



The Gospel
Makes a
Difference

"He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." –1 Thessalonians 5:24



Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021 – Twentieth 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 Revelation 4 and 5)

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

“Worthy are you for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God.”

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**
Come, let us worship our God!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Words: Reginald Herber, 1826. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861.

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! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy; there is none besides thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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 - Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

In You, O Lord I Am Found (Psalm 139)

Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough.

O Lord, you know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;
I long for you but from you I hide.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight
And night overtakes my troubled mind
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;
You wrote with love each one of my days.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me:
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Greeting One Another

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

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. You are our environment. It is before your face that we live out each and every moment of our existence. We ask for your help that we would be awake to this profound reality of our existence. We ask that we would experience and know your presence and your care. And we humbly pray that you would guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all that we do, in all the cares and activities of our lives we may never forget you, but always adore and love you.

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

God of our salvation, we lift up to you the ministries of our church. We pray for our kids and the ministries of Sunday School, Children's Church, and Youth Discipleship Group. We pray for adult Discipleship Groups, for Community Groups, for those participating in spiritual conversation training. We pray for our weekly gathering on Sunday mornings. In all of these spaces, we pray God that you would work out in real and practical ways a growing love for you such that our love would spill out and overflow for each other and for our world. We pause now to intercede for our church and the ministries of our church, asking that you would supply all our needs and bless the work of this body.

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

Gracious God, as we will later sing: think what Spirit dwells with in you, think what Father's smiles are yours, think that Jesus died to win you, who, God, could ask for more? As those who belong to you we pray that we would know the riches of salvation we have in Christ, that we would know the days of our earthly mission and the days of not yet being fully home with you are short. The days of our struggle against sin, the challenge to follow Jesus in this world, the burden of living in a fallen world, these days are short and passing away. And so we pray that you would give us the confidence and the assurance of faith to live now for you and for your kingdom.

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

1 Thessalonians 3:10-13

¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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

Children 3 - 5 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.

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 - 1 Corinthians 6:9, 11

"Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

Brothers and sisters who have trusted in Jesus, you are forgiven and holy in God's sight, and you are being transformed into Christ's glorious likeness.

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.

We Are Not Overcome

Words & Music: Isaac Wardell and Robert Heiskel

Flesh will fail and bones will break;
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade,
The Lord will give and take away.

Put no trust in the earth,
In the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust;
The Lord will make a place for us.

Chorus

Because of His great Love,
We are not overcome!
Because of His great Love,
We are not overcome!

Have no fear for your life;
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give all life and breath.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Words: Henry Lyte. Revised by Geoff Ziegler (2021). Music: Bill Moore.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
Leaving all to follow You.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
From now on, my all is You.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known,
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
You are not, like them, untrue.
If I know you smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Your face and all is bright.

Some may trouble and distress me,
They will drive me to your breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
Grief can never truly harm me
While your love is strong and true.
No delight can ever charm me,
If delight is without you.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn and pain!
In Your service, pain is pleasure,
With Your favor, loss is gain.
I have called You "Abba, Father,"
On you I have placed my heart
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
Good from me will not depart.

Soul, then know your full salvation.
Overcome sin, fear, and care.
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within you,
Think what Father's smiles are yours,
Think that Jesus died to win you,
Who of God could ask for more?

Hurry, soul, from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heav'n's eternal days your story,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall end your earthly mission,
Soon shall pass your pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

*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:

Nick Owens – acoustic guitar
Erik Swanson – electric bass
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To be Christ's beautiful church for the good of the world.

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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 • Western Springs North • 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.

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