

First Presbyterian Church

May 31, 2015

10:30 a.m.

**Trinity Sunday
Holy Communion**

Be reverent. This is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

"I will strive to enter that intimate space of Christ's radical love with you."

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Sharing Joys and Concerns

***Passing of the Peace** – please share the peace & love of Christ with your neighbor

Introit

***Call to Worship-From Psalm 8** (read responsively)

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

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: 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?

People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. Let all creation worship the Lord our God!

***Hymn** *"Christ Is Coming!"* #360

Prayer of Confession (read responsively)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

People: Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might

make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (read responsively)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, proclaim the word of the Lord.

People: In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

***Choral Response** *"The Gloria"*

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! Amen!

Anthem *"Sing Forever to the Lord"* Jon Paige
Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with the Children Rev. Sarah Hooker
(Children may leave for the Child Care Room following the Time with Children.)

Prayer for Illumination (read in unison)

Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

First Scripture Reading (page 158 OT in the pew Bible) Romans 8:18-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** *"Restore in Us, O God"* #434

Second Scripture Reading (pages 158-159 NT in the pew Bible) Romans 8:26-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Stuck with God”

Rev. Sarah Hooker

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Communion

(Ushers gather in the narthex at this time.)

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offertory

***Choral Response**

“The Doxology”

606

Welcoming New Members

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

People: for they shall be filled.

Leader: The God who promises life, and that in abundance, invites us to the table.

People: Where we share in the abundance of life, where we practice living in the Kingdom of God.

Leader: This table is God's Table. This table is open to all who seek to follow God's Way, to live as people of the Promise.

People: Here we meet friend and stranger, and recognize all as family.

Leader: Come and taste the grace eternal, come and see that God is good.

***Hymn**

“Come to the Table of Grace”

#507

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

(see insert)

***Hymn**

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

#435

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Epilogue on ‘Truro’ ”

Lani Smith

**You are invited to stand.*

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*We know
that all
things work
together
for good for
those who
love God....*

Romans 8:28

*First Presbyterian Church actively exists as the living body of Christ,
committed to growing in faithfulness to God, serving the whole human
family and welcoming all people into God's love.*
(Our Mission Statement)

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...As participants in the community of the faithful we echo the ancient cry:

People: Holy, holy, holy God, source of power and light. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: ... and who taught his friends to pray together saying...

People: Our Father who art in heaven...

"forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

Leader: The Bread we share is the bread of Life. The Cup we share is the Cup of the New Covenant. These are signs of the Promise, from the God who gives us the Promise.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sharing of the Elements

As you pass the plate to the person next to you, please say these words. The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Those taking communion are asked to hold the bread until all are served, symbolizing our unity in the Spirit of Christ, then to drink individually the cup, symbolizing our personal commitment to Christ.

Prayer

Leader: God of the rainbow, God of the promise, God of the table;

People: we have broken the bread and shared the cup. We have tasted your goodness. We have shared the meal that ties us to each other and to you.

Leader: God of the past, the present and the future;

People: you have been faithful, you are faithful, you will be faithful. You will live out the covenant of life. May we who have shared this meal, we who gather in community, be transformed by our gathering and our sharing, so that we too will live out the covenant of life. Amen.

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