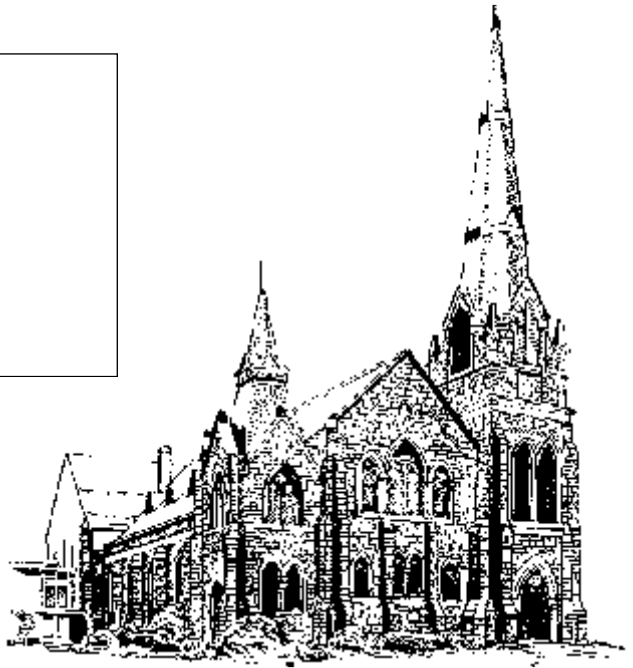


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...  
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

**Sunday, June 4, 2023  
9:30 am  
Trinity Sunday**

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REFLECTION

*"The doctrine of the Trinity is not something Jesus explained to us. It, like most doctrines, came out of the experience of the early believers. How can we put our experiences of God the Creator and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit into words?"*

Brian Stoffregen

PRELUDE

*"Trinity"*

Kenneth Lowenberg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: "In the beginning... the earth was without form and void, ... and God said 'Let there be light' and there was light."

**P: And God saw everything that had been made, and "behold, it was very good."**

L: "In the beginning ... the Word was with God and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth"

**P: "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."**

L: "When the day of Pentecost had come, ... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

**P: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship."**

L: We have come here today, O God, to experience your living presence.

**All: Speak your word, O lord, as you spoke your word in the beginning and in Nazareth and at Pentecost. And we shall be your witnesses to the end of the earth, in our work as in our worship.**

\*HYMN NO. 1

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

NICAEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! through the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, Three in One, we claim that we know you as Father, Son and Spirit. We confess we don't appreciate what that really means for us. We need the unity of the Godhead to deepen our appreciation for the unity of humankind. We are created in your image, a community of the Trinity. We confess that too often we try to go it alone. You brought us to you through other people. Help us now do the same for others, that we may be one as you are one. As you came into the world not to condemn it, but to redeem it, move us to share in that work. Help us replace hatred with understanding, oppression with justice, envy with loyalty, despair with hope and futility with purpose. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Poured into our hearts, God's love gives us new life and hope. Touched by the fingers of God, we are restored to new life.

**This is good news! God loves us, Christ forgives us, the Spirit calls us to service! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 582 *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

MISSION PRESENTATION TO OASIS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6:1-4 Page 597, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* John Rutter

GOSPEL LESSON John 16:5-15 Page 104, NT

SERMON *“The Sound of Three Hands Clapping”* Rev. William Schram

\*HYMN NO. 309 *“Come, Great God of All the Ages”* ABBOT’S LEIGH

1. Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;  
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.  
Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;  
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.
2. Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone;  
help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own.  
Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way;  
urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.
3. Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;  
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall  
ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;  
challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.
4. Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;  
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;  
as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;  
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Thaxted: “All God Beyond All Praising”* Lee. J. Afdahl

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF COMMUNION

CONSECRATION

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*BENEDICTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

*"Toccata Brevis"*

Daniel Gawthrop

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\* Please rise in body or spirit

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram  
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music  
Chancel Choir  
Chancel Handbell Choir  
Hanry Gehman, Organ  
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer  
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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