

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 7, 2020

*Trinity Sunday*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*(for silent prayer during the prelude)*

Father, we praise you; through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.<sup>i</sup>  
**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

**All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

**All: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" #473  
(vv. 1, 2, 5)

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies, Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord

of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.  
For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above, Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>ii</sup>

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Let us pray.

#### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)<sup>iii</sup>

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>iv</sup>

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR PEACE** (*Say:* "The Peace of Christ be with you;") Respond: "And also with you."

**ANTHEM:** "Prayer of the Children" Jan Carter

*. . . to Proclaim God's Word*

**FIRST READING** Genesis 1:1-2:4a **p. 1**

**EPISTLE READING** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 **p. 186**

**\*GOSPEL READING** Matthew 28:16-20 **p. 34**

**SERMON** "Harmony and Unity" Rev. Andy Smothers

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

#### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Question 25)

One: Since there is only one divine being, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**Many: Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.**

*. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Heavenly and Triune God, you model unity and cooperation to us through your Trinitarian nature. Thank you for this model for us, and continue to grow us in unity as a congregation, as a denomination, and as Christians through all your created world. Grow us ever close to you and your purposes that we may enter into your divine presence and nature. Continue to uncover your image through transformation within each of us. Bless gifts given in your name to the church that they may be used for your purposes. We pray this with the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, and to God the Father. Amen.

*. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" #460  
(vv. 1, 5)

Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You; All on earth Your scepter claim, All in heaven above adore You. Infinite Your vast domain, Everlasting is Your reign. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You, While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You, and adoring bend the knee While we own the mystery.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

<sup>i</sup> *Book of Common Worship*, 349.

<sup>ii</sup> *Book of Common Worship*, 53.

<sup>iii</sup> *Book of Common Worship*, 349.

<sup>iv</sup> *Worship Sourcebook*, 725-726.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome* to worship this morning! It is very good to have some of you back physically in the sanctuary and to continue to have some of you join electronically. As we continue to social distance, we will not be offering child care for a time. Feel free to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy. You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom. We're reserving the cry room for now in case we would need to quarantine someone during worship. Weather permitting, we do hope to have coffee hour outside this morning.

**Our thanks** go to our lay reader Pat Keil, soloist Jan Carter, and organist Ernestine Olson.

**Sunday morning worship** will be held at **10:00 AM starting Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, and through the rest of the summer.

**Summer Office Hours**, starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, will be Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

If you have any articles to contribute to the **June Newsletter**, please turn them into the office by no later than **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Last week, combined giving was **\$2,034.75**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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