Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this
Trinity Sunday
Service of Word – May 30, 2021
9:30 AM

The Gathering

Ringing of the Bell
Our Life Together
The Solemn Declaration

Prelude
Call to Worship

Leader: Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One. Gather in the wonder of the mystery that God has invited us to share in.

All: We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.

Leader: Ascribe to the Divine glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory that is due. Worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness.

All: Our hope is that in this time of worship and learning, we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and understanding.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God of Mystery, within your very self you model the beloved community. You are the Wisdom within our hearts, the Word who dwells among us, the Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. Let us know your presence here today in a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah, saying: "Here am I. Send me."

***Hymn "Come Now, Almighty God" #275 (NCH)**

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He 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.

***Choral Response "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Holy, holy, holy. God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession

The Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Choral Response (please remain seated)

Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

All: No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by god's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

***Choral Response**

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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The Gift of the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 6: 1-8
The Gospel Reading — John 3: 1-17
Sermon — "New Beginnings" — Jim Cope
Hymn — **"Here I Am, Lord"** — **#Insert**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call to Offering
Offertory
***Offertory Response** — **"Take My Gifts"** — **#562 (NCH)**
Take whatever I can offer, gifts that I have yet to find, Skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind, things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be: take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

***Prayer of Dedication**
All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

The Ministry of Prayer – Memorial Day Remembrance

The Remembrance of the Fallen
A chime will toll 21 times, signifying the highest form of military salute in thanksgiving for the lives of America's veterans.
Prayer for Veterans and for peace among nations

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn** — **"My Eyes Have Seen the Glory"** — **#610 (NCH)**
*Benediction
***Three-fold Amen** — **#812 (NCH)**
*Postlude
*Indicates that all who are able, please stand. **Bold** print indicates unison reading.
Notice Someone Missing? *If so give them a call and let them know they are missed.*