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**Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, May 30, 2021

*Trinity Sunday*

*While every Christian worship service is a celebration of the Trinity, Trinity Sunday focuses explicitly on the mystery, power, and beauty of the triune God: three persons of God (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit) existing together from eternity to eternity.*

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*arr. Purifoy*

**For Prayer and Reflection:**

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we ponder the mystery that makes you three in one, open the window of our eyes, ears, and souls to you. Amen.*

**Gathering Litany**

**Song of Preparation #491**

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

*Cull*

Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,  
and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.

**Call to Worship**

Be still, listen, can you hear it?

**For what do we listen?**

Be ready, prepared, can you hear the voice?

**For whom do we listen?**

Over the waters, breaking the cedars, shaking the wilderness, can you hear the voice of God?

**The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of glory,  
we hear it and rejoice.**

The Lord gives strength to you all!

**May the Lord bless us; we worship the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise #146**

“Glorify Thy Name”

*Adkins*

Father, we love you,  
We worship and adore you,

Glorify thy name in all the earth;  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you,  
We worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth;  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you,  
We worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth;  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

### ***Call to Confession***

#### ***Prayer of Confession***

**O God, even as we celebrate your unity, we know that sometimes we forget the beauty of your three persons. We hold to your transcendent life as Creator and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ. We bow before your glory and keep your humanness away from the reality of our own lives. If we are tempted to think that we know all that there is to know, Holy Trinity, closing ourselves off from ideas which others offer and neglecting to search for even deeper truths, forgive us, Jesus Christ. Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit, and go on creating within us, Creator God. This we pray in faith.**

***Silent Confession*** *(Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)*

#### ***Declaration of Forgiveness***

***\*Gloria Patri*** (#734)

“Glory Be to the Father”

*Greatorex*

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.

#### ***Prayer for Illumination***

#### ***First Scripture Reading***

John 3:1-17

#### ***Second Scripture Reading***

Psalm 29

#### ***Sermon***

“A Window to God: *Trinity and Majesty*”

#### ***\*Hymn of Response #670***

“O Word of God Incarnate”

*Munic*

O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

The Church, from her dear Master,  
received the gift divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
on all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that, all life's voyage through,  
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your Church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of burnished gold,  
to bear before the nations  
your true light as of old;  
teach us, your wandering pilgrims,  
by this our path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
we see you face to face!

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Joys and Concerns***

***Prayers of the People and 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.*

**\*Sending Hymn #667**

“God Has Spoken by the Prophets”

*Hymn To Joy*

God has spoken by the prophets,  
Spoken his unchanging word,  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil,  
One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God eternal reigns forever,  
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory,  
With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God from God, before time was;  
Light from Light, to earth descending,

Christ reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by the Spirit,  
Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith is holding fast:  
God abides, his word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Postlude in D”

*arr. Ryan*

*\*Please be seated while the postlude plays and enjoy the opportunity to reflect on how God is calling you to respond to his word. When the postlude concludes, we invite you to observe social distancing as you exit the sanctuary and to visit with one another outdoors at your leisure.*

***Leaders in worship:***

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