**First Free Methodist Church of Saginaw**

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023



*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*

*(Matthew 28:19)*

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**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (*spoken responsively*)

L: Holy Spirit, Lord of light

**P: Thy pure beaming radiance give**

L: Come, thou Father of the poor

**P: Come, thou Light of all that live**

L: Light immortal, Light divine

**P: Visit our hearts, our inmost being fill**

L: Give us life with Thee on high

**P: Give us joy that never end**

**\*Opening Song:** “Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty” #2 (1-4)

**Holy, holy, holy**

**Lord God almighty**

**Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee**

**Holy holy, holy**

**Merciful and mighty**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

**Holy, holy, holy**

**All the saints adore Thee**

**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea**

**Cherubim and seraphim are falling down before Thee**

**Which wert and art and evermore shalt be**

**Holy, holy, holy**

**Though the darkness hide Thee**

**Though the eyes of sinful man Thy glory may not see**

**Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee**

**Perfect in power, in love and purity**

**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**

**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

L: Almighty and everlasting God, who has given unto us thy servants of grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity. We ask that You would keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory. May we be focused on You, as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples…

**P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Congregational Song:** “O Come To The Alter”

**Are you hurting and broken within?**

**Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?**

**Jesus is calling**

**Have you come to the end of yourself**

**Do you thirst for a drink from the well?**

**Jesus is calling**

**O come to the altar**

**The Father's arms are open wide**

**Forgiveness was bought with**

**The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes**

**Come today, there's no reason to wait**

**Jesus is calling**

**Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy**

**From the ashes, a new life is born**

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**Oh what a Savior**

**Isn't He wonderful?**

**Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen**

**Bow down before Him**

**For He is Lord of all**

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**Bear your cross as you wait for the crown**

**Tell the world of the treasure you found**

**Affirmation of Faith:** Psalm 8

**P: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Communion**

**MINISTER: THE INVITATION**

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, who live in love and peace with

your neighbors and who intend to lead a new life, following the commandments

of God and walking in His holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy

sacrament to your comfort; and humbly kneeling, make your honest confession

to Almighty God.

**IN UNISON: THE GENERAL CONFESSION**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all

people, we confess that we have sinned, and we are deeply grieved as we

remember the wickedness of our past lives. We have sinned against You, Your

holiness and Your love, and we deserve only Your indignation and anger.

We sincerely repent, and we are genuinely sorry for all wrongdoing and every

failure to do the things we should. Our hearts are grieved, and we acknowledge

that we are hopeless without Your grace.

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for the sake of your son, our Savior, Jesus

Christ, who died for us.

Forgive us.

Cleanse us.

Give us strength to serve and please You in newness of life and to honor and praise

Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**MINISTER: THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who with great mercy has promised

forgiveness to all who turn to You with hearty repentance and true faith, have

mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from our sins, make us strong and faithful in

all goodness and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CONGREGATION: THE COLLECT**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom

no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the

Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**MINISTER: THE SANCTUS**

It is always right and proper, and our moral duty, that we should at all times and

in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the inhabitants of heaven, we

honor and adore Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying,

**CONGREGATION: THE SANCTUS (CONTINUED)**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high. Amen

**MINISTER: THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

We do not come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, with self-confidence and

pride, trusting in our own righteousness, but we trust in Your great and many

mercies. We are not worthy to gather the crumbs from under Your table. But You,

O Lord, are unchanging in Your mercy and Your nature is love; grant us, therefore,

God of mercy, God of grace, so to eat at this Your table that we may receive in

spirit and in truth the body of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and the merits of His

shed blood, so that we may live and grow in His likeness and, being washed and

cleansed through His most precious blood, we may evermore live in Him and He

in us. Amen.

**MINISTER: THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who gave in love Your only Son, Jesus Christ,

to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption, who by His sacrifice, offered

once for all, did provide a full, perfect, and sufficient atonement for the sins of the whole world,

we come now to Your table in obedience to Your Son, Jesus Christ, who in His holy gospel

commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of His precious death until He comes

again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly ask, and grant that we, receiving this bread and this cup,

as He commanded and in the memory of His passion and death, may partake of His most blessed body and blood.

In the night of His betrayal, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to

His disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In like manner, after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of

this, all of you, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of

sins; do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” Amen.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your soul and body unto everlasting

life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed upon Him in your heart, by faith with

thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ’s blood was shed for you and be thankful.

**MINISTER: THE BENEDICTION**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love

of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and

the Holy Spirit, be yours now and forever. Amen.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Gospel Lesson**: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Sermon:** “The Mission”

**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in Your Mercy…

**P: Hear our prayer.**

**Hymn of Response:** “The Wonder of It All” #79 (1-2)

**There's the wonder of sunset at evening**

**The wonder as sunrise I see**

**But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul**

**Is the wonder that God loves me**

**O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all**

**Just to think that God loves me**

**O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all**

**Just to think that God loves me**

**There's the wonder of springtime and harvest**

**The sky, the stars, and the sun**

**But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul**

**Is a wonder that's just begun**

**O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all**

**Just to think that God loves me**

**O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all**

**Just to think that God loves me**

**Invitation of Offering**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord for God’s unfailing love and wonderful deeds for mankind. Let us sacrifice thank offerings and tell of God’s works with songs of joy. Tell of God’s majesty, as we collect this morning’s tithes and offerings.

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Shine Jesus Shine”

**Lord, the light of your love is shining**

**In the midst of the darkness, shining**

**Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us**

**Set us free by the truth you now bring us**

**Shine on me, shine on me**

**Shine, Jesus, shine**

**Fill this land with the Father's glory**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze**

**Set our hearts on fire**

**Flow, river, flow**

**Flood the nations with grace and mercy**

**Send forth your word**

**Lord, and let there be light**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence**

**From the shadows into your radiance**

**By the blood I may enter your brightness**

**Search me, try me, consume all my darkness**

**Shine on me, shine on me**

**Shine, Jesus, shine**

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**Send forth your word**

**Lord, and let there be light**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness**

**So our faces display your likeness**

**Ever changing from glory to glory**

**Mirrored here may our lives tell your story**

**Shine on me, shine on me**

**Shine, Jesus, shine**

**Fill this land with the Father's glory**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze**

**Set our hearts on fire**

**Flow, river, flow**

**Flood the nations with grace and mercy**

**Send forth your word**

**Lord, and let there be light**

**\*Benediction**

L: To the everlasting Father, and the Son who reigns on high, with the Spirit Blest proceeding forth from each eternally. Be salvation, honor, blessing, might and endless majesty. Amen. Go in peace to love and serve.