



JUNE 4, 2023
TRINITY SUNDAY
PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. Please ask an usher for one. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:15 a.m.

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: O Lord, our Sovereign, your name is:

People: Majestic, Compassionate, Glorious, Inspiring, Beautiful, Amazing, Tender, Powerful.

Pastor: All-encompassing Lord, your name is blessed in all the earth.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty'

No. 64, Vs. 1 & 4

*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.*

*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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

People: Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.

HYMN

'Father, I Adore'

TFWS No. 2038 V. 1

Father, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.

Pastor: In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.

People: Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.

HYMN

'Father, I Adore'

TFWS No. 2038 V. 1

Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.

Pastor: When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to heal and guide us

People: Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!

HYMN

'Father, I Adore'

TFWS No. 2038 V. 1

Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.

Pastor: For the Trinity of understanding, we sing praise!

People: Blessings, honor, power, and majesty to God forevermore!

OPENING PRAYER

O Sovereign of the universe, we stand in your temple, proclaiming your splendor and majesty. You are the Holy One! You are full of glory! You speak, and the oaks whirl and the cedars fall! We stand in your presence in awe and humility. We stand in your presence with boldness and courage. We look and listen for your presence here today. Amen.

INTROIT

‘All Creatures of Our God and King’

No. 62, V. 7

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye, O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts

People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Word

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

""Alleluia’

No. 186

*GOSPEL LESSON

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew

Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

Matthew 28:16-20

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

The Gospel of the living Christ.

Glory to You, oh Lord

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

‘Got Peace?’

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

GENERAL CONFESSION

God of Creation, Jesus Redeemer, Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, hear our prayers this day. We know the many ways in which we have failed to do the tasks which you have set before us. We have often chosen our comfort over service to you. Our fears and doubts lay claim to our lives, and we shrink from the opportunities you give to us. Forgive us for the many failings. Lift and restore us to your grace. Put our feet on the pathways of service, offering justice and peace to all people. Heal us, O gracious One, for we ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice! Do not doubt! God has poured love, hope and forgiveness on you. You are healed and forgiven in Jesus' Name. The Holy Spirit empowers you to ministries of healing and hope. Rejoice! AMEN.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'It Is Well with My Soul'

No. 377, V. 3

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*SHARING THE PEACE

Paul invites us to greet one another with a holy kiss. Perhaps today our greeting will be more formal. But with equal warmth of spirit, please greet your neighbor with a sign of God's peace.

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In thanksgiving for the fruitful abundance of God's creation, let us give back a portion of what we have received.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, Holy Trinity, we offer these gifts and ourselves as instruments of your ever- new creation. Lord, bless these gifts that they may be used for ministries of compassion. Bless these people gathered here, bringing their gifts and their lives in service to you. For we offer ourselves and our gifts to you. AMEN.

CELEBRATION THROUGH HOLY EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION

Here we trust that the mystery of God will become real. Here we gain a taste of the divine. And here we are fed as we go forth to serve the world. Come, all of you, and share this feast of the holiness and wonder of God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

We praise your name, most holy God, for it is good and you are good. You reveal yourself to us in countless ways, even inviting us into the mystery of your inmost being where you are one in three and three in one. In your creation, you show us the marks of your hand, and in creating us in your image, you call us to bear your presence into all the world. For your wondrous being and your glorious creation, we join our praise with the sound of all creation to sing joyfully in praise of your wondrous glory:

HYMN

“We Believe in One True God”

No. 85 V. 1

(Sung to the tune of ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’ No 92)

*We believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
ever present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host;
by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.*

We your church sing your praise, eternal God, for in your threefold glory we know Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Fully human, fully God, he was born of low estate and lived among us, an ordinary man in an ordinary time who yet showed your extraordinary grace. He proclaimed your coming kingdom in word and deed, challenging the powerful, healing the sick and distressed, and calling all people to live in light and life.

Even though he was executed by the powers of the day, you raised him to new life to show that your power was stronger than death. Still now he reigns in glory, united in Your holy oneness to show your presence to all people.

Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we gather at this table as he did to share this feast of heaven and earth, that by your power we might be united with you in this bread and cup.

HYMN

“We Believe in One True God”

No. 85 V. 2

(Sung to the tune of ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’ No 92)

*We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s Son,
who descended from his throne and for us salvation won;
by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin’s misery.*

Just as we have known your presence and love in the gift of Father and Son, so, O God, reveal yourself to us in the wonder and power of your Holy Spirit. Pour out this Spirit of love and hope that we might rise from this holy meal to love and serve in your world. Keep us faithful in our service to you, that we might give you glory and honor and praise forevermore:

*We confess the Holy Ghost, who from both for-e'er proceeds;
who upholds and comforts us in all trials, fears and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity, praise for-ever be to thee!*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here, that we may be your light in the world.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may be filled with your glory and grace.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever more. Amen.

We receive this bread as a means of sharing in the body of the Messiah.
Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.

The cup of blessing which we bless,
is a sharing in the blood of the Messiah.

Draw near with faith and receive.
He is the host and we are His guests.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Give us your peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

‘Danish Amen’
A-men, a-men, a – men.

No 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

‘Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name’

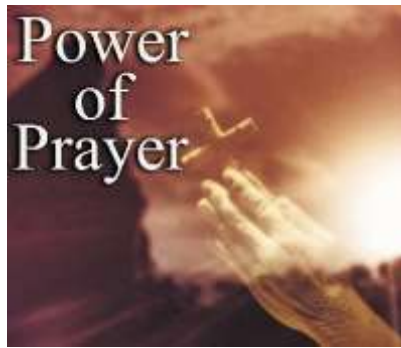
No. 663, V. 2

***Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.***

*POSTLUDE

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WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD



Lainee Rivers (Kim's friend) – Prayers needed
Traveling mercies for family & friends on the road (in the air)
Dave McEchern (Kim's friend) – prayers needed
Kristina Terrell (Kim's friend) – prayers needed
Pastor Russel—recovery from surgery
Prayers for JW
Virginia Atkinson
Those affected by gun violence
Ellie Holderbaum (Ginnie's family friend 19th year old daughter) - recovery from surgery
John McQuade – medical issues
Annie (Viehland's friend) - recovery from multiple surgery
Families who are traveling
Seth (Robert Morris's son) - accident
People of Turkey & Syria
People of East Palestine, Ohio
President Carter—in hospice
Jim White (Ginnie's son) - recovery from rotator cuff surgery
Steven Akers—health concerns
Pastor Janet Hellner-Burris—health concerns
Janice Melonic (Carolyn's friend) - diagnosed with cancer
Holly Davis
Dorothy Hawkins
Kristin (Sue's friend) - diagnosed with thyroid cancer
Judy Spencer Baker - continued prayers
Aubrie (Ginnie's granddaughter) – diagnosed with breast cancer
Irene Chenot (Barbara's friend's mom) - cancer
Joe (Ginnie & Sue's cousin) - diagnosed with myeloma cancer
Gary (Ginnie's son) - continued good health
Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian — Pittsburgh District Superintendent
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