*CLOSING HYMN Our Father

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE (see insert)

God Bless America by Irving Berlin

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist
Ushers
Glenn and Marta Mojzer, Susan Rouff
Communion Servers
Director of Music
Pastor
Allison Schuler
Glenn and Marta Mojzer, Susan Rouff
Valentine Nyamusa, Emmanuel Bime, Kurt Schuler, Marty Reese
Davis McKinney
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 provided in the narthex, and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our "Joys and Concerns." Please fill out the worship registration pad found in the pew, and pass it to the person next to you. Once the form is completed the last person to receive the form places the form in the offering plate.

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.

Town Hall Meeting—July 14

There will be an important town hall meeting **immediately following worship on July 14** to discuss the future of Trinity. We strongly encourage your participation, in this meeting. In the meeting several possible solutions of our financial problems will be introduced and discussed. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting. We appreciate and value your input.

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Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

Tribute to America arr. Mark Hayes

*THE PEACE

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

INTROIT (see insert)

Build Your Kingdom Here by Rend Collective

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.

Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

We are listening for God's call in our lives.

*OPENING HYMN #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Let us take a moment to consider who we are, how we relate to the world and where we have shrouded ourselves in self-deceit. As we contemplate our places of darkness, let us allow God's light to enter so that we may live more honestly and receive the grace of forgiveness.

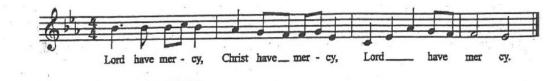
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Merciful God: You have offered us so much abundance, so many opportunities to engage life in ways to promote good for the community and to nurture ourselves in healthy relationships and activities. And yet, we often take a lower road and tell ourselves the higher one is just *too* high. At the same time, we find it easy to complain and find fault with everyone except ourselves. In so doing, we have robbed ourselves of the joy we could be experiencing. Forgive our negligence and our laziness and help us to clear our heads and open our hearts. For our own sake, we ask this. Amen.

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

KYRIE—All Sing



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Fortunately for us, God wishes the best for *all* people - including ourselves. But in accepting God's forgiveness, let us extend the same grace to *all* of our neighbors - excluding no one! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Battle Hymn of the Republic by William Steffe arr. Fred Bock

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Sermon

(Children will remain in the worship service instead of going to Children's Church.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of daybreak, our souls wait for your light more than those who watch for the morning. Let your Holy Spirit illumine our hearts with the light of your redemption, a new day, a new life in Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 46:1-11

John 8:31-38

SERMON The Flip Side

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Sisters and brothers, we have no good apart from God. Therefore let us keep God at the forefront of our minds and give generously from all that we have been given, that others may also receive from the fullness of God.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Let Freedom Ring by Dennis Jernigan arr. Carol Tornquist

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gift bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each giver a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. To this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS' SUPPER (see insert)

The Lord's Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents' blessing.

Please eat the bread when you receive it, symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ. Hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our unity in Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

[Clergy expressions; Congregation response]

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Gracious God, you call us, you welcome us, you invite us to your table.

We come—to be fed, to be nurtured, to have our wounds bound and our emotions healed.

Your table is set before us.

We come—as one people with one hope.

Fear not. For I am here.

(All) With great expectation, let us now meet at your table.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of Mercy, God of Healing: You fed your people manna in the wilderness. You have now fed us at the Table of Life. We thank you for your compassion and the tenderness in which you hold us. May we ever trust in your presence and know that your love binds us together in both body and spirit. As we go our separate ways this morning, may joy be in our hearts and may hope be our constant companion. In the name of Him who brings life. Amen.

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Introit

In us.

1. Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls Holy Spirit, come invade us now We are Your Church We need Your power

2. We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray, revive
This earth.

(Refrain)

Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire Win this nation back Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here We pray!

Build Your Kingdom Here by Rend Collective

3. Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope
On earth.

(Refrain)

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Postlude

God Bless America by Irving Berlin

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free. Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her, Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home, God bless America, my home sweet home!