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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**May 27, 2018**

**Trinity Sunday**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Kevin McChesney

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

### Opening Sentences

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith,  
to acknowledge and worship the eternal Trinity in the majesty of the Unity.

Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship and bring us at last to see you in your  
eternal glory, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

### Prayer of Confession

Unison

**God of grace, love, and communion,**

**we confess that we have failed to love you**  
**with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength;**  
**and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive our sin and raise us to new life**

**that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.**

### Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing  
**Hymn 139** Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

**Welcome and Announcements**

The children may bring their “ringing collection” and come to the **Baptismal Font** for a  
**Time for Young Christians**

**Old Testament** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Psalms 29:1-4,5b,7-8a,9,10b-11** Unison

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord causes the oak trees to whirl, and strips the forest bare.  
and in the temple all cry “Glory.”

The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**Anthem** Let the Whole Creation Cry Jay Althouse, 1994

Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high!” Heav’n and earth awake and sing, “Praise Him! Praise Him! He is our King!” Praise Him angels from above, ever bright and fair in love. Sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice. From the north to southern pole, let the mighty chorus roll, heav’nly angels, loud and strong, raise their voice in song. Servants working for the Lord, prophets burning with His word, all who work and all who wait, Praise Him! Praise Him, for He is great. Men and women, young and old, know His glories manifold. With one voice, this song we raise and sing His praise. (--adapted from Psalm 148 by Stopford Brooke, 1881)

**Epistle** Romans 8:12-17

**Gospel** John 3:1-17

**Sermon** Face Time with God Mike Krech  
“... yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Isaiah 6:5b

The congregation stands to sing  
**Hymn 339** Be Thou My Vision Slane

**Apostles’ Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional  
**Gloria Patri 579** Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

**Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 562** Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

**Postlude**

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is Trinity Sunday, celebrating the revelation of one God in Three Persons, the historic terms being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity took shape among the early church theologians and was much debated by them. Modern interpretations of their arguments depend on how to translate certain Greek words that they used, but the Trinity as the standard or orthodox view of God is evident by the time of the Nicene Creed in 325. The Apostles’ Creed, which was probably in use as a baptismal confession by about the year 150, is also Trinitarian in form. The clearest New Testament expression of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is Matthew 28:19, where it is the “baptismal formula” given by the risen Christ. Today’s Epistle and Gospel readings also show how Paul and John use the interplay of Father, Son, and Spirit in the work of salvation. Jesus and Nicodemus discuss the authority of God, the identity of the Son and the work of the Spirit in the course of their conversation in John 3. Paul in Romans 8 describes how the spirit of God helps us cry out to God, “Abba, Father,” as we become joint heirs with Christ, God’s Son.

Three of today’s hymns also have Trinitarian themes.

JMK