

**July 21, 2024  
Sunday Worship  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Topeka, Kansas**

GATHERING

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

Gathering Music

Carmen Raines, Song Leader

“Let Us Build A House” Hymn No. 301 vv. 1-2

Jaron Marcus, piano

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” Hymn No. 451, vv. 1-2

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord” Hymn No. 452 as written

CENTERING WORDS

*The promise of peace cannot be secured through strength of arms but through self-giving love.*

Welcome and Announcements

Peggy McAdoo

Introit

“Etude in C Major”

Clair Omar Musser

Theodore Musick, percussionist

Call to Worship

When you are weary in your bones . . .

**here you will find rest.**

When you are divided from family and friends . . .

**here you will find peace.**

When you are discouraged and downhearted . . .

**here you will find hope and courage.**

When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you . . .

**here you will find succor and peace.**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 309

“Come Great God of All the Ages”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Shepherding God, call us away to a deserted place,  
for we need your loving care.**

**We need your Spirit to guide us.  
We need your peace to our divisions.  
We yearn to abandon old grievances  
and embrace wholeness in our lives.  
We long to see all people,  
friends and adversaries alike,  
as beloved members of your household.  
In this, we will find peace. Amen.**  
*Time for silent confession.*

Sung Response Hymn No. 551

“Lord Have Mercy”

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Carmen Raines

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Christ’s love breaks down the walls that divide us. In joy and celebration of this great gift, let us share signs of the peace that makes us one.  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with You.**

\*Sung Response Hymn No. 582, v. 1 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

<p>THE WORD <i>The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.</i></p>
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Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture  
Hymn No. 803

Psalm 23  
“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Special Music

“A Little Prayer”  
Evelyn Glennie  
Theodore Musick, percussionist

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22 CEB

So remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called “uncircumcised” by Jews who are physically circumcised. At that time, you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God’s promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

Sermon

"Puzzled"  
Rev. Carmen Raines

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

\*Hymn No. 306

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Affirmation of Faith

Confession of Belhar

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

- have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;
- together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;
- together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;
- together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ;
- that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Allemande from Cello Suite, No. 1”

J.S. Bach

Theodore Musick, percussionist

\*Doxology Hymn No. 607

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

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

\*Hymn No. 301 vv. 4-5

“Let Us Build a House”

\*Responsive Charge and Blessing

God calls us away to bless us with rest.

**In God, we find peace.**

Our shepherd watches over us day and night.

**In Christ, we dwell secure.**

The Spirit anoints us with holy love.

**In the Spirit, we find healing.**

Go as the beloved household of God.

\*Sung Response Hymn No. 301 v. 1

“Let Us Build a House”

\*Postlude

Brad Stipcak, organ

Participants in worship:

Rev. Carmen Raines, Presiding

Peggy McAdoo, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, Accompanist

Theodore Musick, percussionist

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