

TRINITY SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Kerry Shull, Visiting Pastor

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

*** Congregation will stand**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Satie Gymnopedie 1

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Updated COVID Guidelines** – See Announcements Insert (Hymns that do not appear in the Presbyterian Hymnal are included on an insert in the bulletin – Singing WITH MASKS ON will be allowed in worship)

MAY MISSION MOMENT: Dog Food & Toys for U.S. Kennels

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 6:3; Romans 5:1,5; Matthew 28:19)

Leader: *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;*

All: the earth is full of the glory of God.

Leader: *We have peace with God through Jesus Christ;*

All: we have love from God through the Holy Spirit.

Leader: *Jesus calls us to go and make disciples,*

All: baptizing them in the triune name of God.

Leader: *Let us worship the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*OPENING HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (PH #138)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION (John 3:16)

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have not accepted you as you reveal yourself to us: as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We project onto you our own fantasies, needs, and wishes. We have refused to humble ourselves before you and to welcome the transformation you would work in our lives. We expect you to bend to our will while we refuse to obey your will. We reduce you to a lawgiver and reduce faith to doing good deeds. Because our focus is upon ourselves, never can we be sure that we believe strongly enough, or are good enough, or have done enough. We make the faith tedious and joyless. We fail to accept you grace, your new life, your joy, your Kingdom. In a desire to be relevant to a larger culture, we have made ourselves truly irrelevant. We have nothing distinct to offer a hungry and needy world. Lord, forgive us. Take us and—even though we resist—refashion us so that we may be drawn into your life in the Holy Spirit and through Jesus. Your invitation to life in relationship with you is the good news that you call the church to proclaim to the world. Give us the courage to call the world to approach you in the Spirit and through Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE (John 3:17)

Leader: God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PRAISE: Holy God, We Praise Your Name (PH #460)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. **All: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: (The following is said after each reading) -

Leader: The Word of the Lord; **All: Thanks be to God!**

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

SERMON: “The God Who Is Created or Who Created?”

Rev. Kerry Shull

*HYMN: “Abba Father” (See insert)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Leader: Let us confess our faith using our only ecumenical creed, the Nicene Creed (325,381 AD):

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: (John 3:16)

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who love him may have life eternally. With loving hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Leader: Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ’s name. **All: Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN: “Here I Am, Lord!” (PH #525)

*BLESSING: (Psalm 29:11)

Leader: May the Lord give strength to the people. May the Lord bless the people with peace! And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores, be with you now and always.

*CHARGE: (Isaiah 6:8)

Leader: God said, “Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?” And Isaiah said, “Here am I; send me!” Life-giving God, free us from our fear, fill us with your love, and send us forth in peace. **All: Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Ravel Menuet (Le Tombeau de Couperin)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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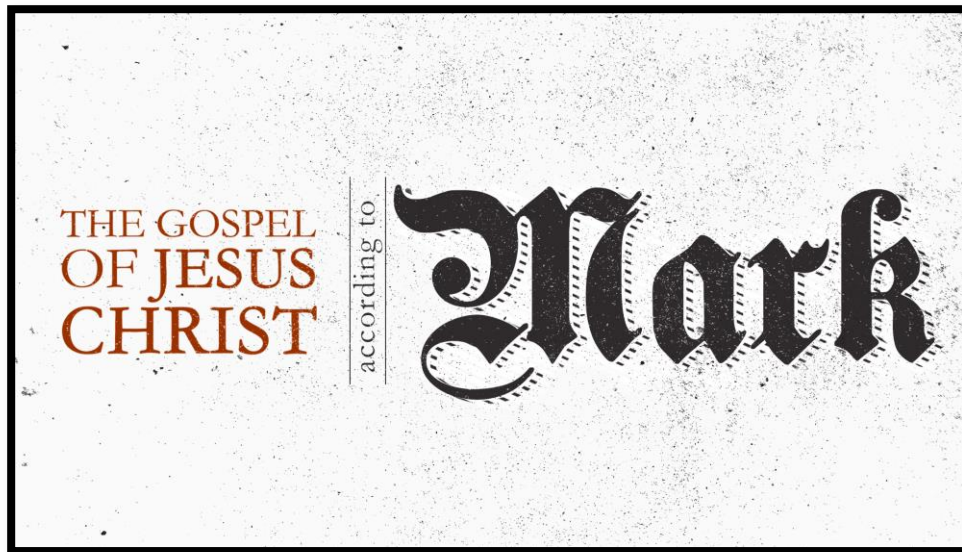
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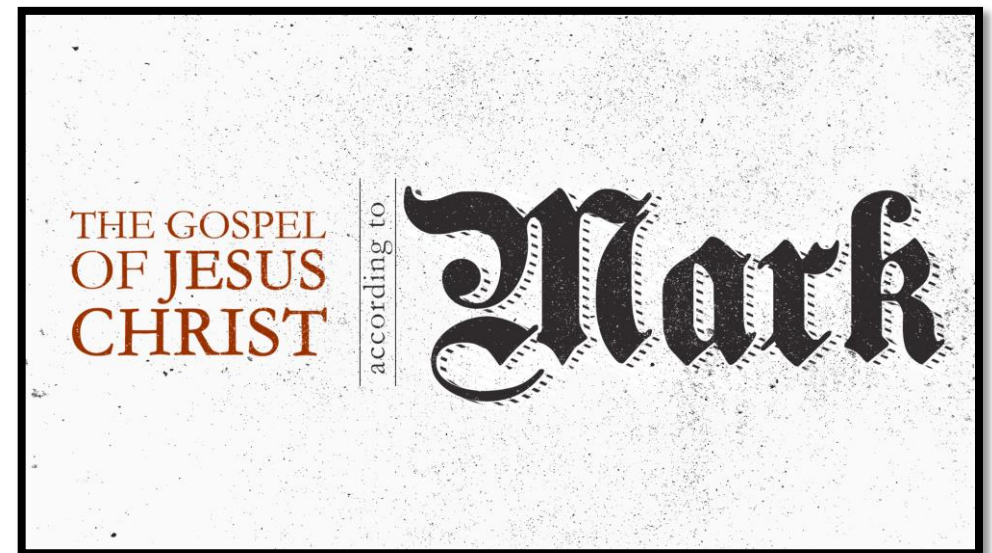
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HYMN: ABBA FATHER

Refrain: Abba, Abba Father.

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Into the image of Jesus Your Son,
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