

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16: 12-18

First Presbyterian Church

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Sermon

We Respond to the Word

*Statement of Belief

We believe in God, Creator of all that has been made, Parent of all creation.
We believe in God, Savior of all that has fallen, Restorer of all that is broken.
We believe in God, the Life of all that lives, the Love that gathers all of us together in the family of God.

Moment of Thanks

Offertory

Holy God, we rejoice with thankful hearts, that you have given us this beautiful world in which to work and play—a world full of your wisdom and majesty; we offer praise that you have blessed us with your bounty. Use these offerings to increase wisdom in the world; to protect the created order; to bless the vulnerable; to heal the sick; and to comfort the afflicted. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent Out to the World

Closing Song

Draw the Circle Wide (see overhead)

Benediction

Leader: And let all God's people say...

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response

I Danced in the Morning (see overhead)



Pastor - Rev. Dr. Christina Berry

Ministers - All the People

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We Gather

Welcome

First Reading and Meditation (posted on Third Space. <http://third-space.org.uk/>)

We gather this morning
in the name of the Creator,
who creates time and space,
galaxies and stars and planets.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
born on planet Earth,
and in the name of the Spirit
who fills Earth with God's presence.
Creator God,
in this time we call 'now'
in this space we call 'here'
we worship you.
Make your presence felt among us.

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us shape a space for The Three:

People: the Spirit as breath of life, the Bread as food of heaven, the Love in relationship

Leader: Let us shape a space that tangles all three through our life and our worship

People: held in relationship and met here

Leader: Let us shape a space for the many faces of God

People: woven together and revealed in each of us

Leader: On this Trinity Sunday, let us shape a space to be found together in worship.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Songs

Holy Holy Holy (Blue 138 v. 1, 2, 4)

Holy Holy (Blue 140 v. 2, 3, 4)

We Prepare our Hearts

Prayer of Confession

God of infinite mercy, we so often forget our place in this world. We live as if we have no connection to you or to one another. We think too highly of our own lives, and we think too little of others. We prize our own knowledge and turn away from your wisdom. We fail to hear the voices of those long oppressed. We fail to live your call to peace and unity. Forgive us, Lord, that we may abide in your grace and be signs of your love in a world that cries out for mercy. We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Rejoice and be glad!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response

Glory to God (see overhead)

Sharing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Response

Peace Song (see overhead)

We Receive the Word

Children's Time