

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Trinity Sunday**

June 4, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *Create in Me a Heart of Love* - Tracey Craig McKibben

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Break Thou the Bread of Life* - Larry Shackley

Introit #733: *We All Are One in Mission*

Call to Worship

We gather to worship the God of all creation

who crafted the seas and mountains, and yet cares for each of us.

We gather to worship the God of all mystery

who rejoices in our being, and invites us to join the cosmic dance!

Prayer of the Day

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #1: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* (please stand)

Call to Confession

We are created in God's image,

and we are called good.

Too often our actions distort that image and fail to reflect goodness in this world.

Let us return to who we were made to be as we confess.

Prayer of Confession

Majestic God, You have called us to live in peace, but we turn to conflict and hatred. You yearn for us to work together, but we keep finding reasons to dismiss

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1: 1-2, 4a

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11 – 13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16 – 20

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Three, but They're Really One* Rev. Dr. John Nipper

Ordination of Deacons

Communion Hymn #498: *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken vs. 3 and 4 (seated)*

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south, from east and west,
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin. We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, while eating with his disciples, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it and gave it to his

disciples and said: Take, eat. This is my body. Then took a cup and after giving thanks he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising
you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us pray:

**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**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry;

believe in me and never thirst.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Prayer After Communion

**Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the
saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this
sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of
your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and**

**reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Sending Hymn #733:

We All Are One in Mission

(please stand)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said,

“Here I am; send me!” *Isaiah 6*

May the blessing of the Trinity— holy, holy, holy Lord— be with you now and always.

Alleluia! *Isaiah 6:3 8*

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *The Zeal of the Lord* - Anthony Giamanco

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