

**St. John's United Church of Christ**

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*"Given the Faith. Growing in Faith. Going in Faith." (St. John's Mission Statement)*

*Trinity Sunday*

June 15, 2025

*Happy Father's Day*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Lighting of Candles**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

One: God finds delight in humanity, and in each of us.

**All: Let us rejoice before the majesty of our Creator.**

One: In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope.

**All: Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.**

One: The Holy Spirit is present to guide and direct us,

**All: Let us listen that we may hear and do what is true.**

**Hymn**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

**#4**

**Morning Prayer of Confession**

**O Holy God, we acknowledge to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we are not what you have called us to be. We have not stood by our faith, shared our hope, or reached out with love. 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.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness. God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are God's by grace. With great joy we are made alive. Thanks be to God. Amen**

### **Act of Praise**

*"Doxology"*

**#46**

### **Trinity Scriptures and Meditation; Psalm 8, John 3: 11-20 & John 16: 12-15**

(The following questions are printed here for reference as you go into your week)

*"How does thinking of God in this Trinitarian way inform, even increase, your understanding of God?"*

*Do you experience God, or relate more easily to God, in one of the "three persons" more than the other "two persons?"*

*What causes you to relate more closely with God?"*

### **Hymn**

*"O Christians Haste"*

**#482**

### **Blessing for our Generosity and Dedication**

One: Out of the abundance of God's own life, we have received the abundance of God's creation, God's word, and God's love.

**All: We will not be limited by scarcity thinking. Instead, through God's Spirit, we return to God a portion of all we have been given.**

One: With joyous and glad intentions we give our time and service, our treasure and income, our gifts and creativity.

**All: Holy God, you have poured out so much for us – the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends,**

One: meaningful work, the gift of our church family. We are filled with thanksgiving for these and many other gifts.

**All: Most especially, we thank you for pouring your love into our hearts through your Holy Spirit.**

One: Through your Spirit, may we continue to serve and offer to you and the world our gifts and graces in glad abundance. May we work to bring relief, renewal, and hope to those in need.

**All: In Christ's name we pray as he taught us to pray together, saying...Our Father, who are in heaven. Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and glory and the power forever. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

**#635**

**Benediction**

One: May the grace of Christ Jesus grant us peace;

**All: may the Holy Spirit guide us into all truth;**

One: and may the love of God fill our hearts

**All: so that we may find hope**

One: in every circumstance of this life,

**All: and give glory to God. Amen**

**Closing Song**

**"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"**

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love

The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above

**Postlude**

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## **Morning Scriptures**

### **Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; <sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals<sup>a</sup> that you care for them? <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God,<sup>b</sup>

and crowned them with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.<sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **John 3: 11-20**

11 ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you<sup>g</sup> do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>h</sup> <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>i</sup>

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. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

**John 16: 12-15**

12 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.