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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.



Welcome to our Combined 10:15am Worship Service In-Person & Streaming Online



June 12, 2022
First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
10:15 a.m.

# Welcome

May God's loving presence be very real to you, and may you receive strength and guidance today That will enable you to handle life's challenges.

#### **Children's Bulletins**

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

#### Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul. (Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table).

#### Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For safety, during the COVID pandemic we temporarily ceased having supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, on Sunday, September 11, 2022. In the meantime, parents who would like to do so, are welcome to watch their own children in the nursery, where a closed circuit TV is located, so that you can still see and hear the worship service.

**Junior Worship** 

For safety, during the pandemic we temporarily ceased offering Junior Worship. We will resume Junior Worship on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The option of Junior Worship is offered downstairs, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn about today's scripture lessons.

#### Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

#### **Changing Tables**

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

#### **Water Fountains**

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

# **Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes**

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

#### **Sunday Worship**

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

#### Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

#### Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

#### More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the *Blue Visitor Table* in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

{Symbols used in this bulletin: \*= if able please stand; \$\\$# = Red Hymnal Page; ₹\\$# = Blue Hymnal Page}







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If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office @sprucc.org

# We Gather

We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God, and provide for one another our love, support, and care.

Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.

They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

# PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP2

Amazing God, revealed to us in more ways than we can count, yet binding in unity all that was and is and yet shall be, we worship you. Source of mountains and seas, giver of light and darkness, we marvel at the work of your hands. Reconciler and Redeemer, we are awed by the forgiving love that draws us to you and empowers us to care for one another. Spirit of truth, whose guidance is available to us every day, we rejoice in your transforming presence. Triune God, bless, we pray, this gathering of your disciples. Amen.

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken"

A Gaelic melody arranged for organ by Richard Blake

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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\*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ②

Leader: Let us rejoice before the majesty of our Creator.

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

People: God of grace and glory, who made all things,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.

People: God of grace and glory, ever present with us.

How reassuring is the love with which you surround us!

# We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

# \*Call to Confession ② (Leader)

Who has truly listened for the voice of God? Who among us is attentive to the heights and depths in which we are called to live? Who are we that God cares for us? Let us draw near in humility and faith, confessing the distractions that separate us from the mind of God.

# \*CONFESSION OF SIN ② (Unison)

God of Wisdom, our choices have denied you. We drink from the shallow waters of instant gratification when you offer springs of living water from the depths of your love. We pursue our own fame and glory, which crumble into dust when we view the sacrifice and service that build true character. O God, we confess that we have not put first things first. We have not lived up to the crown of glory and honor you offer us. Recall us to awe and wonder and guide us in the ways of truth. Amen.

#### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

#### \*Response "Lord, Thy Mercy, Now Entreating"

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Lord, Thy mercy now entreating, Low before Thy throne we fall; Our misdeeds to Thee confessing, On Thy Name we humbly call.

# \*Assurance of Pardon ② (Leader)

The glory of God is revealed anew to us in the birth of children. We are reborn when we pause to marvel at the gift of life, when we look beyond ourselves to gaze at the stars. Before the vast mystery of time and space, we are amazed that God cares for us, forgives us, and entrusts to us the stewardship of the earth. God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Praise God! **Amen.** 

#### \*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: May we praise our Triune God.

People: We sing praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One O praise Him, Alleluia!

(Please be seated)

# We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.

We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."

Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

**Proclamation of Scripture** 

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 16:12-15
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" Cel #389

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

# We Respond with Thanks

We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped. we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by re-affirming our faith in God,

praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

(Those who are able, please rise)

# \*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead: on the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

It does not refer here to the particular denomination of the Roman Catholic Church, but rather the whole Christian church of all denominations, the body of Christ, as a universal fellowship.

#### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the

creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind

responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, especially in areas threatened by ecological devastation.

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Redeemer, you delight in the human race. Move the hearts of world

leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence. Further the work of international

collaboration and peacemaking. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed

relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant

hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up

ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. God of

grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even

unto death. Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice. God of

grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit,

we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy

keeping. We pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray...

# LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

# \*PRAYER RESPONSE "O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer" ↓ E&R #503

O Thou who hearest every heartfelt prayer,

With Thy rich grace Lord, all our hearts prepare;

Thou art our Life, Thou art our Love and Light,

O let this Sabbath hour with Thee be bright. Amen.

# **OFFERTORY INVITATION 2**

Leader: Our God, who is mindful of us and our needs,

People: send us into the world to attend to the needs of others.

Leader: Where there is enmity or suffering or spiritual poverty,

People: we may become channels through which the Holy Spirit acts.

Leader: When we give our earnings,

People: we extend our influence beyond our own reach.

Leader: Let us give thankfully and generously. **People: We give of our tithes and our lives.** 

# PIANO OFFERTORY "Faith of Our Fathers" A hymn by Henri F. Hemy & arr. for piano by Cindy Berry

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Old Hundredth Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person. A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.)

Whether worshiping in person or online, the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church is through St. Paul's UCC secure <u>Online Giving</u> option on our website at **sprucc.org**. <u>St. Paul's UCC Click Here</u> Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551 or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}

# \*Offertory Prayer (Leader) 2

Giving God, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, for the ways in which we see your glory in all creation. Most of all, we thank you for caring for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. May these tithes and offerings extend the faith and honor you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

# We Are Sent Out

In response to God's love and grace, we go out into the world to share God's Good News through our words and actions.

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Leader: God's love has been poured into our hearts.

When we give it away, we have even more for ourselves.

People: The Holy Spirit has blessed us with love.

The Spirit dwells with us and enables our loving.

Leader: The Spirit of Truth promises to guide us.

When we respond, our lives are deeply enriched.

People: God has crowned us with glory and honor.

We are given responsibility to care for God's creation.

ALL: Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

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\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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\*Sending Hymn "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

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{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us, as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}

**POSTLUDE** 

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP



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# **The Flow of the Worship Service**

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

(1) God welcomes us and invites us

(2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him

(3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace

(4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace

(5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon

(6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer

(7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure

(8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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# **About Today**

**Church Season: Pentecost** –which is the season of the church n mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church. The following Sunday is Trinity Sunday, uplifting our Triune God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

# **Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

White – used on Trinity Sunday – symbolizing the holiness of our Triune God.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

#### This Sunday, June 12, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

#### **Proverbs**

The final version of the Book of Proverbs (OT) was edited in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. and later. Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon are traditionally attributed to King Solomon, who ruled from about 967-927 B.C. Although perhaps some of these sayings originated with Solomon, Proverbs is a collection of mostly two-line sayings of the sages (a social class of those who served as counselors, teachers, and bureaucrats).

#### Psalm 8

This is an OT hymn of praise for God's exalting humankind. This psalm is attributed to David, who lived from 1040-970 BC. "The Gittith" refers to the kind of melody to which this is sung.

#### The First Letter of Paul to the Romans

This epistle (letter) is addressed "to all God's beloved in Rome." It was dictated by the Apostle Paul to Tertius in 58 A.D. in Corinth and delivered to Rome by Phoebe (she was appointed by Paul as a deacon, teacher, and leader of the church). Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Paul, a highly educated man, wrote more of the NT than any other person.

#### The Gospel According to John

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke "the beloved physician," written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of "investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write and orderly account" of Jesus Christ, "so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

#### Next Sunday, June 19 -- Lectionary Reading for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39



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# From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Step One

Disclaimer: For the purposes of this series, persons with substance use disorder may be referred to as addicts. Step One - We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable. It is necessary for addicts to admit that they have the disease of addiction and are powerless over it. Addiction is a physical, mental, and spiritual disease that affects every area of our lives. Most of us try to stop using on our own without success. We rationalized the mess that we had made of our lives with drugs. The process of the first step helps to rid us of all reservations so we can surrender. Reservations rob us of the benefits of recovery.

unemployability, isolation, degradation, and lack of positive relationships. We felt miserable without drugs and our lives were unmanageable. This foundation of recovery. Unmanageability manifests itself in many ways; Families are baffled by our actions and sometimes desert or disown us. is the second admission that must be made in order to build a strong

back to using. Surrender means we accept our addiction and life the way Help for addicts begins only when we are able to admit complete defeat. We find that we must completely change our old ways of thinking or go it is and we become willing to do whatever is necessary to stay clean.

freedom for us. We learn to incorporate this step into our daily lives and Step one teaches us that we do not have to use and this is a great are rescued from insanity, depravity, and death.

own lives opens the door for a power greater than ourselves to help us. The admission of both powerlessness and an inability to manage our We continue this journey by moving on to Step Two

# "Blessed Juneteenth!"

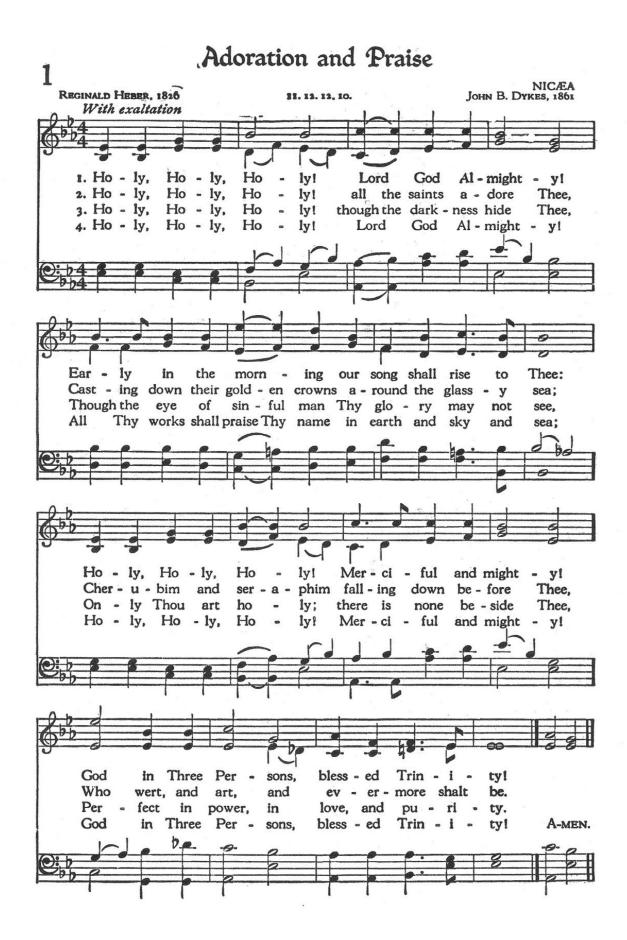
Many of you may already be making plans for Independence Day, July Independence of the United States; the day citizens of the thirteen 4<sup>th</sup>. The national celebration commemorates the Declaration of American colonies were no longer subject to Great Britain.

meant nothing. Although President Lincoln declared all enslaved people 1865, it took until June for Union army soldiers to reach Texas, the most ancestry who were "owned" by fellow American colonists. That number However, not all American citizens were freed on the Fourth of July. By enslaved People of Color, the promise "that all men are created equal" General Gordon Granger finally proclaimed freedom to the remaining 1776, there were an estimated 2.5 million enslaved people of African advancing Union troops. When the Civil War officially ended in April celebrated continuously in various parts of the United States since soared to about 4 million by the start of the Civil War in 1861. For n the Confederate States free via the Emancipation Proclamation enslaved people of Texas. June 19<sup>th</sup> – or "Juneteenth" – has been remote state of the Confederacy. On June 19, 1865 Union Army (January 1, 1863), the proclamation could only be enforced by

recognized as a federal holiday. This holiday is a celebration of freedom Last June (2021), Juneteenth National Independence Day was officially courage all PSEC congregations to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth. unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We enand independence for all people, equally endowed by God with the

PSEC Racial Justice Initiative Rev. Leslie Mamas,





# 389 Spirit of the Living God

Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Galatians 5:16



Optional segue to "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart." No transition is necessary.

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**IVERSON** 

MUSIC: Daniel Iverson

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, stanza 1; Lowell Alexander, stanzas 2, 3

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BY HIS SPIRIT - A Worship Sequence

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