

Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023

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First Presbyterian Church
June 4, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Trinity Sunday

Prelude “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Franz Peter Schubert, 1797-1828

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit

All: **be with us all. Amen**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Holiness, Word, Power,
you reveal yourself
as one God in three persons,
a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer
who invites your creation to join you.
Catch us up in your love
and lead us into your world
to call others to follow you
with singing and rejoicing. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

No. 138

*Invitation to Confession

Creation displays the glory of God,
but our sin keeps us from rejoicing
in the love God reveals.
Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross,
and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us
so that we can praise God,
our Maker, Savior, and Sustainer of life.
Let us confess our sins,
that we may receive such grace.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Presence, Life, Fire,
God who is Three in One,
we confess that we have turned away from you.
We gaze upon ourselves
as if we are worthy of worship.
We take your creation into our hands,
not to love, but to use and then to discard.
We do not deserve that you would even notice us,
but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.
Flame of Love, purify us from sin;
Eternal Now, lead us to your truth;
Risen One, baptize us into union with you.
Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone,
God who is Trinity. Amen.

***Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The Holy One of Israel,
the Redeemer of all the world,
and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life
forgets the sins of all who repent.
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

No. 572

No. 579

Prayer for Illumination

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life.
Tell us who we are and to whom we belong
so that we may live with gratitude for all that
you have done. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

P.186 in the New Testament

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Anthem: The Great Commission

Ray Ingram arr. William Jensen Reynolds, 1956

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

P. 34 in the New Testament

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon: God Is with Us

Rev. Jim DeMent

Matthew 28:13: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Silence and stillness

***Congregational Hymn:** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

No. 288

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: We Believe in One True God

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

For all that you have given us,
we thank you, gracious God.
For day and night, evening and morning,
for land and sea, for fish and birds,
plants and animals, for humankind,
and for your Son, who came among us
with the gift of life abundant.
Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst
and work through our gifts,
that all people may have joy and peace,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us in the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People

J. G. Werner, 1815

No. 592

From A Brief Statement of Faith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just to give you thanks
in every time and in every place, almighty God.

We give you thanks for the gift of creation
and especially for the gift of our life.

We are grateful that you have made us in your image
and that you pardon us when we act
as though you have no authority over our lives.

We are grateful that you sustain us in your great love.

And so, with all your people,
with angels, archangels,
and with all the company of heaven
we praise and magnify your glorious name,
joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

SANCTUS: UNISON

**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.

You are holy, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ,
who was born of Mary
and shared the joys and sorrows
of the life that we know.

You anointed Jesus Christ with your Spirit
to preach good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to give sight to the blind, and to liberate the oppressed,
proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor.

In Christ's baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
and made a new covenant with us
by water and the Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine,
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming,
proclaiming the mystery of faith:

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: UNISON

**Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
so that the bread we share and the cup we bless
will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ
and with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Make us one with Christ,
one with our neighbors,
and one in service to all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Holy and astounding God,
At this table, in this meal,
we have been met by Christ—
the reflection of your glory,
the imprint of your being.

All: **As we go from this place
may our lives be a joyful song,
proclaiming the good news
of your righteousness and peace
for all the world. Amen**

***Closing Hymn:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (*verses 1-4*)

No. 455

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** (*unison*)

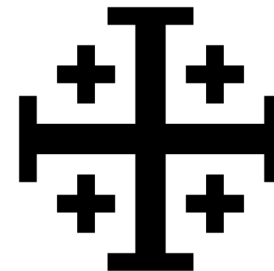
Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880/William G Tomer, 1880

**God be with you until we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you 'till we meet agai**

**'Till we meet, 'till we meet
'Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
'Till we meet, till we meet
God be with you 'till we meet again.**

Postlude: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

- "Foundry Collection" 1742



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Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and
sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
You, God, are present there.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on your way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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Monday, June 5

6:00 PM Session Meeting

Thursday, June 8

7:30 PM Bach Festival

Friday June 9

10:00 AM One Hour of Caring

Sunday, June 11

9:30 AM Kingdom Kids— Sunday School for
children ages 5-12

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service,
a congregational sing along!

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[Pastor's Notes](#)

Our Bulletin cover displays one out of the many iconographic depictions of the Trinity that have arisen over the ages. As we know, the word “Trinity” appears nowhere in the Bible, but there is an implicit recognition of the theological concept throughout the New Testament. In our first Scripture reading this morning, Paul writes a sacred benediction (the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit [2 Cor 13:14]) that has been repeated by laity and clergy for millennia.

Still, when reduced to words, the concept of Trinity, a central tenet of our Christian faith, seems cumbersome and complicated. Our belief is that that God is one Being who exists, simultaneously and eternally, as a mutual indwelling of three persons: the Father; the Son (incarnate as Jesus Christ); and the Holy Spirit -- all three of whom, as distinct and co-eternal persons, are of one indivisible Divine essence.

That's a lot of words, and so this is where iconography can help. Notice the three interlocking and overlapping circles in the image on our Bulletin cover. The top circle displays the “divine blessing” of God, whose name appears both in Hebrew and Aramaic. The lamb of God is in the left circle with the Greek abbreviations for “Jesus Christ.” The descending dove, accompanied by “tongues of fire,” completes the third circle as the Holy Spirit. All of the overlapping circles are then contained within a single larger circle bearing the inscription, “Holy, Holy, Holy.” The larger circle would collapse if one of the interior circles was not present within it. In Christian theology, our one God encompasses all three elements of our faith: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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