



Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be? ”

- John 3:9

May 30, 2021

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Please silence cell phones.

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 29

Leader: The voice of God echoes across the waters.

People: We are mindful of God's holiness and splendor.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to the people.

People: May the Lord bless the people with peace.

*HYMN #88

"Maker, In Whom We Live" vs 1 & 3

Charles Dickerson

**Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
The glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
While earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.**

**Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore thy sacred energy,
And bless thine heart renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
The glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God who gave us birth, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you. Open our minds to greater understanding. Forgive us for minimizing your power. Teach our hearts to have faith in your gifts. Forgive us for failing to see you at work in the world. Grant us greater depth of vision that we may glimpse your glory. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kathy Kerstein

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

April Herron

*The children are invited to gather at the front for a brief sermon and prayer.
Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.*

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World" by J. Stainer

Althea Waites

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

Charles Dickerson

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

- John 3:1-17

Nicodemus seeks understanding

Kathy Kerstein

SERMON

"Stretched by the Spirit"

April Herron

*HYMN #374

"Standing on the Promises" vs 1 & 2

Charles Dickerson

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**(Refrain) Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.**

(Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

"Spirit World"

3rd service ensemble

3rd service ensemble:

*Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals, Teresa James – piano/flute/vocals
Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, Zach Provost – piano/vocals
Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals, Jack Sollecito – percussion/guitar/piano*

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
Rev. Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
John Fitzgerald, Treasurer
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.
Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.
Miguel Portillo, Custodian