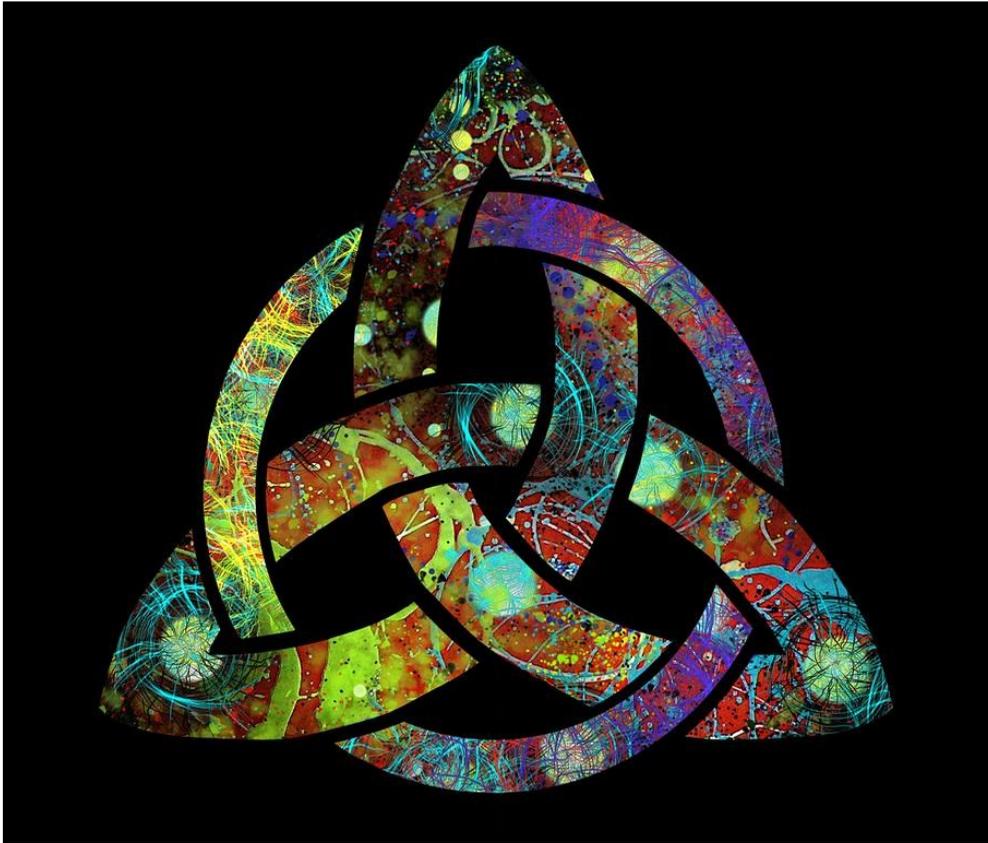




“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”



May 30, 2021

Memorial Day Weekend/Trinity Sunday

“How Will We Be Born From Above?”

Gathering in Love

Gathering Music

You are invited to greet those around you or to sit quietly and reflectively prior to the beginning of the service.

Ringing of the Bell

Signifies the beginning of the service

Prelude

“Patriotic Medley”

Sharon Neuenfeldt, *Worship Accompanist*

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Awesome, wondrous God; dark, deep and holy One,
we come to feel the mystery of your name.

All: **Green, growing God; Christ of many stories and disciples, o
we come to hear the parable of your love.**

Pastor: Bright, flashing God; blowing wind and Holy Spirit,
we come to speak the gospel of your fire.

All: **Distant yet intimate God; woven, puzzled, grained by time,
we come to find the Trinity of your grace.**

*Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Paul Spilseth, *cantor*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Below the staves, there are four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a different vocal part or instrumental line. The lyrics are: 1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!; 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,; 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,; 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!.

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*Sitting or standing

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

***Prayer of Longing**

O Holy God, we acknowledge to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have not done what you have called us to do. We have not stood by our faith, shared our hope, or reached out with love. We have done unkind deeds, and we have left undone deeds which could have made a difference in the lives of those around us. We have failed to speak and act for peace and justice in our world. Have mercy upon our repentance, forgive our sin, and change our lives, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please continue in silent prayer and mindful breathing

***Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Proclaiming God's Love

A Time with Young People

Pastor Clare invites children forward to gather with her (socially distanced)

Blessing One Another

Children: God be with you

All: And also with you

We are not offering a particular Children's Activity this morning

Children may remain in worship or move throughout the park with their families

Scriptures

John 3: 1-12, Matthew 28:16-20

Mary Maren Bjork

NRSV

Morning Message “How Will We be Born From Above?”

Prayer Hymn

“Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You”

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1 Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a -
 2 Grant us faith - ful - ness in pray - ing, strength to
 3 Grant us dil - i - gence in do - ing, pa - tience
 4 Grant us cour - age to pro - claim you; Sav - ior

wak - ened to re - ceive you, minds a - lert to
 keep our souls from stray - ing, sense to cease from
 when your truth pur - su - ing, ea - ger to re -
 of our lives we name you! May our ac - tions

thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.
 dis - o - bey - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
 ceive re - new - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
 nev - er shame you; God of mer - cy, hear us.

*Sitting or standing

Responding To God's Love

Prayers of the People

You are invited to speak a brief prayer for yourself, another, or a part of the world.

Please project your brief joy or concern as loudly as possible.

Pastor Clare will follow your prayer with the words, "God, in your love..."

One: God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Source of all that is and ever shall be,
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples,
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth
Until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion.
May we find the bread that we need for today,
And for the hurts we cause one another
May we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive.
In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;
When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure;
And thus from the yoke of sin deliver us.
May you reign in the power of human love, Now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"America the Beautiful"

S. Ward

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit continues to move in our midst, may it inspire us toward generosity and ignite our energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ, whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Hymn** “Come Now, Almighty God”

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***Singing** “Happy Birthday”

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

By Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller

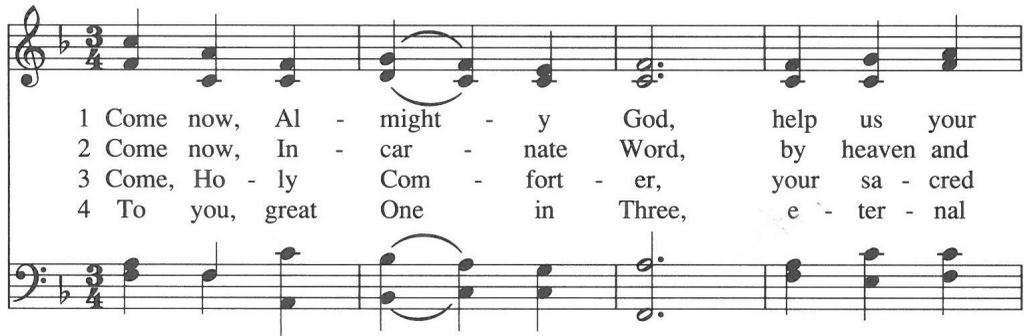
**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

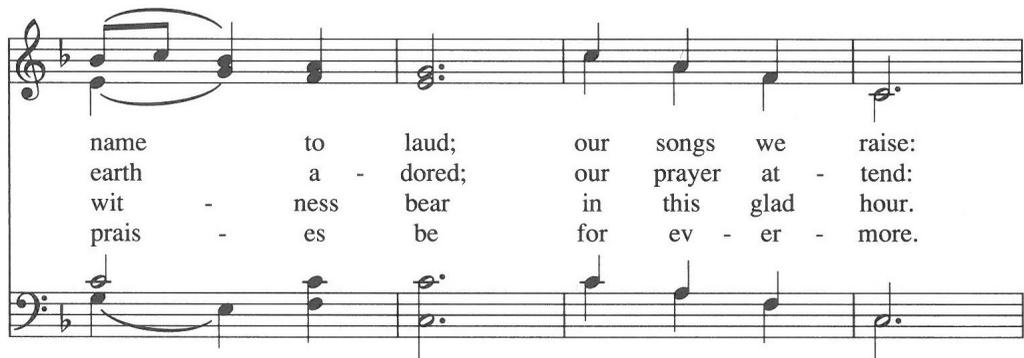
***Postlude** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Warren

“Come Now, Almighty God”



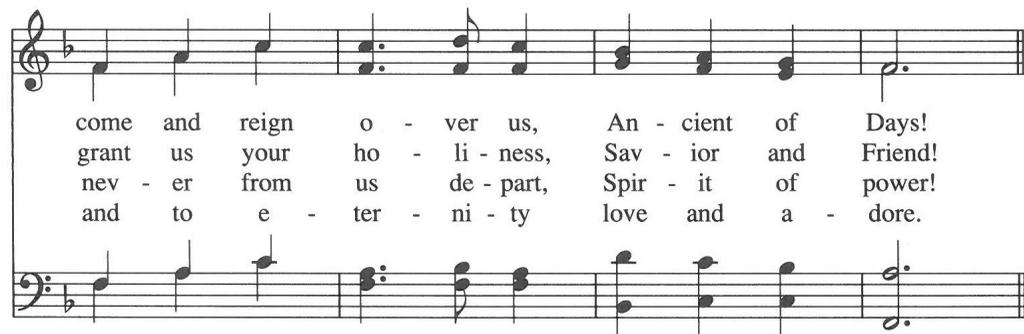
1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your
2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and
3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred
4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal



name to laud; our songs we raise:
earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be for ev - er - more.



Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come, and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;
Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

- Lou Favilla, Claire Stokes, Emily Wulff, the Hillard's grandson Ben and granddaughter Lisa and the Fetters' grandson Jacob Helmer, all celebrating graduations this spring.
- Mike Bjork's friend Mark, who lost his wife Kelsey unexpectedly - for comfort and peace for Mark and his entire Schroeder and Spatz family.
- Barb Hilliard, for relief from her chronic pain due to post-polio syndrome.
- "We fervently pray for our Palestinian partners and for the people too long suffering under occupation and fear, and that a peace with justice will prevail, and we commit to continue to oppose the injustices that we see." (from Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church Disciples of Christ, full statement linked in the Mid-Week)
- As people demand accountability for the killing of Daunte Wright and elected leaders consider legislative police reform, may we all work to build an antiracist society.
- We celebrated birthdays with Jill Greenhalgh on Thursday, Edith Stokes (turned one!) on Friday, and Bob Iverson on Saturday, along with Jim & Shizuko Purnick's wedding anniversary on Wednesday, June 2.



**TUESDAY EVENINGS at
PEOPLE'S PARK**
Weekly, 6:30-7:00 pm

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings as children play together on the playground and adults enjoy conversation around the perimeter.

Please invite friends and neighbors to join us!

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

Blessing of the



and a prayer for well-being that you can offer if you sign up to assist.

We will bless animals on Friday (9am-5pm) and Saturday (8:30-10:00am).

Please contact Clare to sign up to join her with your lawn chair (pastor@peoplescongregational.org, 651-600-6409). You can join her in offering blessings to animals or simply offer greetings to human passersby. All are welcome to join us on the lawn throughout the event! Pastor Clare would appreciate a minimum of one companion throughout.

Blessing of the Animals **June 4-5, during the Bayport** **City-Wide Garage Sale**

Our congregation will be visibly present on our lawn during the city-wide garage sale! Pastor Clare will have a simple written guide with words of blessing



Experimental Ad-hoc teams for 2021

Adult Faith Formation

We are a multi-generational community with many adults age 30-90. We go deeper in our faith journeys and spiritual formation by gathering for Bible Study. There are many more possibilities for harnessing the spiritual and intellectual gifts of our members and people in the wider community. **Sharon Binger, Mary Maren Bjork and Stan Hilliard** would welcome one more member for this team!

Children's Ministry

We have 9 member children, several active grandchildren and new visiting children! **Claire Spilseth, Carol Dusbabek and Sue Favilla** are planning for summer and fall activities that will nurture their sense of belovedness and connection to God and this faith community. They would be delighted for 1 more to join this team!

Belonging & Community

This team will lead us as we promote our church, welcome visitors and help them integrate, foster large group fellowship, offer opportunities to deepen relationships through small groups, and incorporate care & wellness.

Kris Strasburg would welcome 3 more to join this team!

Spiritual Life

This team will support the coordination of the many important details that make our weekly Sunday worship services beautiful and meaningful, innovate ways to utilize our labyrinth for spiritual growth opportunities, and possibly design a contemporary or contemplative monthly worship service and periodic retreat experiences.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

*Congratulations
Graduates*



On Sunday, June 6, we will honor our members who are graduating (**Louis "Lou" Favilla, Emily Wulff, Claire Stokes**) as well as noting graduates in our extended families.

You can contribute toward graduate gifts!

We will present each of our member graduates with a potted plant that will continue to grow with them. If you'd like to contribute, please send a check for \$10-20 to the church office (payable to PCC) and mark it clearly as "graduate gifts." If you could assist Pastor Clare in selecting the gifts, please contact her (651-600-6409, pastor@peoplescongregational.org).

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Sharon Neuenfeldt and Paul Spilseth (beautiful music), Mary Maren Bjork (lay reading), Claire Spilseth, Sue Favilla, and Carol Dusbabek (Children's Activity) and Mike Bjork, Rolf Dittmann, Paul Spilseth, Mark Stephan, and Kimberly Jackson (tech team).



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