“Live Into Hope/Jesus Shall Reign”

Attr. John Hatton/Anon.

Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Becky Jones, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Heritage Choir

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual

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