

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**Trinity Sunday**

**June 4, 2023**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Silent Prayer of Preparation**

*Holy, triune God, all that is, all that was, and all that ever will be belongs to you alone. You have spoken to us through your Word made flesh. Now guide us into the truth by the gift of your Holy Spirit, so that we may glorify you forever and ever. Amen!*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

arr. Anna Laura Page

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Minute for Mission**

Garage Sale Update

Joyce Lloyd

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We come today to worship the Triune God, even as we, like the Eleven on the mountainside, have our doubts.

**People: Holy Trinity, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.**

Leader: We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

**People: Holy Trinity, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community.**

Leader: We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us, and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

**People: Holy Trinity, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.**

**Leader:** We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

**People:** **God, immerse us in the life of the Holy Trinity that we might go and welcome others into the dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**“Let Us Build A House”**

**#301**

## **The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

**Triune God, You gather, protect, and care for us, your beloved, through Word and Spirit. This you have done from the beginning of the world and will do to the end. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for sinning against you. We have not loved one another as we should, we have not sown the seeds of gospel hope, we have not been present for worship. Restore us, Lord. May we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another, that we may truly share one faith, have one calling, and be of one soul and one mind for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent prayer of confession.)

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn**

**“As the Deer”**

**#626**

## **Ministry of the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children's Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading**

**1 Corinthians 13:11-13**

## **Choir Anthem**

“Sing Now Ye Christians”

John Gorman, 1986

Sing now ye Christians, take heart in your treasure.

God is the answer and Love is the key.

Sing now ye Christians for life everlasting.

God is the answer and Love is the key.

Praise ye with a voice that's loud and clear.

Praise ye with a voice that sings the truth,

Through this age and beyond.

Sing now ye Christians with hearts full of laughter.

God is the answer and Love is the key.

Sing now ye Christians, God's mercy surrounds us.

God is the answer and Love is the key.

Praise ye with a voice that's loud and clear.

Praise ye with a voice that sings the truth,

Through this age and beyond.

Sing now ye Christians, take heart in your treasure.

God is the answer and Love is the key.

Sing now ye Christians with hearts full of laughter.

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## **Second Scripture Reading**

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Why is the Trinity Important?

Pastor Steven Watters

### **The Response to the Word**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** “We Are One in the Spirit” #300

**\*Invitation to Offering**

**\*Response** Doxology #606

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pew to the center aisle and return to your pew from the outside aisles. An elder or deacon will be available to bring communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten-free bread can be found on the communion table.)

**\*Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

Pastor: May the God of hosannas be with you.

**People: May the God of this holy week be with you.**

Pastor: Lift your broken hearts to our God,

**People: who will fill them with hope in these days.**

Pastor: Remember to sing laments during this holy time,

**People: we do so, that we may know the reason for glad songs of joy.**

**\*Hymn of Invitation** “Come to the Table of Grace” #507

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: Morning by morning ... we join our voices, singing,

**People: Holy, holy, holy, God of enduring love.**

**From every part of creation come glad songs.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in humility and hope.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Holy are you ... that mystery we call faith:

**People: In trust, Christ died.**

**In joy, Christ was raised to new life.**

**In hope, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Here at the table ... God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

## **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

## **Communion of the People**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Eternal God, we entered this sanctuary today, like the crowds in the Palm Sunday parade, hoping to get a glimpse of our king. Through worship and the sacrament, we entered into your presence. Now, let us be Christ-bearers into the world. Amen.**

## **The Sending of God's People**

**\*Closing Hymn**      "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"      #298

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Congregational Response**

"We Are the Church"



## \*Postlude

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

arr. Diane Bish

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**Pastor:** Steve Watters

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd

**Organist:** Carol Welk

**Liturgist:** Joyce Lloyd

**Acolyte:** Darren Cox

Joyce Lloyd and her husband, Tom, moved from Pittsburgh, PA to London, OH in 1974. They had just graduated from college and were newlyweds. Joyce and Tom were anxious to start their new life together and to start new jobs. London turned out to be a very welcoming town. They were able to find new friends and a new church family.

Joyce has a twin sister, an older sister, and an older brother, who live across the US, giving them a chance to visit some beautiful cities. Joyce is fortunate to have her brother-in-law, John, and sister-in-law, Margaret, living nearby.

Retirement is the best job Joyce has ever had, allowing her to enjoy more time with Tom, their dog, Sasha, and their cat, Meow Mix. Even in retirement there never seems to be enough time to be involved in as many volunteer projects as she would like. Joyce enjoys her time with friends, and being outside walking the dog or working in the yard. Goal in life: "Make me an instrument of your peace."

**ABOUT THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM:** In 1986, our church commissioned John Gorman, who was then on the music staff working with the children's choirs, to compose an anthem for the adult choir. The music was first performed at the morning worship service on Sunday, March 1, 1987 with the composer at the piano.