

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TRINITY SUNDAY**

May 30, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

HOFFACKER BROTHERS STORY

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, You are a mystery to us, beyond the capacity of our imaginations. From Your voice came the whole creation, and it rests in Your hands. On tis Sunday, give us the peace to rest in this mystery and the confidence that You call our names and welcome us into Your family. Give us the spirit of those who belong, so that we might be Your hands in the world with confidence and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

Based on Te Deum, 4th Century, Trans: Clarence A. Walworth;
Author (attributed to): Ignace Franz, 1774; Tune: GROSSER GOTT

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| 1) Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You!
All on earth Your scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore You;
Infinite Your vast domain.
Everlasting is Your reign. | 3) Lo! the apostolic train
Join, Your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on. |
| 2) Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord. | 4) Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name You;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim You;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we sing this mystery. |

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

The foundations shake at God's voice, and the wilderness trembles before God's power. In awe and expectation, we come before the only One who can make sense of our lives and restore us to wholeness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a person of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Holy God, we have lived as people enslaved to the gods of this world, victims of our own misplaced passions. We have embraced the ways of death and turned from the challenge of rebirth. The paths we have chosen lead to dead ends, and the direction we have followed brings only confusion and despair. Help us, O God, for we cannot help ourselves. Hear our prayers ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With a burning coal, God touches our lips and burns away the guilt within us. God's forgiveness puts to death our self-preoccupation and frees us for new life. Whoever believes may have eternal life, for God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but to secure our salvation. Our guilt is taken away, and our sin is forgiven. Rejoice in the gift!

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17, Romans 8:9-17

ISAIAH 6:1-8

Isaiah's Commission

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

JOHN 3:1-17

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of

heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

ROMANS 8:9-17

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

SERMON: “Our Story”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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, for ever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

God asks: "Whom shall I send?

Who will go for us?

Who will tell of God's love for all the world?

God has touched our lips and our hearts. We dare to say: "Here am I; send me!"

CLOSING HYMN: "We Believe in One True God"

WE BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1668; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

German melody, adapted in J.G. Werner's "Choralbuch," 1815

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| 1) We believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever present help in need,
Praised by all the heavenly host;
By whose mighty power alone
All is made and wrought and done. | 2) We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from sin's misery. |
| 3) We confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both fore'er proceeds;
Who upholds and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity,
Praise we all eternally. | |
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