

MERRITT ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Leading in Worship: Rev. Christina Greenawalt and Karri Fjeldheim

May 26, 2024

In Person and Facebook Live

10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

May the mystery of the Trinity challenge and change us as we worship this week.

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Pastor Christina

Call to Worship (**responsive**):

Liturgist

One: Worship the Lord in holy splendor!

All: In God we live and move and have our being.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty!

All: Let us open our hearts to listen.

One: May the Lord give strength to the people!

All: May Holy Three-in-One bless the earth with peace! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Opening Hymn # 2:

Come, Thou Almighty King

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

*Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Prayer of Confession (**unison**):

Holy Triune God, you so loved the world, continue to love the world, and will always love the world. Forgive us for our abuse of your created order and its intended harmony. Forgive us for our violence against our fellow creatures, including those made in your image. Forgive us for our indifference and cynicism, and our callousness. Cast out our fear with the faith that you can do all things, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness:

One: Hear the good news: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven.

Response:

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn # 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Passing of the Peace of Christ:

One: Hear this mystery: we are all the children and heirs of the Holy One. Welcome your brothers and sisters with the peace that God has given us through Christ Jesus.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Page 778, OT

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Jeana Lutz, soloist

Second Reading:

John 3:1-17

Page 114, NT

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Message:

Transforming Encounter with the Triune God

Rev. Christina Greenawalt

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

The 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.

Invitation to Live Generously: *The offering basket is near the back door of the sanctuary.*

You may also give online at www.merrittislandpc.org

Response:

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn # 12:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Ushers: Tracey Burdge, Marsha Strickland, Craig Smoot
Attendance Last Week: In Person: 28, On Line: 17*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today, whether you are here in person or online! We gather together as a church family, from wherever we may be. If you would like to know more about MIPC, how you can be more involved, or to speak to the pastor, please contact the church office at the number/email below.

Worshiping with Children: We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us, and we pray that your family feels welcome and at home here at MIPC. Children's Church is available for Preschool-6th grade in our Activities Room, right after the first hymn.

Nursery Care: If you have infants or toddlers that need care during our worship service, we can help. Please ask one of our Ushers and they will direct you to someone.

Ways to Serve

There's still time to donate to the two causes we selected for Pentecost: 1. Matthew 28 Orphanage & School in Bohoc, Haiti. MIPC has a long history of supporting this mission, and even sent a group to visit the orphanage back in 2013. Matthew 28 is currently feeding 1650 children 5 days per week, in spite of the chaos and unrest they are currently experiencing. You may contribute by writing a check to MIPC or giving online through our website, merrittislandpc.org, and notating Matthew 28. 2. The annual PC(USA) Pentecost Offering, which seeks to support and inspire young people throughout the world. There are special envelopes near the offering basket for this purpose.

Faith Formation Ministries: Here are 2 ways you can be of service to our ministry:

1. Vacation Bible School: July 15th- 19th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: We are in need of volunteers to help with many different aspects of this program (Snacks, games, crafts, activity stations, transporting kids to various stations). If you love to work with children, and are looking for a fun summer activity please come and join us. Contact Pam Poland or Karri Fjeldheim. There is also a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex.
2. Men's Bible Study: There has been some interest expressed regarding forming a men's Bible study group. We are in need of people to lead the study, and participants. Please contact Pam Poland or Karri Fjeldheim if you are interested in helping to start this new program. There is also a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex.

Ways to Connect

Adult Faith Enrichment Class: Join us for Adult Faith Formation at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room or on Zoom. Our new study is *Journey of Faith* with Milt Seapker. All are welcome at any time! The Zoom link is emailed weekly.

Join us for coffee and snacks in the Narthex after worship today. Thank you, Anne Cole, for providing today's goodies! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone who would like to bring food one week.

Women's Ministry: Fabulous Fridays! Come and join us in the Activities Room every other Friday @ 2:00 p.m. for our Women's Bible Study Group. (Our next gathering is May 31.) Our study is titled "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts." For more information and questions: cj2hill@bellsouth.net or 321-431-5333.

Church Directory: We have set the date of June 1 to print a new official MIPC directory! There are interim directory copies in the Narthex; please check to make sure your contact information is correct, and contact the church office if there are any changes. There will be opportunities for new individual and family photos if you would like your picture updated - but you can also email the church office with a photo of you/your family that you would like us to use. (mipresbyterian@gmail.com) Thank you for helping keep our church directory information updated!

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday:

May 26: Sarah Finney

May 26: Marsha Strickland

May 26: Frances Fernald

Our Prayers are with:* Cindy Bottomley, Dot Corbett, Carolyn Crockett, Andre Koodie, Elaine Krieger, Janet Post, Kelly Shephard, George Wilcox, and Bob Willett.

** Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared on our Prayer Chain Email (or if you'd like to be on the email distribution list), contact Jill Franklin at mipcprayerchain600@gmail.com, or make a note on the Prayer Request card in the pew.*

Thank you, Jeana Lutz and Jennavon Brown, for the beautiful music today!

THIS WEEK AT MIPC:

Monday, May 27, 11:15 AM:

Tuesday, May 28, 8:00 PM:

Thursday, May 30, 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 2, 9:00 AM:

Sunday, June 2, 10:00 AM:

Sunday, June 2, 11:00 AM:

Sunday, June 2, 3:00 PM

Memorial Day Holiday - Office and Preschool closed

AA, Fellowship Hall

Square Dancers, Fellowship Hall

Adult Faith Formation, Session Room/Zoom

Worship Service (in person or Facebook Live)

Christ the King Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scouts, Activities Room

For more information on any of these events, check with the church office.

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