

TRINITY CONGREGATION

OF ABUNDANT GRACE 鸿恩 SHANGHAI



ELVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 20, 2017, 11 AM

THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude: "Fugue in D-Minor" by M. Reger Ignatius Banda

***Processional Hymn:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139
Verse 1: ALL; Verse 2: WOMEN only; Verse 3: ALL; Verse 4: MEN only, verse 5: ALL.

***Invocation** Pastor John

***Sharing the Peace**

Welcome and Announcements

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 Henricus Peters, *Reader*
(See insert for text)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28** (See insert for text) Judy Kim, *Reader*
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon: "Life by Design" (2) Pastor Timothy

***Hymn of Response:** "Seek Ye First" No. 405

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer No.895

Conversation with the Children Pastor Timothy

Offering "All Praise to Thee" No. 682 *Verse 5 only*
(Sung as a round, piano side begins, opposite side follows at circle)

Preparation for Communion: We Confess Our Sins Pastor John

Call to Confession

Leader: The Bible says, "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit" (Psalm 32:1, 2). Seeking the blessing of forgiveness,

let us now acknowledge our transgressions.

Prayer of Confession

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

—PCUSA Book of Common Worship, Westminster John Knox, 1993, 88.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ... He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us."

People: Thanks be to God!

—Psalm 103.8, 10-12

Hymn before Communion: "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread" No. 613

Please remain seated and sing verses 1 and 4 only

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" No. 17

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" No. 18

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,
Holly Raatz, Jim Richmond, and Kathy Gordon

Hymns sung during communion:

No. 599, "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

No. 628, "Eat This Bread" 2x

No. 641, "Fill My Cup, Lord" 2x

After the singing of this hymn, the organist will continue playing until all are served.

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor John

Leader: Let us affirm our faith.

LEFT (Organ / Piano side): *We believe that the LORD is God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,*

RIGHT: *who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:*

LEFT: *who called us in righteousness, who took us by the hand and kept us;*

RIGHT: *who has given us as a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

ALL: *We believe the former things have come to pass, and new things now spring forth. For we believe the one seated on the throne of heaven who says "See, I am making all things new."*

***Closing Hymn:** "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

No. 438

*** Benediction:** "The Lord bless you and keep you"
Tim Geisler and James Stovall

Postlude: "Tocatta in D-Minor" by M. Reger Ignatius Banda

** 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 Minister Judy Kim

Our musicians: Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

Greeters: Doug and Anne Gribble;

Flowers: Michelle Barini and Craig Davis

Communion Bread Provider: Liam Richmond

Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering: Tim and Barbara Boyer, Cailen McNair

Please feel free to contact our pastors:

Pastor Timothy: revtfmerrill@aol.com; Pastor John: jpwillison@yahoo.com;

Stephen Minister Judy: judyxkim@gmail.com

Looking Ahead:

Board Meeting, Mon. August 21, 6:52 p.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. Or drop your business card in the offering plate.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017, ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, CYCLE B

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 Henricus Peters, *Reader*

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a

remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28** (See insert for text) *Judy Kim, Reader*

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

. REMEMBER: Please silence your devices while worship is in progress!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT WEEK! Family Sundays begin in September!

Welcome to Trinity Sunday School, beginning again on August 27th! We have a wonderful Christian education program each week. The first service of the month is Family Sunday and our pastors will integrate lessons for our youth within the service, including a children's sermon. Sunday school activities will be available only for the very young on Family Sunday. Every other Sunday there will be two classes available for our youth. Children ages 3-Grade 1 are welcome in our early elementary room. The teachers use hands-on activities and stories to bring the word of Christ alive by educating and entertaining young ones who may not have the ability to sit through the whole service. Grade 2-8 is welcome in our Upper Elementary/ Middle School class. Through stories, games, and play-acting, students talk about Christ's teachings and apply them to their own lives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR FALL 2017 — TRINITY CHURCH SHANGHAI		
SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES	FAMILY SUNDAYS	NOTES
August 27		
	September 3	
September 10		
September 17		
September 24		
NO CHURCH OCT 1 AND 8		
	October 15	
October 22		
October 29		Reformation Sunday
	November 5	
November 12		
November 19		
November 26		
December 3		Will "rehearse" for pageant
	December 10	THE UNREHEARSED PAGEANT
	December 17	
NO CHURCH DECEMBER 24, JANUARY 1		

In order for us to continue to host this wonderful program, we need a few more adults who are willing to share their faith and serve the church as teachers. We have a good curriculum and experienced team members who will help so please consider this opportunity.

We look forward to having you and your family involved in Christian education at Trinity. For more information, please contact Deborah Johnston at:

Deborah.Johnston@concordiashanghai.org, or Jeanie Merrill at: jeanine.merrill@saschina.org.

Coming Events

Tomorrow: Board Meeting at Merrill's, 6:52 p.m.

August 26, 9:00 a.m.: Men! Meet with Pastor Timothy for coffee and breakfast at Chillax,
near corner of Lantian and Hongfeng. Let's talk about life, and serving the Lord.

August 27: Sunday school begins!

September 3: Family Sunday