



**An Inclusive Christian Community
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Trinity Sunday
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

This is My Father's World

Franklin L. Shepherd
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Pastor Sunae

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Juliet Hannafin

Leader: Come and see! God's love is not hidden;
it is freely given to all people.

**People: From every nation and background,
we are gathered by grace.**

Leader: Let our praise rise like incense
to the One who loves us beyond measure.

**All: We will worship the Lord,
for His love endures forever. Amen**

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Opening Song

(Please stand if able)

Welcome
W&S 3152

**1. Let's walk together for awhile and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,
singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

**2. Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,
singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

**3. Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice,**

crying welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

Children's Moment

Margaret LeWright

Scripture

Acts 10:34-38 (NIV)

Juliet Hannafin

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached - how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Response

Let Your Holy Fragrance Fill This Place

Craig Adams
arr. John E. Coates
LMUMC Choir

Celebration of Baptism and Membership

Rev. Sunae Cho
Rev. Ken Schoon, Deacon

Baptism

Aaron Voorhees
Dr. George Han

Membership

Jewell H. Hickman II
Steven Ebite
Scott Shield
Audrey Sakamoto
Shiori Sakamoto

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Rev. Sunae Cho

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

To the congregation:

Rev. Ken Schoon, Deacon

Do you, as Christ's body, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We Do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

To ALL:

Profession of Faith

Rev. Ken Schoon, Deacon

Do you believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth?

I believe in God, the God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATERS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Rev. Sunae Cho

All: And also with you.

Pastor:

Eternal God: When nothing existed but chaos,

you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,

you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan...

to the land which you promised.

All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

All: Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All: All praise to you, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pastoral Blessing:

Pastor: The Holy Spirit work within you,

that being born through water and the Spirit,

you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

Presentation of Baptism Certificates

Rev. Ken Schoon, Deacon

Congregation:

Through baptism

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit

into God's new creation

and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you

as members of the family of Christ.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?
I will.

Rev. Sunae Cho

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, and your service?
I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend these siblings to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already give you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of the United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service,
and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Pastoral Prayer:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
Establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Prayers & Gratitudes

O Lord, Hear My Prayer TFWS 2200

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving (organ)

Spirit Song **UMH 347 vs 1**

**1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with his spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

**Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.**

Closing Song (organ)

(Please stand if able)

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH 548 vs 1, 2 and 4

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Juliet Hannafin

Leader: We who have been given new birth into a living hope,
are sent now into the world -

People: to live and love more like Jesus.

To embrace all peoples as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: Go in peace to serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

trinity lutheran church (adapt)

Postlude

Once to Every Man and Nation

Thomas J. Williams
arr. Mark Hayes