



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
May 26th, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT PH #406 “We are standing in holy ground”

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Jesus Christ, the God of heaven made his home on earth,

becoming our neighbor, living next door, living with us.

So come now, you who are far from home

and long to draw close to God,

you who are weary and long to be cared for.

Our God is with us.

Our God draws near,

now and always.

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit now and forever. O Lord God, your power is incomparable! Your glory is incomprehensible! Your mercy is immeasurable! Your love for human beings is inexpressible! Unto you are due all the glory, honor, and worship to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever, and even unto ages of ages. Amen.

HYMN PH #1 BH #580 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

CALL TO CONFESSION: —based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God’s leading by our own transparent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON—based on Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, you have spoken to us your divine and saving words. Illumine the souls of us sinners to comprehend what has been read, that we do not become simply hearers of your spiritual words, but doers of good deeds, true pursuers of faith, having a blameless life and a conduct without reproach in Christ, our Lord, with whom you are blessed and glorified, together with your all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. **2** Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. **3** And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. **5** And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” **6** Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” **8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

ANTHEM

“With Every Breath”

Ken Medema

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 10:25-37

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **26** He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” **27** He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” **28** And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” **30** Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when

I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ **36** Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ **37** He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

SERMON Who is my Neighbor?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

How does the story of the Good Samaritan challenge our assumptions about who our neighbors are?
How does this story prompt us to understand what a neighbor is and does?

HYMN PH #451 “Open My Eyes that I May See”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

No one gives oneself freely and willingly to God’s service unless, having tasted the Father’s love, that one is drawn in love and worships God in return. Let us worship with our gifts!

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

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

Will the Ushers Please come forward.

OFFERTORY “A Patriotic Medley”

Morris Fulcher

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

TABLETALK WITH GOD’S CHILDREN

HYMN PH #394 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

CHARGE

As you leave this place this day,
may Christ’s love sustain you,
and may we love those we meet
as you loved us.

May the Spirit empower you,
and may we empower all we meet,
seeking their health and flourishing.
May God's joy fill your hearts,
and may that joy overflow
to the ends of the earth for God's glory,
now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You

POSTLUDE

Peace be with you!...and also with you!