

# Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025



**Gathering and Welcome** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Prelude** *May Jesus Christ Be Praised* – arr. Ovid Young

Jessye Whitis, pianist

**Chime Choir Anthem** *When I Can Read My Title Clear* – Bill Ingram

Bruce Vineyard, director; Celica Castro, flutist

**\*Call to worship**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**Heaven and earth are full of the glory of God!**

**\*Hymn # 649** *Amazing Grace*

**\*Call to confession**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**\*Prayer of confession**

**Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yours is a perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and whole. We confess that our relationships are not that way. We have been too selfish; we have given too much; we have accepted too little.**

**We have failed to love in the manner of Jesus. We have let sin drive us away from one another and from you. We long for wholeness and peace, but our sin pulls us in other directions. Forgive us and restore us. Pull us to you. With mercy and grace, pull us to you. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of pardon**

With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God relentlessly seeks us out. This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Choral Anthem** *The Promised Land* – Natalie Sleeth

Jessye Whitis, director

## **Prayer for illumination**

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

**Scripture readings** Psalm 8; Romans 5: 1 – 5; John 16: 12 - 15

**Sermon** *Top Pocket Finds*

Rev. Kathy Vineyard, H.R.

## **A Father's Day Blessing**

Dear God, We thank you for the gift of Dads in this life. We thank you that you are the greatest Dad ever, Abba Father, and we know that you cover us in your great love.

We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real. We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them. Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way. We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say “no” to what is wrong and to say “yes” to what is right. We ask that you would fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace.

Lord, we pray that you would raise up mighty men, godly men, in this generation, those who would know and honor you with their entire lives. We pray that they would stand firm in the faith, walk wisely, and follow hard after you. May they grow in their love and passion for you, for their families, and in the calling to follow you above all else. Thank you for dads who fight for their families, who do battle in prayer over those they love.

Thank you God that your Word is true. We hold fast to you today, we choose to immerse our lives in your Truth. We know that you are with us always and cover us in your power and strength.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

**\*Affirmation of faith** (Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through 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.**

**\*Hymn # 370 *This Is My Father's World***

**\*Call for the offering**

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for  
all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

**Offertory *Faith of Our Fathers* -- arr. Phillip Keveren**

Jessye Whitis, pianist

**Prayer of dedication**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them,  
even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus  
Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives.  
Amen.

## **Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

Merciful God, powerful and wonderful, eternally present and graciously close, we are grateful for what you have given us in Jesus Christ, life and love without end. Prompted by your Spirit and encouraged by your faithfulness, we lift to you the cares and concerns of our hearts, the burdens and the worries of our lives.

We pray that the sick would be healed, that the broken would be mended, that the mournful would be comforted. We pray that the warriors would yield to peace, that the leaders would gain wisdom, that the forsaken would be gathered in. We pray that the sorrowful would be consoled, that the poor would be lifted up, that the anxious would be released.

We pray for children in their growing and for youth in their seeking. We pray for those making new starts and for those nearing a journey's end. We pray for those facing hard choices and for those enduring painful consequences. We pray for those filled with bitterness and for those who feel empty.

We pray that your church might claim its potential, that the body of Christ might be strengthened by its many parts, that the work of ministry might be done with joy and thanksgiving. We pray for the courage to follow Jesus, for the faith to trust your promises to us, for the vision to see your kingdom among us even now. We pray for all of those for whom you would have us pray. We pray for those for whom no one prays.

We pray all of these things in the name of the one ceaselessly praying for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Hear us as we now lift the prayer Jesus taught: **"Our Father..."**

### **\*Hymn # 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation***

#### **Charge and benediction**

Let us go from this place trusting that God is with us and for us in every place.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

#### **Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy***

Jessye Whitis, pianist

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