

**FAITH UCC, CENTER VALLEY  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
TRINITY SUNDAY  
MAY 30, 2021**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

**A PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*Living God, you have led us to this place to be transformed by your love. Let us open ourselves through the power of your Spirit that our hearts and our lives may be transformed into the image of Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**WE CENTER OURSELVES ON THE HOLY ONE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

- Pastor: From the distant galaxies to the invisible atom, from the highest of mountains to the depths of the sea, you, O God, created it all.
- People:** **Thank you, Creator God.**
- Pastor: As a baby in a manger born, a curious teenager, a courageous prophet, a wise teacher, and faithful friend, you, O God, have saved us all.
- People:** **Thank you, Redeeming God.**
- Pastor: For the inspiration of the scriptures, the whisper of creativity, and the empowerment of gifts,
- People:** **thank you, O Sustaining God.**
- Pastor: In your unity, diversity, divinity and mystery,
- People:** **we praise you, O Triune God.**
- Pastor: Come, let us worship.

**REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE**

**\*CALL TO AND CONFESSON OF SIN:**

- Pastor: Holy and perfect God, we are a people of unclean lips, we speak words that hurt, we neglect to speak up for the forgotten.
- People:** **Wash us clean of our iniquities and cleanse us of our sin.**
- Pastor: We are a people of unclean hands, we work for our own good and do not always serve the poor.
- People:** **Wash us clean of our iniquities and cleanse us of our sin.**
- Pastor: We are a people of unclean hearts, we love the world more than you and do not love our neighbors as ourselves.
- People:** **Wash us clean of our iniquities and cleanse us of our sin.**
- Pastor: We are a people of unclean minds, we think of ourselves more highly than we ought, and do not seek your will and direction.
- Unison:** **Wash us clean of our iniquities and cleanse us of our sin. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE - *Based on St. Patrick, facing each other:*

Unison: Christ's peace be with you,  
Christ's peace within you,  
Christ's peace behind you,  
Christ's peace before you,  
Christ's peace beside you,  
Christ's peace to win you,  
Christ's peace to comfort you and restore you. Christ's peace be  
with you.

## \*THE 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.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

*Jerry Trexler, Lay Reader*

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1 – 8

Gospel: John 3:1 – 17

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: *God Doesn't Make Junk!*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *BLESSED ASSURANCE*

*Brian Jones*

## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in one God, who is Creator,  
maker of all we see and all we don't see;

Who is Ruler of the universe:

Source of all *creation!*

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.  
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:  
Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,  
Breath of God moving among us.

Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our  
Guide:

Mentor of all creation!

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## **\*HYMN: GOD OF THE AGES, WHO WITH SURE COMMAND**

*1 God of the ages, who with sure command  
brought forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before your throne arise.*

*2 Your purpose, just, envisions mortals free;  
God, set our path toward human liberty.  
Still be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay –  
your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.*

*3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
with steadfast care be ever our defense;  
You love and faith within our hearts increase;  
with bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*4 Refresh your people on life's toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never ending day;  
With truth and love guide us through error's maze,  
and we shall give you glory, laud, and praise.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor:** Out of the chaos at creation you brought order. When creatures had been formed, you ordained humanity as the caretakers of what you had made. We lift before you those places around our world where there are wildfires, famines, deforestation, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, intense heat, and rampant disease. God of creation, bring healing and restoration to your world. May we be faithful in our task to care for our world. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** You told us that we would see you in the faces of the poor and marginalized, and so, we lift before you those who are struggling in our society and our church. We pray for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are without shelter, and those struggling with an illness or who are facing death. Incarnate God, help us work with you to bring comfort, work for justice, and provide for the needs of those around us. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** You have called your church, all those of every color, nation, tribe, and race who have committed to following in the way of Christ and serving your Kin-dom. We lift before you the churches facing challenges, those who have become distracted from their mission, those who are facing internal divisions, and those who are struggling to make ends meet.

Send upon all communities of faith, including ours, a fresh flame of your Spirit so that we may proclaim your good news and embody your love in the world. Empowering God, help us to be outposts of your realm, a sign and example of your saving light to all those who wander in the wilderness. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*Pause for private intercessions*

Pastor: Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass.  
We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

**Unison:** **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.**

### **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

#### **THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING**

#### **HYMN: SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER**

*1 Shall we gather at the river? Where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God*

*Refrain:*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river The beautiful, the beautiful river  
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.*

*2 On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day. [Refrain]*

*3 As we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]*

*4 Soon we'll reach the shining river Soon our pilgrimage will cease  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace [Refrain]*

#### **\*THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

#### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Triune God, you model for us what it means to be a community in your self-giving and sacrificial nature. As we bring our offerings before you, we pray that you would use them for your purposes that your glory would be shown in every area of our world.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN: HOW BEAUTIFUL, OUR SPACIOUS SKIES**

*1 How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;  
our purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.  
America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,  
and more and more we're grateful for life's bounty all around.*

*2 Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons:  
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.  
America! America! God grant that we may be  
a sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*3 How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,  
the courage called for to repent the bloodshed through the years.  
America! America! God grant that we may be  
a nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty.*

*4 How beautiful, two continents, and islands in the sea  
that dream of peace, nonviolence, all people living free.  
Americas! Americas! God grant that we may be  
a hemisphere where people here all live in harmony.*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*Special thanks to our volunteers:*

*Head Usher: Kim Ritter*

*Usher: Joan Hassler*

*Lay Reader: Jerry Trexler*

*Special Music: Brian Jones*

*Stream Team: Wes Koser*

*Financial Secretary: Jerry Trexler*

*and to all who are worshiping with us, be it in person, listening on the phone, or  
watching on your computer, tablet, or cell phone.*

*God's Blessings to you!*