

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – May 30, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Trinity Sunday
Year B

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all goodness; Jesus the Son given for the life of the world; Holy Spirit, sent that the love of God might abide within us and we within you; may our worship proclaim who you are, and through our worship, may we learn who we are, and be changed into who we are called to be. Amen.

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

We worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

The voice of the LORD is powerful and full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

The LORD shakes the wilderness.

The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #138

Confession*

Isaiah 6:5

“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!”

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 to truly live in your family as sons and daughters; to truly live as your family, as sisters and brothers.

Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear the witness of your Spirit bearing witness to ours, that we are your children through Jesus Christ; and let us live in your Spirit, that we may live together as sisters and brothers.

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(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

Isaiah 6:6-7

“Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sins blotted out.’”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God**
May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Scripture and Sermon

The Strange Math of Ordinary Time
Romans 8:12-17

Hymn

The Church’s One Foundation
Indelible Grace Hymnbook, (vv 1,-2, 5,-6)

Call for the Offering and Doxology

Isaiah 6:8

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here I am; send me!’”

It is not just through our feet and voices that we are sent by God, but by our gifts as well. As those who are sent by God, we send our time, talents, and tithes into the world. This is part of our worship.

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you may give of them in love and service to God, and one another.

Prayer of Dedication and the Prayers of the People

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Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Son and your Spirit. Bless these gifts we offer that they may spread your blessing, and a call all into the fullness of life in you. Amen.

Announcements**Prayers of the People**

adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

We offer our prayers, crying, Abba! Father! knowing that it is God’s Spirit bearing witness with our spirit, that we are children and heirs of God.

Eternal God, we pray for the world, that through the reconciling love of Christ our destructive and violent ways may cease, as you bless your human family with peace.

We pray for the mission of your church, that empowered by your Spirit we may proclaim the good news of the age come in Jesus Christ, in the world you so dearly love. We pray for all who suffer, that together with Christ in his suffering we may find healing as he did, as he was raised and exalted in you.

We pray for your creation, that as it groans for its redemption we may care for its well-being through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

We remember before you those who have died, especially on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who gave their life in love and service, and pray for that day when we will need to learn war no more. And we are reminded of call for all of us to live in love and service for others.

And even as we remember and honor this weekend those who lived up to and lived out the best of who we are and we can be, setting for us an example of sacrifice, this weekend is also the anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre, where the worst of who are and what we are complicit in, here in our own country against our own neighbors and brothers and sisters, was unmasked; our history that still rings into the present.

Lord, on this weekend we are confronted with all of who we are and who we can be. Guide us to celebrate what deserves celebration, and to repent what needs repenting.

Lord, we pray that all who have died, and all who grieve and mourn may, through your redemption at work even now, be at peace, and find comfort, and hope.

In all the sufferings of this world, Lord move and move us. In these times of pandemics and violence, unrest and injustice, fear and division, Lord may your Spirit move, and move us to be your people in the midst of it all, working for healing and being peace makers, hungering for justice and thirsting for righteousness, and doing the hard work of love and reconciliation. Knowing that we are your daughters and sons, and each other's brothers and sisters.

And now in this moment, we pray for those whose names rest on our minds, and in our hearts...

And for those whose names we do not know, and the prayers we do not even know we need to pray, trusting that your Spirit interceded for us...

We praise you, O God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. May these the prayers of our spirit, be embodied in the work of our hands and the traveling of our feet. Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, as we say together with the boldness of those who are heirs with Christ,

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 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

Come, Thou Almighty King
The Presbyterian Hymnal, # 139

Charge and Benediction

You are daughters and sons of God Almighty; brothers and sisters of one another.; called into the life and love of the one God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us go into the world living as such a people. And the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forevermore. Amen.