

TRINITY CONGREGATION

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017, 11 AM

Please remember to silence your smartphone and other devices during the worship service! Thank you!

GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude: Pastor John

Call to Worship The Chapman Family

***Processional Hymn:** No. 126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

(Verse 1: ALL; Verse 2: WOMEN; Verse 3: MEN; Verse 4, ALL)

***Invocation** Stephen Minister Judy Kim

***Sharing the Peace**

Welcome and Announcements

Epistle Reading: *Romans 12:9-21* Lette Basilio, *Reader*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Reading:** Stephen Minister Judy Kim, *Reader*
Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon “Said No One Ever!” Pastor Timothy

***Hymn of Response:** “Take Up Thy Cross” No. 415 (vv. 1 & 2 only)

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

Children’s Story with the Pastor

Offertory

Pastor John

Offertory Hymn: "All Praise to Thee" No. 682 Verse 5 only

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

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION BY CONFESSION

Call to Confession: Let us bring our prayers of confession to the God who is gracious to hear us.

Prayer of Confession:

ALL: Eternal God, you have set forth the way of life for us in Jesus of Nazareth. We confess that we have been slow to learn from his example. You have spoken to us and called us, and we have not followed. Your beauty has been expressed in the world around us, and we have been blind. You have stretched out your hands to us through our brothers and sisters, and we have passed by. We have taken great benefit with little thanks. We have been unworthy of your self-giving love. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may be more faithful and constant in our love and service. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

HOLY COMMUNION



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 ... [*celebrant continues*] ... in the chorus of praise that rings throughout eternity, lifting our voice to magnify you as we sing:

People (singing): "Sanctus"

No. 17

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant. Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. ...
[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

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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!]

During Holy Communion, reflect on your relationship with God and others, and offer thanksgiving and praise.

Communion Servers: The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,
 Stephen Minister Judy Kim, Joan Lueth, Holly Raatz.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

ALL: Master and Lord, Jesus Christ our God, You alone have authority to forgive my sins, whether committed knowingly or in ignorance, and make me worthy to receive without condemnation Your divine, glorious, pure and life-giving Mysteries, not for my punishment, but for my purification and sanctification, now and in Your future Kingdom. For You, Christ our God, are compassionate and You love us and to You we give glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever and ever. Amen.

—Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas, (d. 1274 A.D.)

***Recessional Hymn: "O Word of God Incarnate"**

No. 598

***Benediction**

Pastor Timothy

Postlude

*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: Jeff and Karen Eekhoff

Flowers: Evie Slatter

Communion Bread Provider: Eleanor Williamson

Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering: Tom Stanley

Please feel free to contact our pastors:

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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.

Electronic Giving or Giving in the USA

Would you prefer to give electronically?

Please see our Treasurer, John Ideker, for details.

In accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of China, only foreign passport holders are allowed to attend services here at Trinity Congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL next Sunday September 10.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 Rev. Elyn MacInnis, our Founding Pastor, will be in the service, and bring a word of greeting!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAYS: September 17 and 24.

BOARD MEETING, Monday, September 18, at the Borden's home, Green Court 1, 1/501.

SUBWAY SUNDAY, September 24. Plan to linger a little longer than usual to enjoy Subway sandwiches, salad and desserts. This is a tradition following Stewardship Sundays and a great time to catch up with friends, meet new friends and also to enjoy Christian fellowship.

NO WORSHIP SERVICES on October 1 and October 8

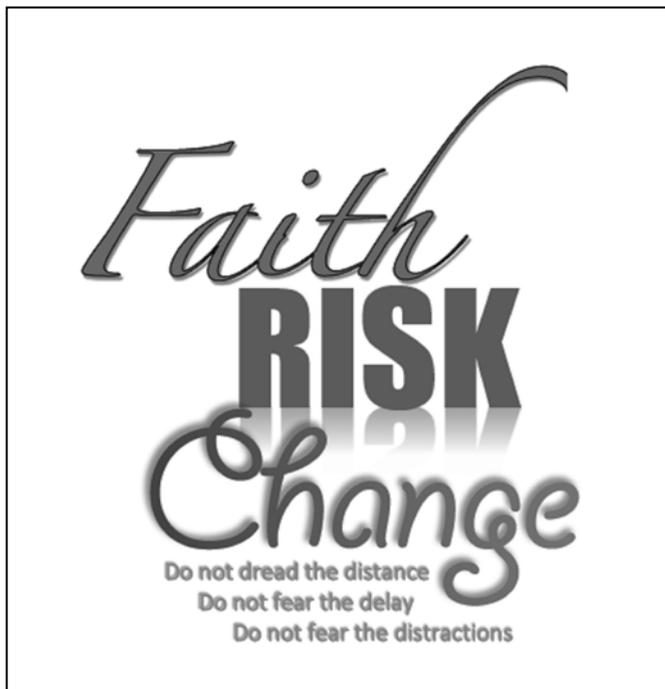
THIRD ANNUAL GUY TAI PARTY is Friday, October 13, hosted by Craig Davis and Pastor Timothy. Are you a guy who is also a trailing spouse? The wife has the big job? Then you have issues! Join other guy tais in this fabulous fraternity and support group. See who gets the "Frilly Pink Apron Award." Last year's winner: Jonathan Borden. More details to follow.

NEXT FAMILY SUNDAY is October 15

REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 29. Pastors Timothy and John will present a dialogue sermon, representing the Father of the Reformation, Martin Luther, and the papal legate Tetzl. The service will be followed with a social time with German-themed dessert as well as cider.

REMEMBER TO PRAY ...

- For Doug and Anne Gribble on the death of Anne's dad, Duane. He was 84. Doug and Anne flew back to Washington on Wednesday.
- For the thousands of people affected by Hurricane Harvey in the USA Texas area. Pastor Timothy's daughter, Debbie, was just one of many who had to evacuate. The floodwater over downtown highways was 30 feet deep in places.
- For Will, a 6-year-old boy, the child of a former student of Kathy Gordon. Will needs a heart transplant.
- For Morgan and Mike Banini and the safe birth for their child.
- For the Paulson family. Erik will have surgery in Sept.
- The SAS teacher whose mother died has been able to get an emergency visa and return to the USA.



This graphic was created by Evie Slatter and based on a sermon preached at Trinity August 2016 during one of the first services after the summer break.

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