

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Trinity Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the end, it is the person you become, not the things you achieve, that is most important. ~Les Brown

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

P: Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

L: Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

P: Breathe new life into your people, O God.

L: For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

P: We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.

L: Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

P: Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace.

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GG: 12

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 28:3-7, pg. 610

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, Jesus came and showed us that he came not to be served, but to serve, to give and not receive. He is our friend and redeemer, whose leadership is less about the love of power, and more about the power of love. This same Jesus called us to follow him, to lead as he did, to serve as he served, showing others his

Kingdom way of life. But we need your forgiveness, O God, for thoughtless words, said without love, for hurried decisions, made without your wisdom, for destructive moments, when anger tore, for selfish motives, when our power wounded another. Forgive us Lord: wash us with your spirit and renew us in your love.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: In Jesus, the character of God was revealed: forgiving, loving, one who walks and suffers with us.

All: We are renewed this day in our hearts and our lives. May each new choice bring our character closer in line with God's.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung) GG: 286

*Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Madeline Smith, soloist

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

GG: 291

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:9-16b, pg. 162

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Building Character”

Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

GG: 307

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All who are able please stand.