

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 7, 2009

10:50 AM

Jesus teaches what it means to be born of the Spirit. It means being baptized as a sign of God's grace; it means new life unlimited by the frailties of the flesh; it means that those believing in Christ are no longer condemned. Salvation comes as a gift of God's love. Nicodemus asks Jesus for clarity; what he gets is much more. Jesus invites him to believe that life in the Spirit is eternal life.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy (Nicaea tune)* **arr. Caroline Hall**

This prelude was written at the request of Elaine and Stuart Iglehart and was their son Bruce's favorite hymn. It is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce.

*Call to Worship

God comes in the wind and thunder and flame, changing the circumstances of our lives.

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory.

God reveals to us the things of heaven and earth, pointing us to the realm of God.

We speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen.

God so loved the world that God gave Jesus Christ to live among us and die for us.

When we cry out to God, the Spirit bears witness that we are children of God and heirs with Christ.

***Processional Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* **Page 64**

*Invocation

Psalter Reading *Psalms 29* **Page 761**

Hymn of Praise *Holy, Holy* **TFWS 2039**

PROCLAMATION

Epistle Lesson *Romans 8:12-17* **N.T. Page 158**

If we have received the Spirit of God, we can and should live from the power of the Spirit, even — and especially — in the face of suffering.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God **People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Almighty King* **Page 61**

***Gospel Lesson** *John 3:1-17* **N. T. Page 93**

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Message

Do Bad Things Always Happen in 3's?

Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **We join you, Holy God, in offering strength to all your people. We would devote our resources to realization of family in the midst of our human diversity, for you have been as a parent to us all. Now, as we share our financial resources, we pray that you will engage us in a pattern of sharing, that will give new significance and meaning to our days. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Is Calling

Ged. C. Stebbins

Men's Chorus

*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.

Presentation of the Communion Elements

Ned and Brenda Custis

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (Stanzas 1-4) **Page 79**

*Commission and Blessing

Depart from this place with singing, for God goes with you in your serving.

All the earth belongs to God; we cannot escape from God's intent.

Do not be afraid to climb or to reach out, to ask for what you need, or to dare the new.

God's grace is sufficient for all our desires, and God's mercy abounds for all our needs.

Rejoice, then, in your work and play, serving God with genuine love for all.

We will share the riches of Christ with all whom we meet. Amen.

*Benediction/Benediction Response

***Postlude** *O Trinity of Blessed Light* **Clark**

***Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance.**

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Elaine and Stuart Iglehart and in loving memory of their son, Bruce. June 1 marks ten years of honoring his memory. The **Acolytes** are The **Crucifer** is. The **Lay Reader** is Alyse Wermuth. The **Communion Servers** are Lelia Teel, Grace Swadley and Hal Costley. The **Lay Speaker** is Polly Rowan. The **Greeter** is Doris Costley. The **Outside Greeters** are Jenetta Deal, Maxine Maupin and Wes Fergusson. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis.

Charge Conference: On Monday, June 8, 2009, at 7:00 PM, in the Unity Room, we will hold our church conference as authorized by The Rev. Mark V. Ogren, Ashland District Superintendent. The purpose of this conference is to receive nominations for offices in leadership for July 1, 2009.

This morning, the ASP Mission Team left to travel to West Virginia for the week. Please keep the following members in your prayers: Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast, Stony and Dale Creery, Maurice and Loretta Hancock, Gene Farlow, Jim Hedrick, Butch Kelchner and Adam Kelchner. The team will return next Saturday afternoon.

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We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world

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