

Service of Worship

Trinity Sunday

May 22, 2016

10:30 AM

God is a mystery that is utterly beyond our limited human comprehension and containment. All images of God are inadequate; all of our categories are too small. Any attempt to make God fit our values and our projects renders God into little more than an idol that we have made with our hands. Yet, God is not unknowable. This mystery reaches out to us, constantly seeks to encounter us as the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Rev. Will Willimon

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Glory Be To God On High* Haan

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to Trinity Sunday, the beginning of the Season after Pentecost, a season for us to experience God's power and majesty and to proclaim God's love in witness and action in the world.

Two: Come stand before God, who comes to us as creator, heavenly parent, holy and mighty one.

One: Come stand in the presence of God and sense God's mystery and creative power in our world.

Two: Come and proclaim, "Holy, holy, holy God!"

HYMN # 4 (vs 1) *Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!

One: Come stand before God, who comes to us as Jesus – redeemer, friend, Savior.

Two: Come and learn of God's free gifts of forgiveness, healing, and grace.

One: Come and proclaim, "Holy, holy, holy God!"

HYMN # 4 (vs 2) *Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!

One: Come stand before God, who comes to us as Holy Spirit, sanctifier, comforter.

Two: Come and receive the promise of new, strong hearts and hands to do God's work in the world.

One: Come and proclaim, "Holy, holy, holy God!"

HYMN # 4 (vs 3) *Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!

One: Come, let us worship God who breaks into our lives as the holy and living three –in-one.

HYMN # 4 (vs 4) *Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*** PRAYER** (*let us pray together . . .*)

God of many names and places, on this day we celebrate the many ways you are revealed to us as Trinity: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; Father, Son, Holy Spirit; holy three in one and one in three. Yet we know that you come to us in many ways and different forms. Help us to celebrate the wondrous diversity of your presence with us in all times and places. Amen.

*WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE

One: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. The one who made you also forgives you. Be at peace with God. Be at peace with creation! Be at peace with each other! Be at peace with yourselves!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE (hymn #35) 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.*

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 8* NT pg. 492

SCRIPTURE *John 16:12-15* NT pg. 110

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through second grade may go to the nursery.)

RECOGNITION AND THANKS

Donna Piotti and Sherri Masterson

*HYMN (see musical page, vs. 1, 3, 5) *Lord of the Dance*

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

(and the Lord's Prayer)

Musical Introduction (*Hymnal page 305*)

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Choral Anthem

Come, Holy Spirit Like the Wind
by M.K. Beall and J. Carter

*Doxology (*page 49 in hymnal*) *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (*let us pray together . . .*)

**Pour out your blessing on these gifts and offerings,
that they might be a source of blessing in our church,
in our community, and in our world. We offer this
prayer in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN # 677

Let There Be Peace On Earth

*BENEDICTION

One: May God our Creator who crowns each of us with glory and honor, Christ Jesus who bears our pain and shows us the Way, and the Holy Spirit who gives us light and life, go with you and fill you with strength, courage, hope, and love.

All: Thanks be to God!

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Ye Now In Peace

POSTLUDE

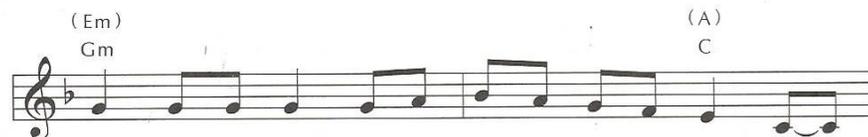
Prelude in C Major

Bach

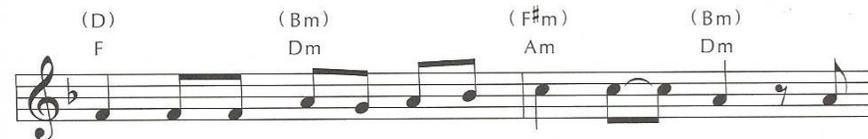
I Danced In the Morning



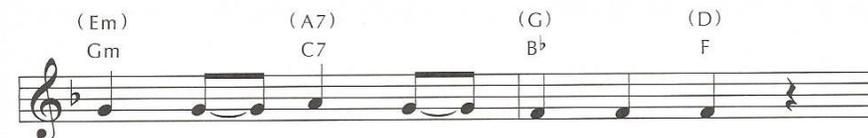
1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †



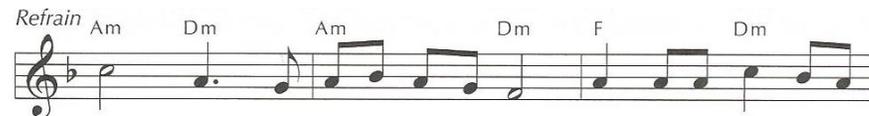
danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll



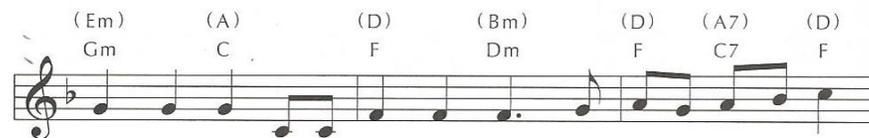
came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †



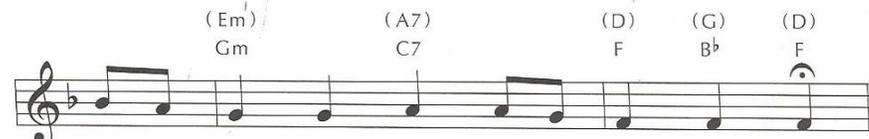
Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the



Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,



and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

(Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE, music: American Shaker melody;
 adapted Sydney Carter, 1963, Sydney Carter, 1963. Text and music
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NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Darci Gumaer

Acolytes
Abby Elkins
Elijah Smith

Flowers

Nursery Volunteers

Tracy Bertram,
John Gumaer

Coffee Hour

Phyllis Adams and Laura
Cinquanti hosting for
the Deacons

Attendance

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Life in the Parish Week of May 22

SUNDAY – May 22

10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – Reception for Sherri
Masterson and Donna Piotti
12:30 pm – Youth Group

MONDAY – May 23

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – May 24

2:00 pm – Bridge group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – May 25

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – May 26

12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

FRIDAY – May 27

Office Closed

SUNDAY – May 29

9:30 am – Sunday School, The
Well
10:30 am – Worship service

Plan to join us today for coffee hour as we have a special reception for **Donna Piotti** (Church Secretary) and **Sherri Masterson** (Youth Fellowship Coordinator) as they complete their service to Homer Congregational Church.

Youth Group will meet today 12:30-2:30 pm to help Sara Earl make costumes for kids in the YWCA Bridges for Kids program who are walking in the June Dairy Parade.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Plan to join us for worship on June 12 as we celebrate the children of the congregation and conclude a year of Sunday School. Following worship, stay for an **All Church Picnic**, hosted by CEM. You are invited to bring a dish to share or dessert as CEM cooks up hot dogs and provides drinks. There may even be some lawn games on the Green!

Preparations for **Holiday in Homer** (July 16th) and an open church event with the **Landmark Society** (June 17th and 18th) are under way and we would appreciate any help you can provide. See Paula Harrington, Kevin Cappy, or any of the Trustees.

VBS and Chautauqua – An Adventure in Community! August 1-7. This year there will be programming for the entire family! Monday through Wednesday will be the traditional format from 9 am until 12 noon; Thursday and Friday will be from 5 pm until 7:30 pm with a light dinner for families and an option for parents to attend Chautauqua programs while kids are at VBS. For more info and to volunteer, please contact Mark Bertram at 607-745-0177 or by email markbertram@hotmail.com.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastor Search Committee appreciates the support and prayers of the congregation. Committee members are: Bev Berry, Tracy Bertram, Miles Dudgeon, Chuck Feiszli, Dorothy Hopkins, Kathy McKenna, Lori Schmidt, Jim Ulrich.

*Updated Church Directories
are available in the Russell
Fellowship Room*