

TRINITY SUNDAY
May 30, 2021
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Traditional

Arranged by Jim Brickman

Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We meet in the name of God, Creator of the universe, source of true humanity, mother and father of all.

Amen.

We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh, savior of fallen humanity, lover of all.

Amen.

We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, midwife of new humanity, inspirer of all.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high.

Amen.

HYMN138

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Who were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is no one beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**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!**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We fall far short of the perfection of the Triune God. But there is mercy and grace in unending abundance for us. Let us confess our sins with sincere hearts and hope in the love of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to see and hear and understand, to open our eyes and ears and hearts, to be aware. Forgive us for our false pride and complacency, for our lack of attention to one another and to you.

Forgive us for our reluctance to accept new ways, forgive us for our complaining for become hard and indifferent to the world around us.

God, make us aware, make us repentant. We turn to you; heal us of our blindness and make us whole.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear Good news! The Spirit is upon us, bringing new life, leading us into new ways of living. We are forgiven and beloved, and we are called the children of God.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GENESIS 1:1-2:3

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were

under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day

from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**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.

⁴**The 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.

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

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸**The 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!"

¹⁰**The 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!

ROMANS 8:12-17

² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

SERMON

MYSTERY!

HYMN 485

WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy, Alleluia!**

**We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!**

**The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed 325, 381 AD)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

HYMN 300 WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
All praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **"Praeludium"** by J. S. Bach
Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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Sunday mornings, 9:30 am
Join Zoom Meeting
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TUESDAY MORNING STUDY: *LOVE WINS* by Rob Bell
Tuesdays, 9:30 am
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Report to the Congregation from Session

Session met on May 18 for their monthly meeting.

Kathy Shuey, Chairman of the PNC, presented the MIF (Ministry Information Form) that they had completed that must be presented to Presbytery. The PNC has met weekly for 19 weeks. During that time the members of the PNC were assigned to gather information needed to complete the MIF and report their finds at the meetings. Many hours were spent to have this report be accurate and complete.

Motion to approve the MIF as presented by the PNC with the exception of the pastor's compensation/terms of call was approved. It was decided not to submit the MIF to Presbytery for their approval until our congregation has prayerfully considered the importance of continuing to support the life of our church both financially and with our time and talents. The PNC cannot begin the interview process for a pastor until the MIF is approved by Presbytery.

There was discussion about the Stewardship Campaign for 2022 being started as soon as possible. The 2022 budget effects the hiring of a new pastor. Stewardship is the foundation for balancing a budget which includes a full time pastor position. Volunteers for that committee are needed. If you are willing to work on this committee, please contact Laurie Morse Chairman of the committee as soon as possible.

Finance reported that we are running a deficit budget for 2021. Motion to use the net in the checking account to cover expenses and when the checking account balance is zero to take the money from the Smith Barney Account to cover expenses was approved. Included in our budget are the operating expenses of the church and the salaries for Music Director, Pastor and Cemetery Sexton.

It was decided that a Capital Funds Campaign needs to be begun as soon as possible to finance the needed repairs to the manse and church. Some of the necessary repairs are the roof on the manse, the sewer line from the manse to the street, interior repairs to the manse and carpet in the sanctuary. Other needs will be evaluated. If you would be willing to be a part of the committee for a Capital Funds Campaign, please contact me. We need to form this committee as soon as possible.

Karen Basile
Clerk of Session

"KIND SOLES" SHOE DRIVE!



RiseUP Rockaway is collecting shoes of any type, in any condition! Drop off is at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 508 Green Pond Road in Rockaway, at White Meadow Temple, located at 153 White Meadow Road in Rockaway, and at St. Cecelia's Church, located at 90 Church Street in Rockaway, between May 1 and June 15. Arrangements can also be made to pick up large donations! For details, please contact RiseUP at the following email address: riseuprockaway@gmail.com, or go to riseupnj.org.