



Trinity  
Presbyterian  
Church

*“Serving God in the Heart of the City”*

Sunday, September 20, 2020  
10:30 am

16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Service for the Lord's Day

## *Gathered in God's Name*

### GATHERING

“Sonata in E Major”  
“How Can I Keep from Singing?”  
“Saved By Grace”  
“Grace Alone”

D. Scarlatti  
Lowry  
Stebbins/arr. Berry  
Brown/arr. Hayes

### CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to revere your name.

**We give thanks to you with our whole heart, and we will glorify  
your name together forever.**

Help us to teach our children, and our children's children, to meditate on  
your instruction and give praise to your name.

**Help us to teach them through words and actions what it means  
to follow your Son and embrace the grace you bestowed on us  
through him.**

Loving God, compassionate Son, healing Spirit, in gratitude, we come  
before you this day, to seek your word for us, and to enjoy your gift of life  
in its fullness. Receive our praise and our prayers this day offered in the  
name of Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### PRAYERFUL PRAISE

**HYMN #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”**

*O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Unison*

God of mercy, we come to you confessing that we are not the people you would have us be. Too often we have forsaken you, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for ourselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water. We have failed to make you the center of our lives. We confess the sins of envy and greed for the things of this world, and ingratitude for the many blessings you have bestowed on us. Forgive us, God. Teach us humility. May your faithfulness toward us remind us to be faithful. In Jesus' name we pray. *(silent confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# *Hearing God's Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:6-8

(Pew Bible OT, Pg 866)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Gospel of Grace”  
Janet Jones, soloist

Spirituals/arr. Hayes

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

(Pew Bible NT, Pg 21)

SERMON

“Justice and Mercy”

Dr. Mack Sigmon

HYMN #435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.  
  
For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Unison*

We affirm that God is with us. God loves and brings together all people. God creates and gives life to us and love between all peoples. We welcome God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came back from the dead. Christ offers a life which leads to a new beginning with God. We affirm that Christ calls us to live in accordance with the values of God’s reign. We open our hearts to the coming of the Holy Spirit, who breathes into us renewing power in service to the reign of God. We joyfully affirm our life as the church. God calls the church to engage in the ministry of reconciliation, that we may become a foretaste of God’s reign, when God will make all things new. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Giving Thanks to God*

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

# THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## *Sent Into God's World*

HYMN #702

“Christ Be Beside Me”

*Christ be beside me, Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.*

*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;  
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

“Postilion”

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*Special thanks to Liz Strong (Lay Reader) and  
Janet Jones (Special Music) for helping with today's service.*

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# KEEPING IN PRAYER

**Prayer Concerns:** Georgia Bach & her family, George Banghart & his family, Roberta Crawford, the family of Bill Davies, Bob Garmirian (Chris Svenson's uncle), Bob Letson, Harriet Marsh, Alix Roa & her family, Doris Santeford (Kathy Moser's mom), Colleen Shannon, Ann Walker, Marney Wasserman

**Prayer Focus:** Loving Lord, thank You for the wonderful example of Your life, which was lived in spirit and truth. A life that demonstrated love as well as justice, a life that cared for all humanity, especially those who were weak or hurting or marginalized, or those who were sinking into a pit of despair or poverty. Be close to all who are feeling the bitter winds of depression and scarcity in their lives and uphold them with the warming breath of Your love and grace. Keep us we pray, from making wrong judgements about those that are suffering affliction or who have been overtaken by the challenges of poverty. Give us a wider perspective on life and a heart of compassion and kindness, especially on those that feel alone, unloved or uncared for. May we become Your eyes and ears and may Your heart of love and grace flow through us to those that are in need. Look down in pity on all who are suffering loss, poverty or unjust discrimination at this time, and we pray that in Your best time Your justice will prevail in each of their lives. Thank You, Lord. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen. *From <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Justice>*

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Online Adult Class** Dr. Mack continues his class today at 9:00 am entitled "God and the Pandemic". The class continues online through October 4. For more information and your invitation go to <http://trinitytucson.org/god-and-the-pandemic/>.

**Online Fellowship** Dr. Mack hosts the after worship fellowship at 12:00 pm. Information for that is at [www.trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://www.trinitytucson.org/watch-live).

**Online Wednesday Evening Vespers** continue each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. This will be a brief time of prayer and sharing where Dr. Mack will share scripture, a devotional, prayer concerns, and then we will pray. The invitation is available on our website at <http://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>.

**Canned Food Drive** Bring items during office or food pantry hours.

**Crop Hunger Walk** is Sunday, October 25. Sign up to participate or donate online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/tucsonaz/Team/View/133161/Trinity-Presbyterian>