

7th SUNDAY of EASTER

May 24, 2020 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

Prelude - Come Sunday by Duke Ellington (Stuart Seale)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: Praise the God of all Creation. People: Worship the One who calls us—speaking with a different voice, offering an unexpected invitation.

Pastor: Celebrate the presence of our loving God.

People: Rejoice, the realm of God is near.

Hymn of Praise - (BH #474) Lord, You Have Welcomed Us (vs. 1,2,4) (Stuart Seale)

1.Lord, you have welcomed us; we come to pray for healing in your love. Please, as we wait to meet you here, all doubts, impediments remove.

2.Redeem our sorrows; let our tears become your healing waters blessed. And lead us, lost, to quiet streams where we shall find ourselves refreshed. 4. 4.Remind us of your faithfulness, the promise of your presence, Lord. And keep us trusting in your grace until we greet your whole, restored.

Invocation

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us to help welcome your amazing good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. Amen.

WORD

Scripture Readings

Jonah 1 (MSG)

1 ¹⁻² One day long ago, God's Word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer."

³ But Jonah got up and went the other direction to Tarshish, running away from God. He went down to the port of Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went on board, joining those going to Tarshish—as far away from God as he could get.

⁴⁻⁶ But God sent a huge storm at sea, the waves towering.

The ship was about to break into pieces. The sailors were terrified.

They called out in desperation to their gods. They threw everything they were carrying overboard to lighten the ship. Meanwhile, Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship to take a nap. He was sound asleep. The captain came to him and said, "What's this? Sleeping! Get up! Pray to your god! Maybe your god will see we're in trouble and rescue us."

⁷ Then the sailors said to one another, "Let's get to the bottom of this. Let's draw straws to identify the culprit on this ship who's responsible for this disaster."

So they drew straws. Jonah got the short straw.

⁸ Then they grilled him: "Confess. Why this disaster? What is your work? Where do you come from? What country? What family?"

⁹ He told them, "I'm a Hebrew. I worship God, the God of heaven who made sea and land."

¹⁰ At that, the men were frightened, really frightened, and said, "What on earth have you done!" As Jonah talked, the sailors realized that he was running away from God.

¹¹ They said to him, "What are we going to do with you—to get rid of this storm?" By this time the sea was wild, totally out of control.

¹² Jonah said, "Throw me overboard, into the sea. Then the storm will stop. It's all my fault. I'm the cause of the storm. Get rid of me and you'll get rid of the storm."

¹³ But no. The men tried rowing back to shore. They made no headway. The storm only got worse and worse, wild and raging. ¹⁴ Then they prayed to God, "O God! Don't let us drown because of this man's life, and don't blame us for his death. You are God. Do what you think is best."

¹⁵ They took Jonah and threw him overboard. Immediately the sea was guieted down.

¹⁶ The sailors were impressed, no longer terrified by the sea, but in awe of God. They worshiped God, offered a sacrifice, and made vows. ¹⁷ Then God assigned a huge fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was in the fish's belly three days and nights.

*Gloria Patri (BH# 109)

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.

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation – Oceans by Crocker, Houston and Ligthelm (Stuart Seale and Courtney Reese)

You call me out upon the waters The great unknown where feet may fail And there I find You in the mystery In oceans deep, my faith will stand

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sov'reign hand will be my guide Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've never failed and You won't start now

Chorus

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior (sing 3x)

Chorus

Message "Denial" Pastor Alicia Reese

RESPONSE

Hymn of Response - (BH #593) In Christ There is No East or West (vs. 1,3,4) (Stuart Seale)

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north, But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth. 2. Join hands, then, people of faith, Whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north, All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of Confession

God...you call us...and sometimes...we duck under the table...
hoping you didn't notice us when you walked into the room.
You call us...and sometimes...we grab a stapler and a stack of papers...
trying to look too busy to be bothered at the moment.
You call us...and sometimes we just say, "No!"
We know that we aren't expected to do everything...
but we often forget that you call us to be our selves
in the places where our very self is what is most needed.
So give us the grace to say "Yes" to your call...
even now...as we offer our silent confessions...

(time of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace.
God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.
Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love.
God loves you. He's on your side. He's coming after you. He's relentless. Amen

*Passing of the Peace

SENDING

Offering

Online Giving

Offertory *Grace Upon Grace* by Jamie Wolf and Summerlyn Sharpe (Stuart Seale and Courtney Reese)

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below' praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn - Will You Come and Follow Me

(Stuart Seale and Courtney Reese)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Benediction

Postlude - His Eye is on the Sparrow played by Betty Aardema

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer Concerns

Diane Bajner, Barbara Dorl, Janice Goetz, Kendra Goetz, Pattie Guldberg (Pastor Alicia's mother), Arline Mueller, Susie Raines, Kristine Schroeder, Faith Valido.

Prayers are much appreciated for Kristine Schroeder who has been released from the hospital and is in a care facility for the next month.

During these uncertain times, we pray for our Trinity Church Family, friends, community, the healthcare workers, first responders, and our leaders, for courage, strength, grace and peace.

We pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one, for those made ill from the Covid-19 virus, the many individuals who are suffering from the loss of their job and income, and everyone impacted by this pandemic.

Notes of Interest

New Sermon Series!

Today is the first Sunday of a special new sermon series brought to you by Pastor Alicia. This series will be for the next four (4) weeks and will deal with each of the four chapters of the Book of Jonah! There will also be children's messages on the same theme each week. You thought you knew all there was to know about Jonah? Be ready to experience new and fascinating insights!

Class of 2020 Graduates

Next Sunday, May 31, Trinity will acknowledge all of our Class of 2020 graduates in Sunday's bulletin. If you have a graduate in your family, please send to the church office either by mail or email (office@trinityecc.org), the name of your graduate, the name of the school they are graduating from, their degree, and where they'll be heading after graduation (high school/college/career path).

Today we celebrate all the May Birthdays:

- 1 Edie Fornell
- 1 Lisa Grijalva
- 3 Margie Morrissey
- 4 Pat Petersen
- 5 Gordon Engstrom
- 6 Megan McShane
- 8 Diana Eigenbauer
- 8 Dawn Ferrell
- 8 Robert Weszely
- 12 Dion Jin
- 12 Carl Lillwitz
- 15 Desiree Hall
- 23 Courtney Reese
- 24 Paul Kozak
- 24 Jovce Olson
- 25 Denise Sullivan
- 28 Tom Sullivan
- 30 Laura Richerme

Monday, May 25

We remember and honor the men and women who have given their life while in military service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Rev. Mark Westlind, SENIOR PASTOR
Pastor Alicia Reese, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
Stuart Seale, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & WORSHIP
Betty Aardema & Nate Van Der Male, ORGANISTS
Christina Palazzolo, DIRECTOR, NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL
Amanda Fulton, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL
Karen Christakos, CHURCH SECRETARY

Office Hours

Pastor MarkBy appointment please

Pastor Alicia

Monday by appointment please Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM



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