

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 11, 2006

Trinity Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude "Sarabande" Gordon

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit "We Are Children of Our God" Michael Jothen

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 29*)

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
**Your name is above every name, O God,
we will worship You in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
**May the Lord give strength to Your people, O God,
may the Lord bless Your people with peace.
Let us worship God!**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*The Prayer of Confession

Glory enthroned in heaven: you call to us, but we do not listen. We trust in the world's emptiness, and refuse to be filled with your Word. We boast about our successes, but ignore the suffering of those around us. We demand justice for all who break the law, but do not see it as a way of life for us. . .
(time for silent confession). . .

Holy God, majestic Creator: have mercy on us and be enthroned in our hearts. Jesus Christ, Brother of the poor: have mercy on us and be shown in our hearts. Spirit of Holiness, Master Worker: have mercy on us and touch our lips so we may proclaim the Good News. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Our lower nature has no claim upon us.
We are not obliged to live on that level.
All who are moved by the Spirit of God are children of God.
Friends, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Isaiah 6:1-8* p. 778 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalm 29* p. 621 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "Joy in the Morning" Natalie Sleeth

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Romans 8:12-17*
The Anthem (11:00 am)

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"
Carol Choir

p. 191 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 341 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

The Ordination and Installation of Elders

The *Gospel* Lesson: *John 3:1-17*

p. 114 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

"More Than We Know"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

(from *"A Brief Statement of Faith"*)

**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.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the water of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Offertory

"Pavane"

Gordon Young

The Gathering of Our Gifts

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

You beckon us to follow you, O Christ, and to proclaim our salvation to all people everywhere. We are like Isaiah, hearing God's voice and responding, "Here am I! Send me." We offer ourselves at the threshold of your sanctuary, to be sent forth in ministry, as the Holy Spirit will guide us. Praise and thanks to you, the One Eternal God - Sovereign, Savior and Holy Spirit. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 371

“Lift High the Cross”

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

“The Happy Trumpeter”