

St. John's Reformed Church

June 4, 2023 - 10 a.m.

Trinity Communion Sunday

Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections

Pre-Prelude *Jane Bier, Organist*

Announcements and Hospitality *Pastor Alisha*

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Jane Bier, Organist*

Votum: *Jackie Fenaroli, Liturgist*

We will praise you, O Lord. Glory to God, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, who spoke through the prophets. God is our hope, Christ is our refuge, the Holy Spirit is our Shelter.

*Call to Worship: based on Psalm 8, NRSV

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: What are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

Leader: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Hymn *Great is the Lord Our God* #249 vs. 1,2,3

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation *Pastor Alisha*

Prayer of Confession *Jackie Fenaroli, Liturgist*

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit

to heal and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and table. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison ***“Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.”***

Assurance of Pardon *Pastor Alisha*

Summary of the Law: Matthew 22:37-40 “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** *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.*

Music Meditation Piano & Organ Duet by *Jane Bier & Mary Bayer*

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination *Jackie Fenaroli, Liturgist*

Lesson from the Psalms: **Psalm 8** (pg. 492)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson from the Old Testament: **Genesis 1:1-2:4a** (pg. 1)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* #251 vs. 1,2,3,4,5

*Lesson from the Gospels: **Matthew 28:16-20** (pg. 34)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

*Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed *Jackie Fenaroli, Liturgist*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into

heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come 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.

*meaning the universal Christian church - all believers in Jesus Christ

*The Peace, The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

The Offering

Offertory *Jane Bier, Organist*

*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 (*unison*)

Creating God, all good things come from you: food and drink, memory and hope, forgiveness of sin, adoption as your children. Through your Spirit nourish us with these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. With grateful hearts we offer our hearts and lives to you, the giver of every good and perfect gift, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament and the Invitation of the Lord's Supper

*Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* #837 vs. 1,2,3

The Lord's Supper (see insert) Sanctus #810

(outer rings are wine, inner rings are juice)

Our Response to God's Grace

Thanksgiving after Communion

Prayers of the people & The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses'), Response

*Hymn *One People, Here, We Gather* #243 vs. 1,2,3,4

Benediction

*Congregational Amen "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with us each hour of every day. Go now in faith steadfast strong and true. Know he will guide us in all we do. Go now in love, and show we believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and, in love.

*Postlude

Jane Bier, Organist

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.