

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

May 26, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* - Arr. Labenske

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *O Come Let Us Adore Him* - Arr. Tornquist

Introit #9: *The Play of the Godhead* v. 1 Chancel Choir

Call to Worship:

Holy, holy, holy is our God;

Heaven and earth are filled with God's glory.

The God of glory thunders;

God's voice shakes the wilderness.

No one knows from where it comes, or to where it goes,

and all in God's temple say, "Glory!"

Will we hear that voice saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

O God, we are here, send us!

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

Prayer of the Day:

Spirit of the Living God, you tell us that we are your children, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Let us not take our inheritance for granted or hold too tightly to our understanding of who we are. For you are wild like the wind, loving whom you choose with reckless generosity. You call us to abandon fear and to receive a new family made up of all people and all creation. Teach us to love as you love, wild and free, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 each other. Forgive us and show us a better way to be your people, your body, your church. Amen

Declaration of Pardon

God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri #582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (please stand)

Anthem: *Song of Praise and Thanksgiving* arr. John Leavitt

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world

(brief silence)

Abba, God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ our resurrected and living Lord, who taught us to 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

Hymn #443:

There is a Redeemer

(seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

O Lord, on this Trinity Sunday, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

First Lesson: Isaiah 6: 1 – 8

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:12 - 17

Gospel Lesson: John 3: 1 – 17

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Blessed Trinity

Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith: (inspired by 1 John) written by Michael Perry

**We believe in God the Father,
who reveals his love to us in Christ.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who teaches us God's truth.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #710:

We Are an Offering

Prayer of Dedication:

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

Sending Hymn #839:

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

(stand)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

(adapted from Commission and Benediction for Trinity Sunday by Nathan Nettleton)

Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord.
Entrust yourself to the winds of God's Spirit;
put to death selfish desires,
and offer yourself for God's mission in the world.

And may God give strength to you and to all;
May Christ Jesus bless you with peace;
And may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,
..... give you assurance that you are God's children.

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

Postlude: *I Need Thee Every Hour* - Arr. Labenske

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