

# The Service Of Worship

10:45 a.m.

May 18, 2008

Trinity Sunday

## Gathering

### WORDS OF GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Let us praise God, creator of all that is.

**Let us praise Christ, blessed redeemer.**

Let us praise Spirit, sustaining breath of life.

**Three in one and one in three. Holy mystery.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (UNISON)

We do indeed stand in awe of you, O God. We rejoice that you have chosen us to be your own. By your word the heavens were made; your loving kindness fills the whole earth. By the bounty of your mercy we have been born to new life. Hear now what fanfare we give you as our voices are lifted in praise of your name. Amen

\*HYMN #473

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Father of lights, Mother of all: you created the heavens and the earth, making everything good—even glorious. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, our Savior: you have made us

your brothers and sisters and commissioned us to bear your name out into the world. Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide: you enlighten us with wisdom to know what is right and humility to make this confession: that we have been poor stewards of the earth, clumsy and spiritless disciples, unjust in our dealing with others, divided in our witness and devotion to you. Forgive us, triune God. By your grace and love and fellowship make of us new creations who are good and pleasing in your sight.

(Silent Confession)

**Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE #106

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

## The Word

### CHILDREN’S SERMON

### Recognition of Graduates

### Litany for Graduates

Leader: Dear Lord and Savior, you promised to be with your disciples to the close of the age. Be with us now. Guide and direct all those who are crossing important milestones in their lives.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Dear God our creator, smile upon all your sons and daughters wherever they may be, and especially we ask your blessings on these people who are graduates.

**Graduates: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Stir up your Spirit within these graduates. May they observe your commandments; may they hear your call to serve through their work; may they know your grace and salvation; may their lives reflect your glory.

**Graduates: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.**

Leader: Dear God you know how hard it is to send a child forth into this world. Grant joy, strength, comfort, peace, and hope to the families of all those who are graduating.

**Families: What you have done will be praised from one generation to the next; they will proclaim your mighty acts.**

Leader: Let us thank God for giving us these people to know and to love: Rhea, Dathan, Peg, and Norma.

**All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and your saints shall bless you!**

Leader: May all our celebrations be blessed by the Lord our God.

**All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1; 1:26-2:3 pg. 1 OT, pew Bible

2 Corinthians 12:11-13 pg. 186 NT, pew Bible

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “You are Holy (Prince of Peace)” Imboden & Rhoton

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20 pg. 34 NT, pew Bible

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### SERMON

“A New Beginning”

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### \*LORD’S PRAYER

(“debts” and “debtors”)

#### \*HYMN

“Father, I Adore You”

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Father, I adore You

Lay my life before You

How I love You

Jesus, I adore You

Lay my life before You

How I love You

Spirit, I adore You

Lay my life before You

How I love You

#### Offertory Statement

#### Offertory

\*Response #138 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### Sending

#### \*HYMN #458

“Earth and All Stars”

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #108

“Christ is Alive”

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Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

**Pulpit Supply**

Rev. C. Davis Young

**Lector**

Doris Frazier

**Children's Sermon**

Ann Keeling

**Keyboard**

Amy Crouse

**Ushers**

Jim Miller

Trudy Miller

Our Prayers are With...

**Ruth Schlosser**, who is recovering at the Care Center of Lakeview Village Retirement Community.

**The Task Force for the Future, the Session, and the congregation**, as we move forward in planning for the future of our church.

## Announcements . . .

We welcome the **Rev. C. Davis Young** to the pulpit today.

The **Prayer Chain** is available for any concerns. Contact Mary Janet Douglass at (913) 299-3138.

You are invited to a **shower for Coralie Gill** today at 2 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

In worship today, we **recognize graduates** in our congregation and honor them with a reception following the service. Graduates are:

**Rhea Brown** graduated from Iowa State on December 15 with a degree in Apparel Design.

**Dathan Brown** graduated from Iowa State with a degree in Broadcast Journalism.

**Norma (Gill) Green** graduated from University of Missouri with a Doctor of Medicine degree.

**Peg Brown** will graduated this summer from the University of Kansas with a Master's degree in Special Education.

Please take time to greet and congratulate our graduates.

Please join us June 7 at 5:30 for the last **Community Cafe** of the season. On the Menu: Lemon Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls, Drinks and Chocolate Eclair Square. For reservations, call Sharon Smith, (913)441-3334

### **THE SUMMER CAMPING SEASON BEGINS NEXT WEEK.**

Hundreds of children and youth have enrolled in one or more camp programs offered by our own camp, Heartland. This week, the summer program staff arrives for ten days of training to prepare themselves to minister to our young people this summer. Please pray for the staff this week and throughout the summer, and for the volunteers that will join them in ministry each week. For information on summer camps that are available go online at [www.heartlandcenter.org](http://www.heartlandcenter.org) or call 816/891-1078.

**Join the First Church Cookbook sales force.** The printing has been paid and now each cookbook sale is profit for the church budget. We would hope that each member would promote the cookbook with friends and associates. To get additional books, see Sharon Smith, Doris Frazier or Mary Janet Douglass.

## **Scriptures:**

May 25 — Isa. 49:8-16a; Ps. 131; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Matt. 6:24-34

June 1 — Gen. 6:9-22, 7:24, 8:14-19; Ps. 46;

Rom. 1:16-17, 3:22b-28 (29-31); Matt. 7:21-29

June 8 — Gen. 12:1-9; Ps. 33:1-12; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

June 15 — Gen. 12:1-9; Ps. 33:1-12; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

June 22 — Gen. 21:8-21; Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17; Rom. 6:1b-11;

Matt. 10:24-39

June 29 — Gen. 22:1-14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42

## **Upcoming Pulpit Supply:**

May 25 through June 29 — The Rev. Davis Young

### **A Partnership of Prayer for Heartland Presbytery**

#### **First Presbyterian Church, Albany, MO**

Mrs. Karen Rogers, Clerk of Session

#### **Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Appleton City, MO**

Mr. Marcus Cumpton, CLP

Ms. Michelle Allen, Clerk of Session

#### **First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, KS**

The Rev. John D. Watson, Interim Pastor, H.R.

Communicator - Alice Feyen

Ms. Noelle Walters, Clerk of Session

**Welcome...**The Session of First Church invites you to join us in our Worship of God. Membership in this congregation is open to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We welcome membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation.

### **Church Staff**

The Rev. Kathleen Knehans, Moderator

Crystal Mangos, Church Secretary

Ann Keeling, Treasurer

Sharon Smith, Financial Secretary

Lovell Watson, Custodian

### **Session**

Rev. Kathleen Knehans, Moderator

Sandra Nuessen, Clerk of Session

#### **Class of 2008**

Nancy Bessent

Jean Parrett

Bruce Schlosser

#### **Class of 2009**

Phyllis Coyle

Mary Janet Douglass

Teresa Flournoy

Sandy Nuessen

#### **Class of 2010**

John Blake

Ann Keeling

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2008**

Allen Boyd

Elizabeth Stephen-Cossie

Maria Coyle

#### **Class of 2009**

Pat Yingst

Gary Coyle

#### **Class of 2010**

Susan Claflin

Marilyn Schlosser