Trinity UMC Pre-Recorded Order of Worship  
September 6, 2020

Organ Intro: Becky Rosendahl Isaacson, Director of Music Ministry

Welcome/Announcements: Pastor Erin Newcomb-Moore

Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" – arr. A. Lockaby
Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore, violin
Teri LaFleur, violin

Call to Worship¹:

Ellen Lutz, liturgist

– Come, let us return to God with our whole beings; let us rejoice and be glad!
– Come, let us respond to one another with love and generosity! Let us embrace life with open arms and open hearts.
– Come, let us be the people of faith we are called to be. Let us be responsible to our loving God and vigilant about how we live.
– Come, let us seek to have a voice even when the world in which we live denies it. God hears us. Let us celebrate.
– We are not the same, yet God desires our communion. We are very different in our approaches to life, yet we were all created by our loving God, and embraced in God’s everlasting arms. In our worship, let us come together. Let us be the family we were created to be. Let us find our way back to God and one another.

Opening Prayer by World Alliance of Reformed Churches²:

Pastor Erin

God of Life, may your light shine on your people today, as it shone in each moment of history. May the light of your presence inspire this celebration, and inspire our lives, to praise you and recognize you, as source of all creation, as strength that sustains, as sap that nurtures, as wisdom that foresees, as clarity that discovers, as love that understands, as mercy that forgives. May the light of your presence, eternal and inextinguishable, shine on us now and forever till the dawn of your Kingdom, present in each day.

Special Music: "The Lord is My Light" – C. Courtney
Teri LaFleur, soprano

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer:

Pastor Erin

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 119:33-40
Ellen Lutz

² https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/reformation-day-opening-prayer.html
Hymn #402 vs.1, 2  “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
   Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
   R: In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
   Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
   R: In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Sermon:  “Finding Our Way Back”                 Pastor René Perez

Closing Response:  "Thou Art God" – L. Bourne  Teri LaFleur

Benediction:  Pastor René

Organ Postlude (during credits):  Becky Isaacson