

# TRINITY CONGREGATION

## OF ABUNDANT GRACE 鸿恩 SHANGHAI



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 13, 2017, 11 AM

### THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

**Prelude:** "Festival Fanfare" by Steven Scott

Sara Preus

**\*Processional Hymn:** "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

No. 101

**\*Call to Worship**

Judy Kim

*One:* We come into the presence of the holy God,

***All:* Who may not be grasped,**

*One:* But may be gazed upon;

***All:* Who is not easily understood,**

*One:* But is full of understanding;

***All:* Who does not come at our beck and call,**

*One:* But who is always near.

***All:* We gather as God's children**

*One:* In confident assurance that God is here.

**\*Invocation**

Pastor Timothy

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Justin Wild, *Reader*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers ... Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ... So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his

brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Reading:** Matthew 14:22-3

Pastor John, *Reader*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Sermon:** "Life by Design" (1)

Pastor Timothy

**\*Hymn of Response:** "El Shaddai"

No. 123, 2x

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

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No. 895

**Offering** "All Praise to Thee"

No. 682 *Verse 5 only*

(Sung as a round, piano side begins, opposite side follows at circle)

## HOLY COMMUNION

*(Musical setting A, page 17 of the Hymnal.)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

*Celebrant:* We praise you and bless you, holy and most gracious God, source of life abundant ...

*[celebrant continues]* ... and so this day we join with the Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings throughout eternity, lifting our voice to magnify you as we sing:

**People (singing):** *(Sanctus, melody is found on page 17 of hymnal)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest,**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!**

*Celebrant:* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death ... *[the celebrant continues]* ... through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever!

**People (singing):** *(Amen, melody is found on page 18 of hymnal)*

**Amen, amen, amen!**

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in one bread.**

*[Ushers will release each row in turn and each row will go to the front by the SIDE aisles, and return by the CENTER aisle.]*

*The following instructions may help you feel comfortable as you take communion. First, receive the bread from the server and then either dip it in a bowl with grape juice, or dip it in the cup with wine and then partake and return to your seat.*

*Or, you may receive the bread and partake, and then proceed to the Common Cup in the center which is wine, and drink from it, and return to your seat. Do be afraid to ask a question of the server if you are unsure. No worries!]*

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison, Rob Chapman,  
Henricus Peters, Tom Stanley, *Servers*

**Hymns sung during communion:**

No. 620 "One Bread, One Body"

No. 408 "The Gift of Love"

No. 617 "I Come With Joy"

**Affirmation of Faith (*unison*): The Apostle's Creed — Traditional Version**

**I believe in God**, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; **and in Jesus Christ**, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe in the Holy Spirit**, the holy catholic church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion**

*Spoken together*

Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as disciples of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

No. 176

**\* Benediction**

Pastor John

**Postlude**

Sara Preus

*\* All who are able may rise to praise God.*

*Please stay for coffee and donuts following the Benediction..*

*Our hospitality hosts today are Judy Kim and Suzanne Savage.*

**Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison, Stephen's Minister Judy Kim

**Our musicians:** Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

**Greeters:** Kennedy and Caitlin Horton;

**Flowers:** Michelle Barini and Craig Davis

**Communion Bread Provider:** Todd Gordon

**Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering:** Craig and Lori Gingerich, Todd and Kathy Gordon

**Please feel free to contact our pastors:**

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**Looking Ahead:**

**Board Meeting**, Monday, August 21, 7 a.m. at the Merrill's, Green Court 2, Bldg 11/201

**Weekly News & Updates**

**Want to receive Trinity emails?** Send Pastor Timothy an email at: [revtfmerrill@aol.com](mailto:revtfmerrill@aol.com). Or drop your business card in the offering plate.