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Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather: : "Fanfare"

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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship Adapted from Wellspring Liturgy**

**One: Lord God, Creator of all; you created us to be your People;**

**All: a people free to love and to serve you with all our minds, with all our hearts and with all our strength.**

One: Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of all: you came as a child, gathered into the loving embrace of a family.

**All: As an adult, you shared love, laughter and tears with those whom you knew as friends and the love of the Father with all who would receive it.**

One: Gracious Spirit, Inspirer of all; brooding over us gathered here; eternally breathing Life into all of creation; endlessly giving, endlessly comforting.

**All: We come to be still in your presence; to hear in the silence**

**the whisper of God breathing life into our souls; deepening our unity in the very life of God.**

## **Hymn #277 “Holy. Holy, Holy”**

### Profession of Faith

One: I like the way Joyce Rupp described the Holy Trinity as a cosmic dance! We are invited to join in that dance as individual souls, and as a community. Let us profess our need for God this morning.

**All: Holy God, Creator, Son, and Spirit one, we are so grateful to be welcomed into this relationship as children of light. There are times in our lives where we feel like we have two left feet, in those moments remind us to stretch out our hands so that we can gain our balance from you, and from those that we dance with. Bless us today as we**

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

1. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho- ly, God the Al-might-y!  
Ear-ly in the morn-ing we praise your maj-es-ty.  
Ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly! Mer-ci-ful and might-y!  
God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!
  
2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho- ly! Saints a-dore you tru-ly,  
Cast-ing down their gold-en crowns a-round the glass-y sea;  
Cher-u-bim and ser-a-phem bow be-fore you on-ly,  
From the be-gin-ning, God e-ter-nal-ly.
  
3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho- ly! Though we know but dim-ly,  
Though the eyes of hum-an-kind your glo-ry may not see,  
You a-lone are ho-ly, you a-lone are wor-thy,  
Per-fect in power, in love and pur-i-ty.
  
4. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho- ly, God the Al-might-y!  
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Mer-ci-ful and might-y!  
God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!

Rev. 4:8–11; Isa. 6:1–8

**celebrate our relationship with you Holy God.  
Bless us today as we celebrate our relationship  
with one another. Amen.**

Response to prayer of confession 🎵 Hymn#278, V4

**Great Triune God, for this new day**

**We need your presence still.**

**Create, redeem, sustain us now**

**To do your work and will.**

Words of Reassurance

One: mother Theresa once said that no one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Let us remember today that we are not alone, we are a community.

**All: "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds." -Hebrews 10:23-24**

Response to Words of Assurance 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".**

Scriptures

Rick Guhl

Reading: 1st John 6-12 from the Message translation

Congregational Response 🎵 (aka prayer for grace)

***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.***

Children's Moment

Sermon: "Trinity Sunday" Rev. Becky Sausser

**Hymn#276 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

*(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards" during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)*

Morning Prayer and 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 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.**

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #329 Verse 5

**O Jesus, ever with us stay!**

**Make all our moments calm and bright!**

**O, chase the cloud of sin away!**

**Shed o'er the world your holy light.**

## Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Anon., German, c. 1774

Transl. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1853; alt.

1. Ho-ly God, we praise your name;  
Sov-ereign God, we bow be-fore you;  
All on earth your scep-ter claim,  
all the heav-en-ly hosts a-dore you.  
In-fi-nite your vast do-main,  
ev-er-last-ing is your reign.
  
2. Hark, the glad ce-les-tial hymn  
an-gel choirs a-round are rais-ing;  
Cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim,  
in un-ceas-ing cho-rus prais-ing,  
Fill the heavens with joys a-flame:  
ho-ly, ho-ly is your name.
  
3. All a-pos-tles join the strain  
as your sa-cred name they hal-low;  
Proph-ets swell the glad re-frain,  
and the bless-ed mar-tyrs fol-low;  
And from morn to set of sun,  
through the church the song goes on.

TRINITY SUNDAY

4. Ho-ly Fa-ther, Ho-ly Son,  
Ho-ly Spir-it, Three we name you,  
While in es-sence tru-ly one,  
un-di-vid-ed God we claim you;  
So we gath-er rev-erent-ly  
to a-dore the mys-ter-y.

Rev. 4:8-11

# A CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## The Invitation

## Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Almighty.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Eternal God, you created the heavens and earth, giving breath to every living thing. We thank you for the gift of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though You have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding praise of men, women, and persons of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints and with all the company of heaven, we glorify you singing...

**People (Singing the Sanctus Hymn #795)**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full, are full, of the  
majesty of Thy Glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosannah, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**  
Pastor: We remember that on the night He was  
betrayed and deserted, Jesus took bread, gave  
thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples,  
saying: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do  
this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup after  
supper, and gave thanks for it, saying, "This cup is  
the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as  
you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**People: By eating this bread and drinking this  
cup, we proclaim Christ's death, we celebrate  
Christ's resurrection, and we await Christ's  
coming again.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, we ask you to  
meet us where we are today in your mercy; we ask  
you to bless this bread and this cup and all of us with  
the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal,  
make us the body of Christ, your church, your

servant people, that we may be salt, light, and leaven in this world that you so deeply love.

### **Receiving the Elements**

Pastor: Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life that Christ gives. The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(At this time our ushers will bring the bread representing the body of Christ into the congregation. If you prefer to receive individually wrapped elements, there will be wrapped communion cups on this tray that have both the bread and juice.)

Pastor: The body of Christ. (At this time, partake of the bread.)

Pastor: The blood of Christ. (At this time partake of the juice.)

Pastor: Let us join together in prayer.

**People: As one body, we lament with those who lament. We hope with those who hope. We live with suffering. We live with beauty. Let us go from this table as a renewed community, doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us to live justice-making lives of faith. We are followers of God's way. We give thanks and praise! Amen!**

Offering

Offertory "Sinfonia 4" Johann Sebastian Bach

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\* Doxology 

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

\* Hymn #273

**"Praise with Joy the World's Creator"**

\* Commission and Blessing

\* **Sing Amen #760**

**(Sing amen:) Amen, we praise your name, O  
God.**

**(Sing Amen:) Amen, we praise your name, O  
God.**

**(Sing Amen:) Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

**Music to Go Forth "Minuetto" W. A. Mozart**  
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The Iona Community, 1985; alt.

1. Praise with joy the world's Cre-a-tor,  
God of jus-tice, love, and peace,  
Source and end of hu-man knowl-edge,  
grace be-stow-ing with-out cease.  
Cel-e-brate the Ma-ker's glo-ry,  
power to res-cue and re-lease.
2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hun-gry,  
frees the cap-tive, finds the lost,  
Heals the sick, up-sets re-li-gion,  
fear-less both of fate and cost.  
Cel-e-brate Christ's con-stant pres-ence—  
Friend and Strang-er, Guest and Host.
3. Praise the Spir-it sent a-mong us,  
lib-er-a-ting truth from pride,  
Forg-ing bonds where race or gen-der,  
age or na-tion dare di-vide.  
Cel-e-brate the Spir-it's trea-sure—  
fool-ish-ness none dare de-ride.
4. Praise the Mak-er, Christ, and Spir-it,  
one God in Com-mu-ni-ty,  
Call-ing Christ-ians to em-bod-y  
one-ness and di-ver-si-ty.  
Thus the world shall yet be-lieve when  
shown Christ's vi-brant un-i-ty.

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***The Altar Flowers are in Memory of Charlotte Waggoner, Jeff Rissell's Sister, Who Passed Away on Monday, June 1.***

**Special Announcements/Reminders:**

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**In emergencies**, please use exits found to the left and right of the altar, to the right of the front pew, and at the rear of the sanctuary. Follow **EXIT** signs  
**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.**

**God is still speaking, ...**

**Serving St. John's...**

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor  
Lucia Guido.....Admin Assistant  
Lois Mease.....Music Director and Organist  
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton

And too many volunteers to list!

**Office Hours**

Sunday: 9am-2pm

Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm

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