

Trinity Sunday - Communion
June 4, 2023
United Church of Christ, Neillsville
Pastor Sue Vornholt

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PRELUDE "Gloria" Mozart
Deon Spangler

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Shared Life and Service

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

Thanks be to God!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One.

Gather in the wonder of the mystery that God has invited us to share in.

We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.

Ascribe to the Divine glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory that is due.

Worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness.

Our hope is that in this time of worship and learning, we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and understanding.

INVOCATION

O God of Mystery,

Within your very self you model the beloved community.

You are the Wisdom within our hearts,

The Word who dwells among us,

The Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves.

Let us know your presence here today.

In a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah, saying "Here am I. Send me". (Isaiah 6:8b)

As heirs of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness.

HYMN "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

#282 NCH Arr. Joyce Fince Johnson

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit

moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit

moving in my heart I will pray.

**1 Upon the mountain my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.**

**Looked all around me; it looked so fine,
I asked my God if all were mine. [Refrain]**

**2 Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.**

**There's only one train on this track;
it runs to heaven, then right back. [Refrain]**

CALL TO CONFESSION (Pastor)

God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference.

Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All)

Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being.

Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties.

We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us.

We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, of Christ as Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit as ever-present sustainer.

We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all.

Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.

WORDS OF GRACE (Pastor)

We trust in these promises: that the Triune God, in each of its persons, promises us newness of life, a gift of birth.

The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being as the foundation for reconciliation for all of God's people and for Creation.

In these truths we trust and give thanks.

Thanks Be to God!

PRAISE RESPONSE

(sung twice)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Give voice to God's love and peace; those around us need to hear the Good.

ALL: The Peace of God be with you.

All are invited to greet one another with such words as "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response: "And also with you."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-17

3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON "The Wind" Pastor Sue Vornholt

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"

#330 NCH

**1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]**

**3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]**

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life... With the faithful in every place and time, **we praise with joy in your holy name.**

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant at the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal Jesus took bread and after giving thanks to you, broke bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said, "This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

By eating bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and may we recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all whom Christ died. Amen

Through the broken bread, we participate in the Body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life of Christ. Eat this, for it is the body of Christ broken for you.

The body of Christ, the living bread.

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Drink this, for it is the seal of the new covenant, my poured-out life.

Whenever you do these things, remember me.

Let us pray. **We thank you loving God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the received Christ's gifts.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Let us pray as Christ Our Savior has taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY (Pastor)

God is the giver of life, Christ is the Gift sent to share our life, and the Holy Spirit the power that enables us to continue in generosity, justice and joy. Let us open our hearts and our lives to God and one another.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING (All)

May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you, Abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we are and all that we have for your glory, honor, and praise. Amen

CLOSING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"

#277 NCH

Reginald Heber

1 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!

Early in the morning we praise your majesty.

Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,

From the beginning, God eternally.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,

Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,

You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!

All your works shall praise your name in earth, and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship!

We are glad that you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio.

We pray that you will hear God's call, seek to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN
98.5FM and 1370AM



Communion
Sunday, June 4th

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by Sue & Jim Popple in remembrance of Sue's parents, Norbert & Phyllis Embke's Anniversary.



JUNE 18, 2023
FARM TO TABLE GIVEAWAY
10:00-10:15 A.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, June 3rd –
9 AM – Card Making

Tuesday, June 4th –
1 PM – Bible Study – 510 W 14th Street
*every week at Marge Goetsch's home

Thursday, June 8th –
1:30 PM – Circle of Friends Meeting

Hosting Coffee Fellowship



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SUMMER MONTHS –
will start again in September



\$4000 is our Goal

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Has Raised
\$3545



