



I am
with you
to the
end of the age

Matthew 28:20

June 4, 2023

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Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — “Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost” — J. S. Bach

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” — Aaron David Miller

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (8:30) — “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” — John Carter

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(10:30) — “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” — Gordon McQuere

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Leader: O Lord, what are human beings that you have been mindful of them?

People: **You have crowned them with honor. You have embraced them with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**

Leader: The Lord sustains us and keeps us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We gather together to worship the Triune God.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #25 — “O Lord, Our God, How Excellent”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have turned away from you, O God. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Forgive our sins, O Lord, that we may become faithful disciples who worship you alone. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #576

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE GLORIA — #583**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:30 only) — “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” — Howard Helvey

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 8 — pg. 492 in OT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 28:16-20 — pg. 34 in NT

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE — “A View of Heaven”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #836 — “Abide with Me” (10:30 only)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory (8:30) — “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” — Jack Schrader

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(10:30) — “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” — arr. Lloyd Larson

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***Doxology — #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here
below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #610 — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Go, My Children, With My Blessing” — Walter Pelz**

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POSTLUDE (8:30) — “Let All Things Now Living” — Ron Boud

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(10:30) — “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” — Robert A. Hobby

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“On this, my last Sunday as lead organist here, I include two settings of ‘When in Our Music God is Glorified,’ the text of which summarizes my prayer as a church musician. Thank you for the privilege of serving the ministry of this congregation.” - Cynthia

The chancel flowers are given in honor of Cynthia Neufeld Smith.

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