

Trinity United Church

Sunday, August 23rd, 2020

12th after Pentecost

Worship Team

Ministers:	<i>The People of Our Congregation</i>
Music Director:	Meg Leonard
Cantor:	Cathy Bennett
Ministry of Music:	Cathy Bennett
Scripture Reader:	Carol Wells-Gordon
The Message:	Rev. Andrew Macpherson
Power point Creator:	Susan Zilke Ward

Prelude: "River Lullaby" (*Prince of Egypt*)
played by Meg Leonard

The Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Candle of
Reconciliation and Peace: (*in unison*)

**Creator,
As we come together,
gathered on this land,
keep us mindful
of the waves of change,
help us to embrace
our stories as we continue
to build our community
upon the foundation of Love.
Be with us as we
strive to make right
with all our relations.
Amen. ***

Gathering Response: (*see screen*) “Our God is a God Who
Makes Friends”

- 1.) Our God is a God who makes friends,
our God is a God who makes friends,
our God is a God who is faithful to the end;
our God is a God who makes friends.
- 2.) Our God calls us all to make friends,
our God calls us all to make friends.
Yes, you as well as I,
we’re the very ones God sends.
Our God calls us all to make friends. *

Welcome

We Open Ourselves to God

Call to Worship: (*responsive*)

Leader: Our journey in life leads
us on several paths,
which shall we take?

**All: The Spirit is our compass,
we are guided by God**

Leader: We know have the use of a
GPS device but our hearts,
or actions have Christ.
The Christ compass is our spiritual GPS.

**All: No electronics!
The Love of Christ
does not need to be re-charged,
the love of Christ recharges
us for no monthly fee.
The Spirit nourishes in our
community of faith. ***

Hymn: #560 (VU) "Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

- 1.) O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
teach me thy secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2.) Help me the slow of heart to move
with some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3.) Teach me thy patience; still with thee,
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4.) in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live. *

Opening Prayer: *(in unison)*

On this day, Lord root your love in our soul, help us to feel you.
Guide us as we follow the path you want us to.

We are tempted by our emotions and the advertising from our media channels.

We are tempted by people who may be angry and wish to lead us astray.

Christ, help us to discern what path to take, help us to hear your singing voice.

Christ help us sing your love and share it with our loved ones and strangers.

We follow Christ as a secure compass and know that the music of his heart leads us to Peace.

We are redeemed by the Love of Christ Jesus. Amen! *

Finding Our Centre

Growing in Faith: “Importance of Adoption”

“Adoption was a very important part of traditional society in nearly every Native American tribe. Because of the highly structured clan system in most Native American societies, it was rare for an orphaned child to be left without a family-- usually there were very clear clan rules about who inherited the responsibility for a child whose parents had died. It was not even considered "adoption" in most tribes for a child to be taken in by a maternal uncle or another relative or clan member.” *

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10 (NRSV)

Read by Carol Wells-Gordon

The Israelites Are Oppressed

8.) Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So, the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?”

The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So, God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Birth and Youth of Moses

2.) Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So, the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So, the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.” *

Gospel Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

Read by Carol Wells-Gordon

Peter’s Declaration about Jesus

13.) Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. *

Ministry of Music: “In the Garden” *sung by Cathy Bennett*

The Message: “Adoption in a Basket”

Hymn: **#575 (VU)** “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

- 1.) I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2.) I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3.) I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4.) I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! *

Joys & Concerns

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: *(spoken)*

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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen. *

The Offering

Offering Song: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"
Word #**544** (VU) music #**530** (VU)

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today

to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done. *

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: #422 (VU) "God Be with You, till We Meet Again"

- 1.) God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

- 2.) God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

- 3.) God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

4.) God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again. **

Commissioning

Benediction

Going Out Song: (*see screen*) (2 x's) "May the Peace of the
Lord Christ"

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you
wherever he may send you,
may he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm,
may he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you,
may he bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

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**Trinity and Providence United Church is inviting you to
virtual coffee time :)**

Time: This is a recurring event - coffee time will be Sunday, Aug. 23rd
at 11 a.m. Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85790016906?pwd=RytXRTVJaElwZk9zMWFZRTFucWtsZz09>