



“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”
2 Corinthians 3:17

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” *Holy Manna* arr. D. Wyrzten

Call to Worship

Leader: God, we acknowledge You as over all and in all.

People: We proclaim you Sovereign, Ruler, Creator, vast and unknowable. Yet we have been given a clear portrayal of You through Your Son, Jesus the Christ.

Leader: Christ is seated with You, our Eternal God, in heaven, and has left us a Helper, the Holy Spirit.

People: Your glory is reflected in all of creation; indeed in every human being, whom You have made in Your image.

Leader: Your character, Your nature, Your creativity; all are reflected in the various aspects of Yourself.

People: Today, we acknowledge the mystery of the Trinity. Hallelujah!

Leader: We acknowledge You as a whole, whose parts each reflect Yourself differently, yet perfectly. Hallelujah!

People: We acknowledge the loving community in which You exist and have called and privileged us lovingly to be a part. Hallelujah!

Leader: Therefore, we gather today as grateful people for the many ways You have shown Yourself and continue to show yourself to us and to the world.
Hallelujah!

*Hymn: #12 “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

Lord God, Creator of all, you created us to be your people, a people free to love and serve you

with all our minds, with all our hearts and with all our strength. So we come to worship You, our God, in all your fullness. Help us to leave behind all that binds us: our doubts and our fears; our darkness and our hopelessness. Lord Jesus Christ, you who came as a child, gathered into the loving embrace of a family

and as an adult, shared love, laughter and tears with those whom you knew as friends, come to save us anew. Enable us to celebrate the companionship we share with those first disciples who gave their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Gracious Spirit, Inspirer of all, brood over us as we gather here. Eternally breathe Life into us as we pray the same for all of creation; to You endlessly giving, endlessly comforting, we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

First Gospel Reading: Romans 5:1-5

*Hymn: #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see download)

Second Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

Sermon: “The Trinity Through Tears”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith (in unison) - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created wisdom at the beginning, the first of mighty acts long ago. Ages ago wisdom was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth--when God had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

When God established the heavens, I was there, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep, when God made firm the skies above, when God established the fountains of the deep, when God assigned to the sea its limit, so that the

waters might not transgress divine command, when God marked out the foundations of the earth, then I wisdom, I the Spirit, was there beside, like a master worker; and I was daily God's delight, rejoicing before God always, rejoicing in God's inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Great gifts, we give You our gifts today knowing You are the Giver of all good and perfect of things. You are constantly providing for us, caring for us, protecting us, often in ways we do not see. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor and searching. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name, for Your glory. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet your near neighbor)

*Hymn: #309 "Come, Great God of All the Ages" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Dwell among us now, and cause us to live in unity and love just as You do.

People: Loving Father, Parent God, Creator, Yahweh, Son, Emanuel, God-With-Us, Holy Spirit, Counselor, Comfort, and Guide. You are all we need and more! Hallelujah, Amen!!

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

"O Worship the King"

J. Haydn, arr. Gardiner

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor

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