

**July 14, 2024
Sunday Worship
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, Kansas**

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

Carol Thomas, Song Leader

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” GtG #610 (vv1-2)

Jaron Marcus, Piano

“This Is Amazing Grace” Screens

“Glory to God” GtG #585 (all verses)

CENTERING WORDS

*How could a simple practice of thanking God at any given moment in the day
enliven your faith?*

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Bozeman

Call to Worship

We gather to worship in the presence of God,
as if we stood on God’s holy hill.

We gather to worship as children of God,
as if we were standing in the waters of grace.

We gather to worship the living God,
for God is here among us.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 2091 (The Faith We Sing)

“The King of Glory Comes”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives
just loud enough to drown out your call.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days
just busy enough to convince ourselves
that we have a righteous excuse.**

Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace.

Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.

Time for silent confession.

Sung Response Hymn No.578 (v. 1)

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Carol Shannahan

Passing of the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ fill you with the joy of God’s word.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Sung Response Hymn No. 591 (3 times)

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

THE WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 24 (NRSV)

The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.^[a]
They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Savior.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.^{[b][c]}
Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Thanks be to God

Special Music

“How Can I Keep From Singing”
arr. Becki Slagle Mayo
Cathy Armstrong, Connie Houser, & Carol Thomas
Jaron Marcus, piano

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

A World Without Windows
Rev. Carol Shannahan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Moment for Reflection

*Hymn No. 649 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

“Amazing Grace”

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle’s Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”
arr. Michael Burkhart
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Doxology Hymn No. 607

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.**

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.

*Hymn No. 634

“To God Be the Glory”

Responsive Charge & Blessing

It is time to go out and share God' secret purpose
which has been disclosed in Jesus Christ.

With God's help, Amen!

Share that secret with others by the way you live:

with the words on your lips,
by the deeds of your hands,
with the prayers in your minds,
and through the love in your hearts.

With God's help, Amen!

The grace of Christ will redeem you
the enduring love of God will support you,
the friendship of the Holy Spirit will accompany you,
this day and ever more. **Amen!**

*Sung Response Hymn NO. 700 (sing twice) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*Postlude

Jaron Marcus, piano

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Carol Shannahan

Susan Bozeman, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, Accompanist

Cathy Armstrong, Connie Houser, & Carol Thomas

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