

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Trinity Sunday

June 7, 2020

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Arr. Stan Pethel
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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” Tune: NICAEA

**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!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and are, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Who are we, O God, that you draw near when we call?

Your faithful people call your name.

Who are we, O God, that you care for us?

Your faithful people call your name.

Who are we, O God, that you crown us with honor?

Your faithful people call your name.

Who are we, O God, to deserve your faith and trust?

Your faithful people call your name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in perfection you created the earth,
fixed the course of the sun and seasons,
and populated the earth with plants, fish, birds, and animals to live in an
intricate, balanced web of life.**

We confess that we have failed to live up to our responsibilities.

**Our lust for comfort and money has polluted the water with industrial wastes,
sewage, fertilizer, and pesticide runoff.**

**We choke the air with gases that not only poison both plants and animals but
also change the earth's climate, at great peril.**

We have cut too many trees to sell lumber or build houses.

We have drained too many fertile marshes and wetlands to create usable land.

We have destroyed too many wildlife habitats in the name of progress.

For these sins of commission and omission, we are heartily sorry.

**We pray your forgiveness and beg that you would create a right heart and
mind within us, that we may consume according to our need instead of
our want, and that we may begin to heal your creation from human
injury.**

(A time for personal confession) Let all God's people say: **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Our loving God never desires to be separated from us. Into our human existence
God sends Jesus Christ, God's own son. It is for Christ's sake that our sins are
forgiven.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

HYMN

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Tune: ROYAL OAK

Refrain: **All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)**

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain)**

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EPISTLE

2Corinthians 13: 11-13

(NRSV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28: 16-20

(NRSV)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“But Some Doubted” The Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson

Responding to God

HYMN

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Tune: BEECHER

**Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

HYMN

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

Tune: ST. DENIO

**In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
And gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,
Then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.**

**In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
A haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.**

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Great Thanksgiving
Sharing the meal
Prayer after communion
Hymn

Tune: ST. DENIO

**In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
The life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
In costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.**

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Going Forth to Serve

BENEDICTION

HYMN

"Go to the World!"

Tune: SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth.
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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WORDS OF DISMISSAL

Go to the world, preaching the gospel of love and teaching the gospel of compassion to all you meet. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

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WE WELCOME Ed Thompson to our pulpit today. Ed is the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of West Virginia and a familiar friend of the Rock Lake family. Our interim pastor, Jim Musgrave and his wife Connie are enjoying a week of vacation.

Church Notes

MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY.

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. There are several ways that you may donate a gift to the church. By logging onto the church website at www.rlpc.org you can give through PayPal. Also, there is a mailbox outside the choir room where you can drop your offering or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

2020 PEARL INGHAM APPLICATIONS



Applications for the 2020 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2020 or in a previous year. Applicants must also be enrolled in college, trade school, or other post high school professional training program for the fall of 2020. Completed applications must be in the church office by 1 PM, July 1. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before July 20. A check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than August 21. APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com."

THE GUEST PREACHERS FOR JUNE ARE:

June 7 Ed Thompson
June 14 Rocky Poole

Nurture Time

June 7: Read Genesis 1:1-2:4a Trinity Sunday In this first story of creation, God looked on the creation and each day "saw that it was good." If you are able, take a walk and look around you. What is your favorite part of God's creation? Share with a friend or family member.

Prayer List

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Hilda Alsop's cousin,	Mary Jane Hamrick	Ruth Pritchard
Bonnie Leslie	Brad Harkins	Joy Ratcliff
Merrily Bailey	Addilyn Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Niall Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Mary Anne Smith
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Juanita Hefner	Mike Spurgeon
Day Bishop	Jim Johnson	Susan Spurgeon
Dick Clark	Mark King	Gregory Stonestreet
Jo Clark	Chuck Lathom	Linda Taylor
Sue DeWald	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Lee Ann Goff	Cheryl Morgan	Ella Grace Washington
Mary Graham	Jackie Pauley	Jo Wilson

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

Prayers for those at home - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Sam Ford, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches –Eleanor Presbyterian Church; Falls View Presbyterian Church, Charlton Heights; Riamukurwe Parish (RAY-eh-moh-KOH'ROHeh)

