

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

June 16, 2019

Trinity Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy Nicaea
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir arr. Kevin McChesney

The congregation stands to sing

Processional 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 your faithfully
and give honor to your holy name. ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 162 O Lord, Our God, How Excellent Winchester New

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 bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

Psalm 8 Unison

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have ordained strength

that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established,

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals, that you care for them?

Yet you have made them little lower than the angels

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands.

You have put all things under their feet: sheep and oxen,

the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Anthem Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Dale Wood, 1964

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,

chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one.

Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today.

With thy wonted loving kindness, hear thy servants as they pray,

and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,

laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,

one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

(-- Latin text, 7th century; translated by John Mason Neale, 1851)

Epistle

Romans 5:1-5

Gospel

John 16:12-15

Sermon

Loving a Mystery

Mike Krech

“When I look at the heavens, ... the moon and the stars, ... what are human beings that you are mindful of them?”
Psalm 8:3,4a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

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

Sing Hallelujah

arr. Mark Hayes

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

Postlude

God of Our Fathers

arr. Mary McDonald

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 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. In today's Epistle and Gospel readings Paul and John describe some of the interplay of Father, Son, and Spirit in the work of salvation. In the Old Testament reading, personified wisdom can be seen as one expression of the work of the second Person of the Trinity in creation, the majesty of which is celebrated in Psalm 8. (JMK)