



experiencing God

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? - Psalm 27:1



Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

July 18, 2021 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

To Our Guests:

Visiting a church can be an intimidating experience, especially in this time of a pandemic! We are glad that you are here, and we hope to remove as much of that awkwardness as we can from your visit to Trinity.

Our Sunday service usually lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes, and this bulletin is designed to help you navigate it. There are short paragraphs on the following pages to explain each part. The goal of the service is to help each of us to see Jesus more clearly and understand more fully how he makes a difference in our lives. Our hope is that every part of the service is accessible to you, whether you've spent years in the church or you've never been to a church service in your life.

If you are new to Trinity or just visiting, we would love to meet you! If you can, please hang around for a few minutes after the service so we can get to know you. If you have any questions about Trinity, Pastor Geoff Ziegler would enjoy hearing from you (you can email him at geoff@trinityhinsdale.com).

Our weekly e-newsletter is full of information about Trinity events and ways to get involved in our church life. To find out more information about our church or sign up for our e-newsletter, visit our website, www.trinityhinsdale.com.

Welcome

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship:

The primary actor in Christian worship is not us. It's God. He is the one who has forgiven us and lovingly enables us to worship him. The Call to Worship reminds us that no matter what our economic or social status is, no matter how much we have failed or how inadequate we might feel, God welcomes us to draw near.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 66)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
Say to God,

“How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name.”

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Come, let us worship our God!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All you who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

At the heart of worship is the confession of what is true: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive honor and power." As we together confess historic creeds and catechisms, we unite with churches throughout the world and throughout the ages in declaring the greatness of our God.

Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

**the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words: Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring. Music: Sir George Elvey.

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

More information can be found in our Life at Trinity e-newsletter.

Prayer is one of the primary ways we fulfill our calling to love God and neighbor. We are given the privilege of asking our gracious God to care for the needs of each other and the world around us. And as we pray together, we reorient ourselves to the greatness of our God, learning to depend on him in expectant hope.

Announcements

Prayers of the People (from Psalm 103)

Lord God, you are worthy of our praise. You have forgiven our sins and have poured your love upon us. You give us joy and renew our strength. And so in this moment of silence we pause to remember your goodness to us and give you thanks.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you work righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. We pause to pray that you would intervene in those situations where there is injustice and unrighteousness—whether in Haiti, or in places where your church is persecuted, or even where there is injustice in our nation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have shown yourself to us, that you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is your steadfast love toward those who fear you. In our weakness, we often struggle to see this and rest in your love. So we pray now for all of us, and especially for those of us tormented by doubt, that your Spirit would fill us with a knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You know our frame and with compassion you remember that we are dust. We pray that you would show your compassion toward those of us experiencing exhaustion, disease, grief, and depression.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have established your throne. In Christ, your kingdom rules over all. We pray for our church and churches throughout the world, that through them your joyous gospel would go forth and people would be transformed by Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And with churches throughout the world we pray together, as your Son taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

At the very heart of worship is not our speech, but God's. We express our loving faith in God first and foremost by listening carefully to him.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 66

¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

² sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise!

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴ All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name." Selah

⁵ Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

⁷ who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹ who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ You brought us into the net;

you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

¹² you let men ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

I will perform my vows to you,

¹⁴ that which my lips uttered

and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,

with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth,

and high praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹ But truly God has listened;

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Children 3 and 4 years old will be dismissed for our Children's Church program after the Scripture Reading. If this will be your child's first week in Children's Church, please accompany your child to the room so you can see where we have Children's Church and meet this week's teachers. Masks are needed for all children attending.

Pastor Geoff Ziegler

Sermon – "A Call to Praise"

Confession of Sin:

Our loving Father welcomes us into his presence to confess how we have sinned against him and our neighbors. This allows us to speak about our sin truthfully, both publicly and privately.

Community Confession of Sin**Good News of the Gospel - Psalm 65**

When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

Brothers and sisters who have confessed your sins, God has heard you. He has blotted out your transgressions. In Christ, he has welcomed you home as his sons and daughters.

Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Supper

God welcomes us to his table, promising to nourish believers spiritually in Christ through these signs of his loving commitment to us, his church. All baptized believers in Christ are invited to participate in this family meal and have their faith strengthened. If you have not yet professed your faith in Christ, we ask that you instead use this period as a time of reflection and prayer. We invite you to use any of the prayers printed below.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord God, I don't really know who you are. Please show yourself to me. The Bible says that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. If this is true, please help me to see this and accept Jesus as your Son, no matter what that might cost me. Help me to know you.

Prayer of Belief and Repentance

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you that I am deeply sinful and desperately need your help. I believe what you have said in your Word: that you love me and have died for me to bring me back home to God. I turn from my old way of life, from being my own master, and I place my trust in you. You are now my king. You are now my savior who has forgiven me. I promise to follow you wherever you lead me.

Prayer for Those Overcome By Doubt and Sin

Lord God, I'm no longer sure that I believe in you or that any of this is real. And I realize that my life doesn't reflect a faith in you. I feel like something is missing, but I don't know what to do. Please have mercy on me and lead me back to you.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Words: William R. Featherstone, 1864. Music: Adoniram J. Gordon, 1894.

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson. Music: Christopher Minor.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Just as we gather for worship at God's initiative, so also do we finish our time with God's Word. Together we hear and receive God's blessing upon us as we go and seek to worship him in our lives throughout the week.

Benediction

Musicians:

David Barshinger – acoustic guitar
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Community Groups

Community groups are one of the chief ways we team up to care for each other and seek the good of our neighborhoods. We currently meet in the following locations:

Downers Grove • Elmhurst • Hinsdale East • Hinsdale West • Lisle/Woodridge
Western Springs North • Western Springs South • Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

For more information about our ongoing ministries and community life, subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.trinityhinsdale.com, or you can email us with any questions at office@trinityhinsdale.com.