First Presbyterian Church of Rolla Worship Service on Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship (from John 3)

Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit. **Glory to God forever. Amen.**

Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit.

The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit.

That gift is available this day.

May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine. **Amen**.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us. Teach us how to love each other this day, that we may have life, and have it abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn #1: Holy, Holy, Holy

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved, and free.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #582: Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Prayers of Intercession 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

Special Music: God is One, Unique and Holy

Psalm Reading: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

Sermon: The Sending

Affirmation of Faith

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father,

who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Closing Hymn #69: Here I Am, Lord

Benediction

Postlude

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