

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Generous God - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we present offerings of money and a commitment of our time and skills in gratitude and as a “yes” to the work you have given us to do; use the money and use us in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* **Hymnal, #1**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Worship Leader: God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:

**Congregation: We go,
to reflect the presence of our Creator,
to everyone we meet.**

Worship Leader: Jesus, who has redeemed you,
has established the reign of God in our midst:

**Congregation: We go,
to bring healing to the broken of the world.**

Worship Leader: The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people,
Will be with you, wherever you go.

**Congregation: We go,
to tear down the walls that divide us,
and to build lives of hope for all of God's children.**

Worship Leader: We go, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

June 4, 2023

Trinity Sunday – First Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Vicki Donbaugh

PRELUDE

Mr. Cody Eckenrode

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Let us praise God the Creator,

All: who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendor.

Worship Leader: Let us worship God the Savior,

All: who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace.

Worship Leader: Let us experience God the Spirit,

All: who fills us with faith and joy—with love and eternal life.

Worship Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: Sovereign God, we look at the things You have made, the works of Your hands, and we stop to consider them with awe. From the intricate immensity of the universe to the specific singularity of a flower, Your works astonish us. Who are we mortals that You pay attention to us? We wonder at your love for us and rejoice in your presence, praying in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymnal, #4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy and Triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship: One God in Three-Persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking peace and unity. You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect, and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resentful. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you. Forgive us and restore us. Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace. May we strive toward gratitude and grace in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, by the working power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on Proverbs)

Worship Leader: Beloved Children of God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of Life

offers forgiveness to each and every one of us.

All: *Amazed and relieved, we breathe in the Spirit of Forgiveness.*

Worship Leader: God is ever and always healing us, renewing and preparing us for deeper understanding through the Holy Spirit. This is the good news that brings new life.

All: *Thanks be to God for the freedom to begin again - for the chance to create new ways of being in relationship with God, others, and ourselves. May we use this opportunity to make things “right.” Amen!*

PRAISE HYMN

Gloria Patri

Hymnal, #493

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Worship Leader: Since we have peace with God through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit, let us stand and share peace with one another.

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, “LET THE CHILDREN COME”

HYMN

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Hymnal, #10

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

Ms. Vicki Donbaugh

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worship Leader: We are a world that is desperate for you, God.
When powers struggle for dominance,
and war, oppression, and abuse result...
When groups of people oppose one another
because of ideology, religion, or culture,
we need a God who is bigger than ourselves,
and our personal interests.
Lord, in your mercy...

All: *hear our prayer.*

Worship Leader: When people are disregarded and devalued
because of poverty, geography, or disease...
When compassion and justice is withheld to some
because of sexuality, race, or gender...
We need a Savior who is more compassionate than we are,
who includes even those we would exclude.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: *hear our prayer.*

Worship Leader: When resources are mismanaged and abused,
and the world and its creatures are destroyed...
When motivation is scarce, and creativity is in short supply,
to address the challenges that we face...
We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative,
than we could ever be.
Lord, in your mercy...

All: *hear our prayer.*

Worship Leader: Lord God, Loving Savior, Empowering Spirit,
we offer you these prayers,
because we need you so desperately.
Captivate us, call us and fill us,
that we may be carriers of your eternal life
to this world that you love so dearly.
We pray together, through Christ Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “sins”)

All: *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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mr. Cody Eckenrode

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: As Jesus sent his disciples, we too are sent to nurture the faith of our communities. He calls us to live generously, sharing abundantly of our time, talent, and financial resources. Let us give to God in gratitude, with a song and prayer.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, #258

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen/