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Love. Grow. Serve.

The Order of Worship
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
November 15, 2020

* Please rise as you are able/† Items projected on the screen

Prelude "*Fuga alla moda*"
 Recorder Quartet and Bongo Drums
 by Bradford Wright

 "*Autumn into Spring*" Piano
 by Bradford Wright

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

One: Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.

 Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

All: God's love surrounds us here today.

God calls us to be children of light.

One: We belong to the day when we have faith.

 We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

All: We seek to be faithful to the best we know.

We want to invest the talents God gives us.

One: Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.

 Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

All: We are here to build up one another.

May our worship encourage each of us today.

†*Hymn#798 “All with Joyful Exultation”

†Prayer of Confession

One: Sometimes we are objects of scorn and contempt, but sometimes we are the ones at ease, filled with pride and thinking ourselves better than others. We cling to a false sense of peace and security amid injustice and oppression. The day of the Sovereign can surprise us like a thief in the night, and judgment is sure.

**All: We are reluctant to face your judgment,
all-knowing God.**

**We know we have not fully invested
the talents you have entrusted to us.**

**We hide them and hoard them,
retreating into a false sense of security.**

**We live in the nighttime of self-protection
rather than in the light of full participation in loving,
faithful service.**

**We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life
rather than investing ourselves
in the tasks to which you call us.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

We want to be children of the day – your day.

Help us! Amen.

Time of silent confession...

†The Words of Assurance

One: God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ, who offers us life in all its fullness. Continue, then, to build up one another with encouragement and hope. Look to God each day for mercy and assurance, and be alert to hear God's commands. Live as children of light.

All: Thanks be to God!

†*Joyful Response#441

“Hear the Good News of Salvation” v. 1

Hear the good news of salvation:

Jesus died to show God’s love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you!

Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me.

Love me still and cleanse within.

†*The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you with words
and signs of God’s reconciling peace.

†Sung Prayer for Illumination Hymn#288

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Special Music Reason Enough

by Haase, Lindsey, and Haun

4Praise

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Dr. April Davis Campbell

†*Hymn#716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

†*Affirmation of Faith *from A Declaration of Faith*

God has not taken his people out of the world,

but has sent them into the world

to worship God there and serve all humankind.

We worship God in the world

by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people.

Our cries for help and our songs of praise

are never for ourselves alone.

Worship is no retreat from the world;

it is part of our mission.

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing

in the world and joining God in that work.

We risk disagreement and error

when we try to say what God is doing here and now.

But we find guidance in God’s deeds in the past

and in God’s promises for the future,

as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work,

especially in events and movements

that free people by the gospel

and advance justice, compassion, and peace.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

(Prayer requests can be made via the chat function on Zoom).

†Invitation to Prayer (Let us sing together) #470 v. 2

“There Is a Longing in Our Hearts”

Refrain *There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.*

*There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.*

Verse 2 *For wisdom, for courage, for comfort:
hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

†*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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Moment for Generosity

Pastor April

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

†*Offertory Response#701 “*Lord, Prepare Me*”

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

†*Unison Offertory Prayer

There is no escape from your judgment,

O Spirit of Holiness,

but neither can we flee beyond your limitless love.

**We offer an accounting of our stewardship
in and beyond the offering of this day.**

**Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation
in work that builds up the body of Christ.**

Use what we offer here

to bring encouragement and hope

to many who have lost a sense of meaning

for their lives. Bless us and our offerings.

Amen.

†*Hymn#351 “*All Who Love and Serve Your City*”

†*Responsive Blessing and Sending

One: As another week unfolds, continue to look up.

Dare to invest yourself for the sake of others.

All: **God will go with us to uplift our spirits.**

**We will pass on to others
the encouragement God gives.**

One: Live as children of the day, children of light.

Keep awake, sober, and full of faith and love.

All: **God's saving grace is a healing force among us.**

God's trust in us helps us to trust others.

One: Listen for God's commendation and affirmation.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

All: **We will seek to be worthy of that award.**

May God bless our worship and our service.

Postlude

"Tune for Jessica"

Recorders, Piano, and Cello
by Bradford Wright

Portions of the liturgy adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2* © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press. *Taught by Love, Worship Resources for Year A* by Lavon Bayler, p.158-159 (Pilgrim Press, 2002).

Musicians:

Hymn Leader and original compositions: Bradford Wright

4Praise: Neal Strand, Mike Schenck, Steve Theiss, Jesse Carpentier

Pianist: Jane Wasiluk

Liturgist: Ken Latham

Reminder please mute your microphone when joining worship via Zoom. You can also disable the video from your camera if you like. After worship you can turn on your microphone and the video from the camera for the fellowship time.



Announcements

*Tuesdays @ 230 Bible Study – Not meeting Tuesday November 17th or 24th. Returning on December 1st @ 2 (back to original time).

*Prayer-Full Pause ~ Wednesdays at noon Live on Trinity's FB page. Also saved on Trinity's FB page and posted on Trinity's website.

<https://www.trinitywoodbury.org/videos>

*Contemporary Issues discussion returns Wednesdays in December on Zoom with an Advent Study. Watch for more details.

Bell Choir practice – Wednesday from 6-7 – note time change for rest of November

Session Meeting via Zoom Nov. 19th @ 7 p.m.

*Shop with scrip gift cards orders can be dropped off at the church or put in the church mailbox. Next order December 6th.

No Trinity Zoom worship on November 22nd. All are invited to worship using the worship service produced by the Presbyterian Church (USA), a link will be provided in the Friday Blast.

Remote Church School for grades K-6th via Zoom November 22nd from 4-5 p.m.

NRS **1 Thessalonians 5:1** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

NRS **Matthew 25:14** "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'