



Birchcliff Bluffs United Church

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June 12, 2022

TRINITY SUNDAY

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Call to Worship

This is the day that God has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day we join our hearts in prayer and praise

Let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

VU 315

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Land Acknowledgement

This land on which we gather is the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Mississaugas of the Credit. We live, work, play and worship the Creator on this land and acknowledge with respect the thousands of years of ceremony and relationship that are etched in footprints, fire, and faithfulness on the soil and rock that surrounds us.

Candle Lighting

As we light this candle, may God kindle the flame in our hearts that the glow might touch those whom we meet.

Light candle here

Let this light illumine our path so that we might know the hope found in living the way God intended us to live.

Opening Prayer

You call us, O God, as you called to people long ago.

You continue to seek to influence us that we might be in relationship with you so that the world can be transformed by your love and grace, working in us and through us. Help us to be open to your call in all circumstances of our lives. Amen.

Hymn

Praise Our Maker

VU 316

Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!

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God is love, God is love!

Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!

Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!

Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!

Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture **Psalm 8** A Psalm of David.

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?
⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel **John 16:12-15**

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Guidance through Chaos with Chewy and Tricia

The Unicorn

A long time ago when the Earth was green
And there was more kinds of animals than you've ever seen
They'd run around free while the Earth was being born
But the loveliest of them all was the unicorn

There were green alligators and long-necked geese
Some humpty-back camels and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants, but sure as you're born
The loveliest of all was the unicorn

Sermon: Guidance for a Time of Chaos

Hymn

God, Whose Almighty Word

VU 313

God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-blind,
O now to humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Life & Work of the Church

Offering

How privileged we are that the creator, God, asks us to help bring life and hope, peace and justice, into reality. Our offerings are received with thanks.

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, today we want to say thank you for all the wonderful things that lift our spirits up...

Music and song, sun and rain, family and friends, community relationships. Help us to remember those who lift us up, especially we think of Fathers who play an important role in our lives. We are thankful for the gift of being together and the love we share ...

We now take a moment to remember those we keep in our prayers....

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray.

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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

MV 30

It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The gray whale sings in the sea,

And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore,

And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
the summer breeze joins the song,

And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings,

And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

Benediction & Commissioning

The world is waiting for a message of love and new life; go and proclaim God's love with all that you have.

We go, knowing we are not alone, God goes with us! Amen.

Postlude

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**Additional Lectionary
Year C –Trinity Sunday
Sunday, June 12, 2022**

Proverbs 8:1-6

New Revised Standard Version

8 Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³ beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
4 “To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
5 O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
6 Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right;

Proverbs 8:22-31

New Revised Standard Version

22 The LORD created me at the beginning^[a] of his work,^[b]
the first of his acts of long ago.
23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,^[c]
or the world’s first bits of soil.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;^[d]
and I was daily his^[e] delight,
rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.