



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Trinity Sunday
June 4th, 2023 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF DEACON SCHOLARSHIPS

INTROIT “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8

1 O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;**

4 what are humans that you are mindful of them,
Mortals that you care for them?

**5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

**7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,**

8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**9 O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who created us in love,
 create us anew in love as we worship you.
 O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,
 reclaim our hearts as we worship you.
 O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,
 move within us as we worship you. Amen.

HYMN PH #32 (BH #288) “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

During the prayer for illumination, I invite you to hold your hands out with your palms up as a sign of your desire to receive the work of God as we hear God’s Word. Let us pray.

God, our helper,
 by your Holy Spirit open our minds
 and lead us into your truth
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-4; 26-27

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was complete chaos, 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.

26 Then God said, “Let us make humans 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 humans in his image,
 in the image of God he created them;
 male and female he created them.

ANTHEM “Here I Am Lord”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

SERMON A Trinitarian Faith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Have you ever had questions about the nature of God being Three in One?
Who can you talk to about it?

OFFERING

In response to God's goodness to us, let us offer our tithes and offerings to God.

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us— Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

(Financial Offerings can be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)

Will the Ushers please come forward.

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us offer our prayers of intercession to God.

Gracious God,

because we are not strong enough to pray as we should,
you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit
to intercede for us in power.

In this confidence we ask you to accept our prayers.

Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we adore you for your threeness and oneness, a holy mystery. We are in awe of that same unfathomable mystery reflected in the creation around us . . . the complexity of an atom . . . the birth of a child . . . your work in our lives . . . Your ways are higher than our ways, your thoughts greater than our thoughts, so although we acknowledge that we do not always understand your ways, we continue to offer you our prayers for creation and its

care . . . the nations of the world . . . our nation and its leaders . . . this community and those in authority . . . the church universal as it works on your behalf . . . this local church in its ministry . . . persons with particular needs . . . We pray in the name of the triune God, three in one, from eternity to eternity. Amen.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION:

As we attend to the greatness and perfection of God, we become more aware of our own sin. Our loving Father calls us to admit our sin and receive the forgiveness and healing that come through the work of the Son and the Spirit.

Let us tell God what is wrong in our lives and in ourselves, first in silence.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Merciful God,

You have been good to us, but we have not loved you with our whole heart.

You call us to return to you, but we fail to listen.

You offer us life, but we hunger after that which does not satisfy.

Forgive us, Lord.

You want us to share the Good News about Jesus, but we remain silent.

You command us to show mercy, but we walk away from people in need.

You teach us what is right, but we tolerate injustice and sin.

Forgive us, Lord.

Deliver us from evil, forgive us, Lord.

For joyful service free us, forgive us, Lord.

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

The first letter of John tells us: "If anyone does sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Let's give thanks to God!

COMMUNION

Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made a covenant with us to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. So with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion Prayer:

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

HYMN PH # 321 BH #138 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

CHARGE

Brothers and sisters, be restored in Christ; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.
May The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

RECOGNITION OF MUSICIANS

BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You

POSTLUDE

**May the Peace of Christ be with you...
...And also with you!**

The Athanasian Creed

Whoever wants to be saved
must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
Now this is the catholic faith,
that we worship one God in three persons
and three persons in one God
without confusing the persons
nor dividing the divine being.
For the Father is one person,
the Son is another,
and the Holy Spirit is still another;
but there is one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
all equal in glory and eternal in majesty.

It is necessary that one also believe faithfully
that our Lord Jesus Christ became human.
For this is the true faith, that we believe and confess,
that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
is both God and human:
God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,
and human, born in the world from the being of his mother,
perfect God and perfect human,
with a rational soul and a human body.

For just as soul and body are one in a human being,
so God and human are one in Christ,
who suffered for our salvation, descended to the dead,
rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty
and will come to judge the living and the dead.
At whose coming, all shall rise with their bodies
to give account of their own deeds.
Those who have done what is good will enter eternal life.
This is the catholic faith.
