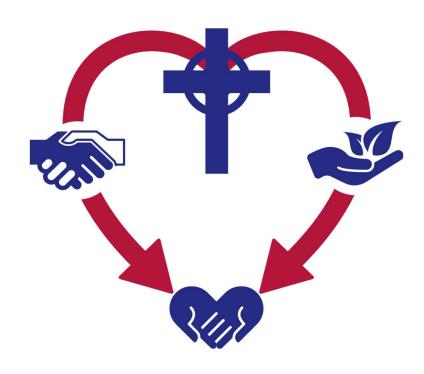
We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Trinity Sunday May 26, 2024

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



We Gather to Worship God

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (from Acts 2)

Leader: God declares: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

People: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

Leader: The young shall see visions.

People: The elderly shall dream dreams.

Leader: Both men and women shall prophesy.

People: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession" Words/Music by Kenneth Jones (front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you. Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Leader: For times we embrace war when you call for peace. People: Forgive us.

Leader: For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them. People: Forgive us.

Leader: For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior.

People: Forgive us.

Leader: For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities. People: Forgive us.

Leader: For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same

for others. People: Forgive us.

Leader: For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight.

All: Forgive us and grant us peace.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God has come upon creation and upon us. Through the power of God, we have complete forgiveness of our sins. Be at peace with each other.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Thanks be to God!

*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(remain standing)

*Transition Hymn #75

"We Give Thanks Unto You"

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources (see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

*Doxology (#606)

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

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-17

Special Music "Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord" Kenneth Jones
Craig Courtney

Time for Young Disciples

(Children that have not yet finished 1st Grade are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Preston Shealy

"Close to the Heart of God"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Our Faith: Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Translation)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Responsive Hymn #649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Time of Meditation and Reflection

Isaiah 6:8

Prayers for the People and Lord's Prayer

Preston Shealy

Respond: 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.

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #246 (v.2)

"Christ Is Alive!"

*Postlude

<u>Sanctuary Flowers</u>: the flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Shirley Caligan for Caroline and Lily Calligan-Gillam in celebration of their 16th birthday today.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. Preston Shealy, Bridge Interim Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Millie Shiflett, Accompanist Sandee Cribbs, Lay Leader

