

## Trinity Sunday

9:30 a.m.

June 4, 2023

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### GATHERING

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name*

**Prelude** - *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees* – Raymond Haan

#### **Call to Worship**

No one has ever seen God

**But if we love one another**

God lives in us

**and God's love is made complete in us.**

#### **Opening Hymn 92\*\*** - *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony,  
linking sense to sound and sight;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love;

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

***Invocation***

**Everlasting God,**

**You have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love.**

**Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully to this faith, and, living in praise of your divine majesty, may finally be one in you; who are three persons in one God, for ever and ever, Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION**

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.*

***Scripture Reading***

Psalm 8

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

O LORD, our Sovereign,  
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 founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your 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 a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria Patri*** (sung)\*\*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***Anthem - One Bread, One Body*** - Jack Schrader

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout, the earth, we are one body in this one, this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more, no more. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout, the earth, we are one body in this one, this one Lord. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all, of all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout, the earth, we are one body in this one, this one Lord.

***God's Word for Young Disciples***

***Scripture Reading***

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Sermon - Think Again***

Pastor Jon Priebe

***Apostle's Creed***\*\*

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

***Discipleship Moment***

***Offertory - Pastorale on "When I Survey"*** - Franklin Ashdown

(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)

***Doxology***\*\*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Communion** (Hymnal p. 12)

### **SENDING FORTH**

*The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith*

**Closing Hymn 475\*\*** - *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

**Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn 666)

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

**Postlude** - *Trumpet Postlude on "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"* - Franklin Ashdown



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given**

In loving memory of Don Michael Jones by his sister, Carol Lewis.

**Service Music:** Summer Choir

**Music:** One License A-731491

**NEXT STEPS**

***Go, Ye, Therefore***

*Matthew 28:17* – Why did Jesus give the Great Commission to those who doubted?

Why were those who doubted worshipping?! What were they doubting?

### **Double-Minded**

*distazo* – doubt, waver, or to “think again”

*“For I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand.  
For this also I believe-that unless I believe I shall not understand.” - Anselm of Canterbury*

**Questions for Reflection:** The Great Commission tasks us with going to make disciples, baptizing, and teaching others to obey all that Jesus taught. How familiar am I with the teachings of Jesus? Do I practice them in my daily life? Do I know people who are trying to do this and how can we help and teach each other to obey Jesus?

**Question for Discussion:** How has Jesus been calling you to go somewhere or change your life in some way to better fulfill the Great Commission? How? Where?

**Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19-20** - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

**Readings for this Week:** Psalm 124, Jeremiah 29:1-7, Genesis 12:1-9

### **CHURCH NOTES**

**Love Offering:** Both Pastor Mike and Pastor Karol's last day at First Church will be Sunday, June 25. A Love Offering is being taken for both between now and June 18, and will be given to them on the 25<sup>th</sup>. You may place your Love Offering (made out to First Church, but marked Pastor Mike or Pastor Karol, in separate envelopes if possible) in the offering plate, or you may mail it to the church office to the

attention of Nancy Yeager. We will celebrate their service, express our gratitude, and say goodbye to both Pastors Mike and Karol with cookies and lemonade on the lawn after the service on June 25.

**Golf Outing:** The 17th Walter "Bud" Mills Golf outing, the major fundraising event for the Epworth Choir Tour, will be held at Brookledge Golf Club on June 24th, at 1:30. There will be prizes, raffle baskets, and dinner. You may also attend just the dinner (contact Dean.) Putt-Putt will be available at Downview from 4:30-6 for a reduced price of \$4 (mention the golf outing.) We are also seeking sponsors for holes, carts, gifts, and baskets. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center with more information or you may contact Dean Wagner or Jim Boss.

**Those Registered for VBS:** Thanks to all of you have registered your children for VBS. We now need to focus on getting everyone paid for and having their paperwork submitted. Please take care of these items this week. Call if you have questions about this, contact Donna Curfman at 330-329-2379.

**VBS Volunteers:** All teachers and volunteers who have not attended a training session need to contact Donna Curfman ASAP to take care of your preparation. Those who have attended need to turn in the paperwork.

**Paid Position Open:** We are looking for a childcare worker for Sunday mornings this summer and Sunday mornings and evenings starting in the fall. This is a paid position. If you are interested, contact Kathy Kuzas for an application.

**Family Promise:** For the month of May and June, we are going to collect the following for the families of Family Promise: Toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent. Please put your donations in the Family Promise bin by the library.

**Good Neighbors** is requesting the following: shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, bathroom tissue, laundry and dish soaps, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles, tomato sauce, and salad dressing.

**Christmas Shoeboxes:** Acts of Grace, in conjunction with the Epworth Youth Group, are collecting items each month in an effort to pack 100 shoeboxes. The items for June are: girls' hairbrushes, children's sunglasses, and small bouncy balls.

**Blessing Box:** We currently have a large supply of canned good, but are in need of the following: ramen noodles, individual oatmeal packets, flavored rice/ noodle packets, canned tuna/ canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, individual fruit cups, travel sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel sized body wash, travel sized shampoo.

**Church Square Community Garden:** Planting has taken place, but there is still lots to do! We can use many helping hands with planting the garden, weeding and watering it throughout the growing season. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Millie Keyser at 330-945-4858 or millie.keyser@sbcglobal.net. Each year, the produce from the garden has gone to Good Neighbors and other community organizations.

**1st Church Feeds:** At our monthly distribution we give out more than food. Some items that have been asked for are personal hygiene items such as bladder control products for men and women. These items may be dropped off in the bin located behind the welcome center.

**Heart4theCity:** They have a store where they sell items at very reduced prices. They are currently asking for small kitchen appliances, and bedding. These items may be dropped off in the bin located outside the church library.

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**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

Family of member Dorothy Jeanne Wilson on her death on 5/28.

Kyrstyn Kuzas & family on the death of her mother, Debbie Clem on 5/27.

Family of member Louise (Lucy) Johnson on her death 5/28.

Chuck Suter & family on the death of his wife, member Sonia Suter on 5/24.

Family of member Diane Headrick on her death on 5/27.