

*CLOSING HYMN #619

Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands; Spiritual arr. Don Wyrzten*

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Marta Mojzer
Ushers	Debbie Johnson, Debi Hess, Joleen Goens
Choir Director	Davis McKinney
Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card and put them in the offering baskets on the stands by the entry doors. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B Vol. 2, 2015 Westminster John Knox Press.*

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September 19, 2021 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds with Variations
by Johann Nageli arr. William Stickles*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

INTROIT #183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence
of God's creative works.

**Their voices go through all the earth
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

*OPENING HYMN #625

How Great Thou Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Let us come before the Lord our Maker with hearts that are open to examination, trusting that whatever we find that is stained can be made clean and new again.

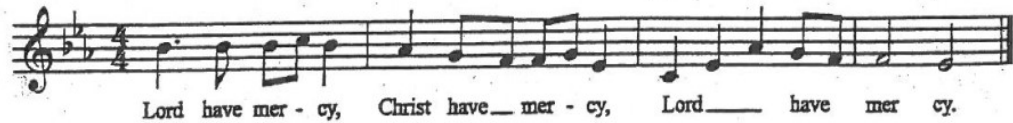
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Merciful God, we increasingly find ourselves caught in places we wish we wouldn't be. We are overwhelmed by 24 hours a day news briefs, continuous analysis of the day's events and political ads stoking fear and hatred. And it causes us to lose our center, to harbor feelings toward those who disagree with us and to wander recklessly from our purpose in being here. In so doing, the Gospel takes a backseat to our lives. Restore our vision, O God, and cleanse us of the sludge in our souls. Amen.

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us cease weeping over the shortcomings and mistakes and evils of our yesterdays; steadfastly beholding the face of Divine Reality. Let us resolve to walk in that Light where there is no darkness. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth by John Carter

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Sermon

(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We pray for your great wisdom, O God, to come to your people and set us free.

Help us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church this day. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:25-30

SERMON

Earth School

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #49**

The God of Abraham Praise

***PRAYER FOR GRACE**

—Brennan Manning, Reflections for Ragamuffins

Jesus, my Brother and Lord, I pray for the grace

To be truly poor before you,
To recognize and accept my weakness and humanness,
To forgo the indecent luxury of self-hatred,
To celebrate your mercy and,
trust in your power when I'm at my weakest.

To rely on your love no matter what I may do,
To seek no escapes from my innate poverty,
To accept loneliness when it comes
instead of seeking substitutes,

To live peacefully without clarity or assurance,
To stop grandstanding and trying to get attention,
To do the truth quietly without display,
To let the dishonesties of my life fade away,
To belong no more to myself,

not desert my post when I give the
appearance of staying at it,

To cling to my humanity,
To accept the limitations and full responsibilities
of being a human being—really human
and really poor in Christ our Lord.

***DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Praise God, all creatures high and low Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We thank you for the wealth you shower on us daily, O Lord, and we witness the marvelous goodness that comes from you. Transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use. Transform us into people who bless others throughout each day, in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

OPENING HYMN #625

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art!

How Great Thou Art

HYMN #49

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.
Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same as forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness.

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!

Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face;
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!