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First Presbyterian Church

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Trinity Sunday**

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Words to hymns are on the back of the bulletin

MAY 30, 2021

10:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Waiting for the touch of the wind,

We find the Spirit.

Blowing in our lives, disturbing and rearranging,

The Spirit finds us.

Awed by the colors of sunrise and sunset,

We meet the Creator.

Seeing our fellow creatures with wings, scales and fur,

The Creator meets us.

In the breaking of bread and the pouring of water,

We meet the Redeemer.

In our work to seek the lost and heal the hurt,

The Redeemer meets us.

As one people, let us worship God:

Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit. Alleluia!

GATHERING PRAYER

God is far off, unapproachable, mysterious, uncontrollable;

And yet, amazingly,

The same unapproachable and mysterious God draws us near and touches us...

These two, the beyondness and the nearness, are always held together in tension.

~Edmund A. Steimie

HYMN: #1 Holy! Holy! Holy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, you dance among us in joy, inviting us into the mystery that you are. Yet we want understanding; we want answers. Forgive our hard hearts and heads. Encircle us in your oneness, and teach us to trust you with the faith of the young, as we invite others to join the dance. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news:

We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Our guilt has departed; our sin is blotted out, for we are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved, and free.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May God's peace be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 6:1–8 (See Insert)

Romans 8:12–17

SERMON

The Rev. Leslie Latham

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN: #69 Here I Am, Lord / I the Lord of Sea and Sky

CHARGE

God said, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?"

And Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me!"

Life-giving God, free us from our fear,

fill us with your love, and send us forth in peace.

BENEDICTION

Hymns

Holy! Holy! Holy! #1

1. 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!
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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!

Here I am Lord/I the Lord of Sea and Sky #69

1. I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)