



SUMMER SUNDAYS

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 30, 2021 | TRINITY SUNDAY

GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven B. Blackmon

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Ascribe to God glory and strength;
Worship God in holy splendor.

The splendor of our Creator meets us here. We are filled with awe before our God.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

God offers strength and peace to all people.

God's voice thunders over the waters. God's strength empowers our response.

Holy, holy, holy, is the God of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

The universe is God's dwelling place. There is no place from which God is absent.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Wind of God, blowing among the crowds at Pentecost, sweeping across the generations to claim us, may we be born of the Spirit. Speak to us of heavenly things in the midst of our earthly pilgrimage so we live, not for ourselves, but for the well-being of the whole human family. On this Trinity Sunday, send us messengers of Good News and bearers of Your peace. In the name of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

PLEADING SAVIOR

God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember the love of God that seeks to dwell within us. And listen again to the promise and challenge:
If you abide in me and my words in You, you will bear much fruit and grow as my disciples.



CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

God of all worlds, we confess that we are too bound to our possessions and our fears. We are so attached to our little corner of the world that we find it difficult to identify with people whose experience is different from our own. We do not want to suffer with the homeless, the hungry, and the oppressed. We turn away from the suffering of Jesus to pursue temporary advantages. Too often, we act like just another human organization, not the body of Christ making a difference in the world. O God, forgive us and reclaim us Your children. AMEN.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God always claims and loves us.

When we confess our lostness and seek new birth in the Spirit, confessing our selfish pursuits, we can receive what God always offers, participation in God's realm. We are born anew to life which already partakes of eternity. The cleansing coals of forgiveness touch our lips, taking away our guilt and blotting out our sin. Receive this gift from God!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts to receive.

Open our minds to understand.

And open our spirits to Your Spirit. Amen.

FIRST READING (response: **Thanks be to God.**)

Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 18-21

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Martin Gerard Collura | Judith Halverson, Elder

*Affirmation of Faith (unison, from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily lives.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

SECOND READING (response: **Thanks be to God.**)

John 8:31-33, 14:1-6

SERMON

"The Great Ends of the Church"

Harry Barrow

#4--The Preservation of the Truth...The Truth IS...

*GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, on this Trinity Sunday, we acknowledge You as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. And we come today seeking renewal of the vows we made at our baptism. We want to be faithful as Christ was faithful. We want to be fruitful in the work You give to us. As we gather, we lift up to You all those on our Prayer List, asking that You will embrace them with Your healing mercies. We pray too for those people and places around the world now dealing with conflict and warfare. Bring them, and us, strength and health and hope, faith and peace. On this Memorial Day weekend, we also lift up to You all of our veterans—those who have gone home to You and those still with us. Be with them and their families. Bless our worship that we may be a blessing to others. These prayers we pray in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, and who taught us to pray together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

◊THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem (10:30 service) "Now Glad of Heart" Scott
*Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won, the Christ is set upon his throne, Alleluia!
Who on the rood was crucified, who rose again, as at this tide, in glory to his father's side, Alleluia!
Who baffled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that loved him well, all in the light of lights to dwell, Alleluia!
To him we lift our heart and voice, and in his paradise rejoice with harp and pipe and happy noise. Sing alleluia!
Then rise, all Christian folk, with me, and carol forth the one in three that was, and is and is to be, Alleluia!*
The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers
*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH
*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

HYMN "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" HALL
(1) Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.
(2) Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven above.
(3) Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.
(4) Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you along the way.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart cause your heart to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*VOLUNTARY

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IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

TODAY'S SERMON is the fourth in a series by Sarah Chancellor-Watson and Harry Barrow on "The Six Great Ends of the Church." Back in the early 1900's, the United Presbyterian Church in North America formally adopted this set of missional statements.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Coral and James Hayes, Karen and Paul Young, and Ann and Bennett Briggs, by Laurie and Jeff Young and family.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington, Michael O'Keefe, and Wesley Simon. Serving for the 10:30 service are Randy Evans, Rick Grubb, Hunter Hill, and Mimi Koch.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
MARTIN GERARD COLLURA
son of AnneMarie and Stephen Collura.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY: Join us for **SNOWBALLS** after church!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAYS: Starting next Sunday, children 3rd grade and younger should be dropped off by parents to Frampton Fellowship Hall at the beginning of the service. Please note that masks are required for all children. They will watch the first part of the service via livestream and then have a lesson for the rest of the time. The nursery will be open during the service. It is time, once again, to volunteer! Please look over your calendar and sign up for two or three volunteer shifts for the summer. All supplies and curriculum will be sent to you and no prior experience is needed! Contact Michele Murphy at michele@scapc.org to sign up.

NEW HEALTH PROTOCOLS: In light of the CDC's new guidelines regarding Covid-19, all individuals who have been fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks or socially distance during worship services and all other church activities. As a covenant community, we trust our fellow church members to care for one another by adhering to existing protocols and by respecting those who, for a number of reasons, continue to mask and maintain their distance from others. To view our new health protocols, go to scapc.org/covid.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: "A BIT MORE ABOUT BUDDHISM"

Beginning next Sunday, Richard Ashmore and Julie Nice will moderate this class which will engage with five interconnected journeys: (1) Buddha's life journey; (2) Buddhism's journey from its origin in India to its migration to the Far East and Southeast Asia, and more recently to the US; (3) a person's life journey from birth to death; (4) our personal daily journey from sunrise to sunset as often "mindless" to hopefully a bit more "mindful"; and (5) our faith journey from Christianity as given and perhaps unexamined, to more understanding of, and appreciation for, Buddhism, which in turn may lead to an enhanced and enlarged Christian faith in action. If possible before the first session on June 6, class participants are asked to view "The Buddha", a documentary by PBS. It is available for viewing free on Amazon Prime and YouTube. Viewing the video is encouraged but is not a requirement for class participation.

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Land Building and via Zoom

(Click on the Sunday School button at scapc.org for the link.)