

Trinity Sunday
Sunday, June 4, 2023

Welcoming

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,
to Jesus be true,
May God's gracious blessings
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music: As the Deer

by Martin Nystrom, arr. By Douglas E. Wagner

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather to celebrate the diversity of ways
in which God is alive in our lives;
to find our strength renewed through expressing our faith;
to know the security of God's surrounding love;
to find meaning in the challenges that face us.
We light the Christ candle to celebrate, to find renewal, to meet
challenges and to know love. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre

(Voices United 374)

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, alt. 1989

Music: attrib. Benjamin Franklin White 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson 1978

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- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, we have gathered in a community nurtured through centuries and generations, to remind ourselves that we are always in your presence.

In the midst of the multitude of voices that surround us, teach us to discern and be attentive to your voice.

In the midst of all the pressures of our daily living, make us long to do your will.

Grant us the courage to shine in shadowed places and to fearlessly seek your truth.

We pray in the strong name of Jesus, who assured us that we would understand His truth, and that truth would set us free.

Amen.

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1: 26-31

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

Choir Anthem: Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber & John B Dykes arr. Mark Hayes MMI Alfred Pub.

Reflection: "Ancestry" (Rev. Winston Stokes)

Hymn of the Day: **Open My Eyes, That I May See**

(Voices United 371)

Words: Clara H. Scott 1895; Music: Clara H. Scott 1895

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response: **Give Thanks** (please stand as you are able)

Henry Smith CCLI #20235

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (Voices United 375)

Words and Music: James K. Manley, 1975

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Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. *Refrain*
- 2 You swept thro' the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

- 4 You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leadership – Rev. Winston Stokes
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reading – Joanne Thomas
Greeters – Deanna Bertelsen and Jocelyn Jones
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat
Technical Support – Ron Norman and Bill Walker
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine
Flowers are offered by Christine Smith
in celebration of the lives of her brothers, Ian and Keir Fisher.