



Highlawn

Presbyterian Church

JUNE 16, 2019
TRINITY SUNDAY



A People of *Loving Hearts* and *Helping Hands*



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to the joy of new life.

*Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

No. 1

Call to Confession

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor:

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and grace, in this time we pray. We are good people.
We try to do the right thing.**

However, if we think deeply on our lives and connections, we see



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that we fall short of being the best that we can be a lot of the time. We seek to love others, but at times get caught up in our own problems and issues. We seek to love ourselves, but at times get caught up in other's problems and issues. We seek to be caring, but at times we end up caring more about ourselves rather than the deep needs of others.

Help up to find forgiveness, for things that we have done that need forgiveness for which others have been left hurt or disillusioned. Help us to find forgiveness, for things that we have failed to do or which have gone undone, and for which others have been left in need or uncared for. Help us to find forgiveness for things that others have done or failed to do for us, and for which we have been left wounded or disappointed.

(Please observe a moment of silent, personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God's love and forgiveness. There is nothing we need to do other than love one another and love God, for all things come from God's love. Go forth knowing You have been forgiven and You are restored to God. Live in the way of Christ. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May peace always find a way into our hearts and our relationships. Share that peace now with each other in the name of Christ our Lord.

Children's Message

Responsive Reading *Responsive Reading – Psalm 37: 1-9*

(Alternate between Left and Right side of congregation)

Left: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

Right: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Left: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Right: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Left: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Right: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Left: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Right: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—leads only to evil.

Left: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Anthem

"Idyll of Praise"

Craig Courtney

Scripture

Acts 2:41-47 (The Message)

41-42 That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

43-45 Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

46-47 They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

Sermon "Shared Resources" Rev. Dr. Dana Sutton

* **Affirmation of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. 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. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

* **Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 321 vs. 1,2,4,5

Prayers of the People and for the Future of our Church
(concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

The Offering of God's People

Offertory Response "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" No. 240

Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

Closing Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" No. 8

* **Benediction**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Holy Spirit breathe love into your heart, and may Jesus himself show you the way. Amen.

Liturgist for the Week

Brian Specht

Ushers for the Month

Jim Cyrus and Ann Schurman

Other Churches in our Prayers

Mingo Presbyterian

Old Stone Presbyterian, Lewisburg

St. Andrews Presbyterian, Pinch

Gatitu Presbyterian, Kenya

Greeters Today—

David & Linda Reynolds

Greeters Next Week—

June 23

Jason & Amy Hatfield

Scriptures for Next Sunday

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15; Ps. 42 & 43
Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39