SCRIPTURE READING (CONTINUED):

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.
5 Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.
6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.
7 Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.
8 I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”
9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.
10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.
I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.
11 Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 25, 2020

* Stand if you are able  See words to the right  See words on the back

(A Time of Gathering: 10:15 a.m.)

Organ Prelude:  “Toccata and Fugue in d minor”  J. S Bach

Introduction & Prayer Updates

(Livestream Begins: 10:30 a.m.)

Prelude:  “Let All Things Now Living”  J. Raney
Kyle LaFleur, flute

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Special Music:  “How Great Is Our God”  C. Tomlin
Shannon and Teri LaFleur

Prayer of Confession, Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading:  Psalm 40:1-11 (NRSV)

Stewardship Theme Song:  “You Light Up My Life”  J. Brooks

Sermon:  “Between an Old and New Song”

Closing Response:  “The Prayer”  Sager/Poster
Teri LaFleur and Lisa Woods

Benediction

Postlude:  Toccata on “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”  J. Raney

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Maren C. Tirabassi)
L: Our God is Alpha and Omega
P: We have many beginnings and endings.
L: The One who is and was and is to come is Almighty.
P: Encompassed in God’s time are little times—our memories, our concerns for today, our dreams for the future.
L: This hour we set aside to worship God in reverence and praise.
P: With open hearts and fragile bodies, with struggling reason and hopeful spirit, we rejoice to enter the stream of God’s presence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION: (Hilda A. Kuester, adapted)
O God, we confess that we have failed to concentrate on you. Our attention has wandered from you. Our hearts and minds have withdrawn from you. We confess that our own concerns have usually taken priority over the needs of our siblings in Christ. Our comforts have seemed more important than others’ poverty. Our difficulties have seemed more significant than the tragedies of others. We confess that we have forgotten that we are created in your image. We have insulted you by treating ourselves with contempt. O God, make these our aims: to love others, to love ourselves. Forgive us. Mend us. Redirect us, our Creator and God. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Non-Responsive) (Glen E. Rainsley, adapted)
In our striving to follow Christ, God is a sure and constant presence, never coercing commitment but always inviting it. God holds before us priorities that emerge from the Word, God enlightens us when our understandings are dim, God beckons us to embody belief in deed, God strengthens us in spirit and truth. It is so that we are loved by God. Amen.

THE 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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 40:1-11 (NRSV)
1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.