



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy, arr. M. Hayes¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 29

Leader: God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing.
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.
We fall to our knees — we call out, "Glory!"

**People: Above the floodwaters is God's throne
from which power flows,
from which God rules the world.**

Leader: God makes people strong. God gives people peace.

People: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!, Nicea*²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: For times we embrace war when you call for peace.

People: Forgive us.

Leader: For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them.

People: Forgive us.

Leader: For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you,
our Servant Savior.

People: Forgive us.

Leader: For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities.

People: Forgive us.

Leader: For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others.

People: Forgive us.

Leader: For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight.

People: Forgive us and grant us peace (*continue with silent confession*). **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

John 3:16-17

Leader: "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. 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."

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*ACCLAMATION HYMN 581

*Glory Be to the Father, Gloria Patri*³

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE (*please use a fist/elbow bump or wave for your greeting*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-8

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of

many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "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. "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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Children to remain with parents after the message) Amy Poland

SERMON

Three-In-One Plus One

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 5**

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains, Jennings-Houston⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 288

*Spirit of the Living God, Living God*⁵

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity, arr. R. Hopp*⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundred*⁷
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Teach us to give our whole lives to you. May the treasure become not the money gathered here but the mission of your love in the world all our gifts co-create with you. For the giver, the gift, and the soon gifted, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 8

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save, Melita*⁸

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune, H. Purcell*⁹

Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Dorothy Blotz, guest musician

Ushers/Greeters: Doug Kornetzke, Karen Osborne, Andrea Kenny, TBD (Deacon)

Liturgist: Cindy Kornetzke

AV/Tech: John Tarr

