

May 26, 2024 Trinity Sunday

WELCOME

PRELUDES

*Prelude on "Melita" (The Navy Hymn)
Blessed Holy Trinity*

*Alfred V. Fedak
Dennis Eliot*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

CHORAL INTROIT #1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
(verse 4)*

Nicaea

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!

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 29, *The Message*)

One: God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing. A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.

All: We fall to our knees — we call out, "Glory!"

One: Above the floodwaters is God's throne from which power flows, from which God rules the world.

All: God makes people strong. God gives people peace.

*OPENING SONG #10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God Lasst Uns Erfreuen* (verse 1)

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(verse 2)

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(verse 4)

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Romans 8:12-17)

One: Let us confess responsively those things which separate us from God's Spirit, that distract us from God's call on our lives, which we need to acknowledge in order to live fully.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**For times we embrace war when you call for peace, forgive us.
For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them, forgive us.
For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, forgive us.
For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities, forgive us.
For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without imagining
the same for others, forgive us.
For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with
delight, forgive us and grant us peace.**

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (John 3:16-17)

One: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE #2038**

Father, We Adore You

Maranatha

Father, we adore you, lay our lives before you; how we love you.

Jesus, we adore you, lay our lives before you; how we love you.

Spirit, we adore you, lay our lives before you; how we love you.

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (based on Romans 8)

Let these words read be the soil from which the mystery of your presence in our world and in our lives may emerge. May your wisdom flower within the broken vessels of our flesh that, body and spirit, we may flourish with you in joy in order that the world may be born again. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 8:12-17*

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*Please stand as you are able.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone*

Soloist: Lois Urban

Tomlin, Giglio, Newton

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 3:1-17*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

“The Power of Three”

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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.

WITNESS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Johann Gottfried Walther

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***SENDING SONG #303** *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* *Hyfrydol*
(verse 1)

God the Spirit, guide and guardian, windsped flame and hovering dove, breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love: give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace; send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

(verse 2)

Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, Word made flesh, Love crucified, teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride: in your tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd's care; grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.

(verse 3)

Great Creator, life bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall, fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all: as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts oversee its life steadfastly, yet not overlook its faults.

(verse 4)

Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse, deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse: help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim, that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Besig

POSTLUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West

Dale Wood

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



May is Cleaning Supply Giveaway month – toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, scrub brushes, paper towels, Windex, Murphy's Oil Soap, Mr. Clean/Lysol, Pinesol, Comet, etc. or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Faith Garden

We believe that it is a good thing to spend time in God's creation, and to be faithful stewards of the good gifts that God provides.

All the produce raised in the Valley Faith Garden is donated to the food pantry at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

You are invited to come and spend time in and around the Faith Garden – weeding, planting, picking, or just sitting for a rest – at these times (from May – September):

First and third Tuesdays of each month – 6 - 7 p.m.

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group. We will be knitting special items like prayer shawls, blankets, and other helpful and comforting items for our members and people in our community.

The group will meet (come when your schedule allows):

June

Sunday, June 9 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

July

Sunday, July 13 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

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330-888-5385

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, June 14, 2024 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, June 15, 2024 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at
440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

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