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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Trinity Sunday

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10:00 am

PRELUDE *God You Spin the Whirling Planets*

arr. Kurt Ebsary

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, when God drew a circle on
the face of the deep,

**Wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting
in the human race.**

In the beginning was the Word, with God,
and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.**

In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

GATHERING PRAYER

O God,

we honor this day the majesty and the mystery of your name.

You are both infinite and intimate, known and unknowable,
transcendent and transparent. In love, you have made us your own,
and invite us to join in your divine dance. We will never rest until we rest in you,
Blessed Trinity, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

HYMN: *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit #408

CALL TO CONFESSION

By faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God.
Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God,
seeking forgiveness and peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Yet we put aside your majesty, seeking our own power and gain.

We set aside our responsibility for the earth entrusted to our care.

By both carelessness and design, we pollute air, land, and waters.

In our greed, we use more resources than we rightly need.

**We confess that we do not fully comprehend the damage we have done
to the birds of the air, the creatures of the sea, and the animals that live in
forests and fields. Forgive us, we pray. Let your majesty fill our senses,
and pervade our actions, that we may become better stewards of creation.**

**Call us, in every infant's cry, to care for one another so that all your people
flourish. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ.
Because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor,
and to work for the reconciliation of the world.

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living Word,

You still have many things to say to us. Speak, and we will try to bear them.

By your Word, may the Spirit guide us into all truth, that our lives may glorify you.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: *The Message*

Psalm 8

¹God, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name. ²Nursing infants gurgle choruses about You; toddlers shout the songs that drown out enemy talk, and silence atheist babble.

³I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, moon And stars mounted in their settings. ⁴Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, why do You bother with us? Why take a second look our way? ⁵Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden's dawn light. ⁶You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us your Genesis-charge, ⁷made us lords of sheep and cattle, even animals out in the wild, ⁸birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps. ⁹God, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.

John 16:12-15

¹²I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. ¹³He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. ¹⁴He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. ¹⁵That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.'

SERMON: “What? So What? Now What?”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us—
the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends,
meaningful labor, and the gift of the church.

We give you thanks for these and many other gifts.
Most especially, we thank you for pouring your love
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Through these
offerings, may your love spill over in glad abundance
that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN:** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* #700

CHARGE

Live this day in patient endurance,
and stand firm in the hope that comes from God,
that others may see the glory of God
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Elder Nancy Rolando for sharing her gifts with us today.

Hymns

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in the Air”

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” #700

1 I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!