



New Covenant Presbyterian Church

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The Worship of God

Trinity Sunday June 7, 2020

Welcome

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude....

The preface to *The Confession of 1967* which is contained in the *P.C.U.S.A. Book of Confessions* says this: "The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. The earliest examples of confession are found within the Scriptures. Confessional statements have taken such varied forms as hymns, liturgical formulas, doctrinal definitions, catechisms..."



Two of the earliest creeds are the Apostles' Creed (1st century church) and the Nicene Creed (325 AD), both of which are divided into three sections, describing what we believe about God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The second most modern confession in this book is *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983). Its introduction says, "In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve." And then it continues with sections on Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

And so, it is clear that the oneness, yet threeness, of God is a basic Christian belief. Today, on Trinity Sunday, we once again affirm that tenet of our faith.

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

L: We are so blessed to have God come to us in multiple forms – through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: It is through the grace of Jesus that we experience the love which God our Creator gives so freely.

L: And this experience of God's love unites us with one another in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit bring us joy beyond measure.

*Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

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*Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.*

*Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

*To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty, May we in glory see,
And to eternity, Love and adore.*



THREE IN ONE

Meeting God in the Word



Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

John 14: 15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.'

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Special Music

Glorify Thy Name

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Final Greetings and Benediction

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Sermon

The Trinity at Work, Transforming the World

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

(Introductory words....) As we gather today, lend Christ your table – your bread and cup – and your heart, for, God desires to draw close to each of us.

Prayer of Consecration

L: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing. Though we are many throughout the earth and this church family is scattered today, we are one in Christ. Wherever you are, rest your hands upon these elements of bread and juice, which we set aside today to be a sacrament. Let us ask God's blessing upon them.

P: ***Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing, and no quarantine on your grace. Send your Spirit of life and love to us this day, along with your blessing upon every table where your children shelter in place, that this Bread may be broken in love, and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live and breathe in us that we may honor you with our lives.***



The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

- L: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God – the Bread of Heaven.
- P:** *We are one in Christ in the bread we share. (Pause to receive the Body of Christ.)*
- L: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God – the Cup of Blessing.
- P:** *We are one in Christ in the cup we share. (Pause to receive the Blood of Christ.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- L: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.
- P:** *Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen.*

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus: *I cast all my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do,
I cast all my cares upon you.*



The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts



God provided all that we need, and so we are called to return a portion of our blessings to God to be used in God's service. We so appreciate all that each of you shares for our church's ministry. May we all give sacrificially for God's glory.

Going Out to Serve

Closing Hymn

Come, Great God of All the Ages

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*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

Blessing

- L: Go forth to greet the world at work, as here the Lord has greeted us in worship.

P: *We will go forth in the name of God, the Creator, whose strength empowers us,*

L: And in the name of Christ, the Redeemer, whose love transforms us,

P: *And in the name of the Holy Spirit, whose presence guides us.*

A: *In the name of the one triune God, we pledge our lives to honor and serve both God and neighbor.*

L: May the blessings of ...

Response

He Is Lord

*He is Lord, he is Lord. He has risen from the dead, And he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess, That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

