

## WORSHIP SERVICE

May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- \* God's Greeting
- \* We Greet One Another
- \* Call to Worship

**O blessed Trinity, in whom we know is the maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all near and far; By your spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty with all the company of heaven so we may magnify your glorious name saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord. Glory to you, O Lord Most High." Amen.**

- \* Opening Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" *Lift Up Your Hearts #538*

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!

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 ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

- \* Opening Prayer

### WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer to Our Triune God

**Holy Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, send your Holy Spirit to awaken us.**

**Send your grace to forgive us, your truth to instruct us  
and your mercy to relieve us.**

**Holy Father, you created the world through your mediating Son and interceding Spirit.**

**Lord Jesus, on the Father's mission you redeemed the world your Father loves.**

**Holy Spirit of Father and Son, you blew power into the church and sent her out to the world.**

**Majestic God, triune from all ages, brimming with life upon life in triplicate verve, you poured  
out life to create, save and inspire.**

**Because of this we worship and adore you. Amen.**

God's Words of Assurance (Romans 8:1-2)

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

Song of Response: "I Love You Lord"

*Sing! A New Creation #16*

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice

Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Message: "A New Beginning"

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Song of Response: "Come, Holy Ghost"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #232*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest

Come with thy grace and heavenly aid

To fill our hearts which though hast made, To fill our hearts which thou hast made.

Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)

Where you go, there I am with you.

Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)

Where you go, there I am with you.

O Comforter, to thee we cry, Though heavenly gift of God most high  
Thou font of life, and fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above, And sweet anointing from above.  
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)  
Where you go, there I am with you.  
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)  
Where you go, there I am with you.

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, Know we the Father and the Son;  
Be this our firm unchanging creed,  
That thou dost from them both proceed, That thou dost from them both proceed.  
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)  
Where you go, there I am with you.  
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)  
Where you go, there I am with you.

Praise we the Lord: Father and Son, And Holy Spirit with them one;  
And may the Son on us bestow  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow, All gifts that from the Spirit flow.  
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)  
Where you go, there I am with you.  
Be not afraid. (Be not afraid)  
Where you go, there I am with you.

Prayer of Application

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #608*

Salvation belongs to our God Who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb  
Praise and Glory, Wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

And we, the redeemed shall be strong In purpose and unity Declaring aloud  
Praise and Glory, Wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

\* Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Laura Hufford, Rex DeBruin, Pam Voss

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**James VanDyk Graduation Party** - Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating the graduation of James VanDyk with an open house on **Saturday, June 5** from 1-4 PM at TCRC.

**Sunday Evening Book Club** - Tyler Helfers is leading a Sunday Evening Book Club this summer. They will be discussing J.I. Packer's classic book *Knowing God*. As we ease out of pandemic restrictions and return to a sense of normalcy, rediscover the wonder and joy of knowing God through this book! Begins **Sunday, June 6 at 6:30 PM**. If you'd like to sign up for a book, there is a sheet on the foyer table.

**Communion** - Next week we will gather at the Lord's Table. Come, all who are sorry for their sins, who believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, have confessed his name, and desire to live in obedience to him. Come, for Christ our risen Lord invites you to fellowship with him at his table.

**Church Softball Games** - Come cheer on the church softball team on Tuesday evenings at the River Valley Softball Complex. This week their games are at 6:10 PM and 8:10 PM on Field 5.

**Bible Camp Donations** - The Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp board is seeking donations for a care package service project for camp 2021. We are in need of felt, ribbon, and larger buttons for a craft we will be putting together. We will also be including a few other items that it will be easiest and most cost effective for us to purchase in bulk. If you would like to contribute money for those items, donations can be sent to Youth Bible Camp, c/o Brian Hofman, 129 E 3rd St. Kanawha, IA 50447. Donations will be received through Sunday, July 11. Thanks so much for your support!

**Message From Good Neighbor** - We've been able to help people during the pandemic to keep them in their homes, their utilities on, food on their table, and gasoline in their car. In July, we'll start helping them pay for no contract phone service to be able to stay connected to work, apply for jobs, communicate with their children's school, and stay connected to the world around them. We've been helping so much, as a matter of fact, that we are on track to give out a total assistance amount of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2020-21! That's a quarter of a million dollars! Our budget was \$175,000 for 2020-21 (a 25% increase from FY 2019-20) and we've far exceeded that. It is thanks to the generosity and charity of Story County Faith Communities, small grants, and individual donors that make this possible.

**Breakfast Club** meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** at the Lincoln Center HyVee at **8:30 AM**.

**Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp** - Camp is from July 19-23 in Eldora. All graduates of grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. You can register on the camp Facebook page (search for Midwest B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Camp). If you plan to attend, please register soon so that they can make sure they have enough counselors.

**Roots** meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. (Please wear a mask.)

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - The Practice of Prayer: When praying with children, try this kid-friendly version of the "ACTS" model, replacing Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication with these prompts: "God, you are . . ." -- "I'm sorry for . . ." -- "Thank you for . . ." -- "Please . . ."

## ReFrame Ministries

**Faith and Pop Culture** - What can Taylor Swift's music teach us about the transforming love that God has created us to experience? Download the ebook and receive more faith and pop culture content from Think Christian. Subscribe at [thinkchristian.net/taylorswift](http://thinkchristian.net/taylorswift).

**God's Idea of Justice** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Imagine that you see someone being bullied. Do you just watch, or turn away, or do you try to help the person being bullied? How does God want you to respond? What is God's idea of justice? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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