

June 7, 2020 Trinity Sunday (Zoom on-line worship service)

### **VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Leader:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING**

"These Days" daily devotionals for July, August, September are now available in the church office.

Annabelle Jordan passed away March 9th at a long-term-care facility in New Jersey after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was surrounded by her daughters Amy, Jenny, and Nancy. She was 92 years old. She found great comfort in her Christian faith and was a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church in Geneva. In addition to her daughters, she is survived by their spouses, and by 5 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in Geneva at a later date. If anyone would like contact information for her family, you may contact Colleen in the church office.

The Red Cross will be holding two blood drives at our church this month: June 15 from 1:30 - 6:30 and June 30 from 2:00 - 7:00.

We are still accepting food donations for the Center of Concern. Items may be dropped off at the church the first two Mondays and Wednesdays of each month, from 9:00 - 2:00.

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Henry Augustine

Mighty Wind, who danced over the deep and surveyed the shapeless void, dance over us now and ready us for your creative purpose.

Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos and called forth light and life, call to us now and open us to new expressions of grace.

Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness and claimed us as kin, Re-form and refine us to be bearers of your blessing.

Holy Trinity—Creator, Christ, Spirit—who gathered the primeval waters, gather us in, then send us out, our voices echoing creation's song:  
How majestic is your name in all the earth!

**HYMN*****“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”***

Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

Text: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.

*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! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus, you send us to make disciples of all nations, but we focus our energies inward and shy away from sharing the good news in word and deed. You charge us to teach your commandments, but we struggle to obey them and neglect to model them for others. You assure us of your abiding presence, but we doubt this promise and disregard your Spirit, denying the power you give us to do your work.

Forgive us, Lord, and renew us to be the church you created us to be. Wash us with your grace and commission us for service in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Rev. John Milne

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** *“We Believe in One True God”*  
setting by Johann Christoph Bach

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lisa Gage

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Genesis 1: 1-2**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

### **2 Corinthians 13: 5-14**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong—not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

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.

### **Matthew 28: 16-20**

#### **The Commissioning of the Disciples**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

## **RESPONSE**

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

*Deuteronomy 6:6*

## **SERMON**

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"My Life Flows On"*

*("How Can I Keep from Singing?")*

Text and music: Robert Lowry, 1869

Vocalists: Ruth Benedict, Linda Cox, Rev. Deb Lind,  
Sharyn Powell, Colleen VanAllan

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **HYMN**

***"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"***

Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

Text: Jeffery W. Rowthorn, 1978

*Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:  
with the Spirit's gift empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:  
with the Spirit's gift empower us for the work of ministry.*

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:29–31)

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—be with you now and always. Alleluia! (Isaiah 6:3)

## **POSTLUDE**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Setting by John Leavitt

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Geneva Boys and Girls Club

Chris Lavin