

TRINITY SUNDAY
June 7, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the moment for you to wake from sleep.

People: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.

All: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

HYMN #476 Black Hymnal

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

*My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation;
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die?
My Savior still is living;
What though the shadows gather round?
A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my in-most calm
While to that rock I'm clinging;
Since Love commands both heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
And hear their death-knells ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile,
Our thoughts to them go winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?*

*I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it,
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am Christ's—
How can I keep from singing?*

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Creator of the universe, we gather as a portion of Your world centered on Christ. As Your community of faith strengthen us this hour, not to be conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewal of our minds. Equip us to express the kind of world you intended when you spoke it into existence. Join us together with all Your people to do Your good and perfect will. Grant that Your great day may come when all creation fully participates in Your Realm of Love and Justice. This we pray in the name of Jesus, Who is our Sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MUSICAL OFFERING

Faye Chen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Janice Touloukian

Please share your prayers through the Zoom Group Chat found at the bottom of your Zoom screen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE MORNING'S BIBLE STORY

Psalm 14

Romans 3:21-26

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Chrissy Gardner

REFLECTIONS ON THE STORY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Loving God in Jesus Christ,
with gratitude for Your holy nourishment about this table, we dedicate:
our lips to be the hopeful voice of Christ to the despairing;
our hands to reach out in Christ's name to heal the broken;
our feet to walk with Christ to visit those who are shunned;
our bodies to be Christ's living sacrifice to break the power of death.
Take us. Empower us. Use us. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #347 Black Hymnal

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.*

Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

*Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

BENEDICTION

Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.
The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.
They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.
Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up My people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the Lord?
There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.
You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.
O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Romans 3:21-26 from *The Message*

God Has Set Things Right

But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. The “God-setting-things-right” that we read about, has become “Jesus-setting-things-right” for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in Him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity He put us in right standing with Himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where He always wanted us to be. And He did it by means of Jesus Christ.

God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in Him sets us in the clear.

God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with Himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins He had so patiently endured. This is not only clear, but it's now—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in His rightness.