

Sebastopol United Methodist Church  
Sunday, June 7, 2020 – Trinity Sunday  
Order of Worship  
including Communion and Scripture

***If you would like to participate in Communion, please have your bread and juice (or their substitutes) ready before beginning worship.***

*Seasonal Theme:*

The teaching and ministry of Jesus the Christ.

*Theme for the day:*

The doctrine of the Holy Spirit. The Essence of God is relational. God as Holy Parent, Son and Savior, and the Spirit with us here and now.

*Call to Worship:*

***(please read with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)***

For the “many-ness” of God’s creative splendor, let us give thanks.  
Before Jesus’s humility and the power of Christ’s commands, let us stand in wonder. For the mystery of relationships -- God’s with us, and ours with one another -- let us seek God’s holy wisdom. Come! Let us worship the Triune God.

*Special Prayer for Graduates:*

**Isabelle Schoch** (Hillcrest Middle School), **Charles Williams** (Everett Middle School), **Sara Davidson** (Analy High School), **Paulo de Carvalho** (Petaluma High School), **Rob Wegner** (SRJC – AA in Jazz Music)

*Centering & Prayer of Illumination:*

***(please read with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)***

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.

*Reading from Scripture:*

**Matthew 28:16-20**

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

*[texts of Scripture follow the service, beginning on page 5]*

**Message: ONENESS OF LOVE, MERCY, AND JUSTICE**

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version (UMH 882)  
(please read with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Sacrament of the Holy Communion*

*In peace and love, in gratitude and faith, I invite you to have your bread  
(or chips, crackers, etc.) and juice (or water, wine, etc.) ready.*

*Let us come together to Christ’s table.*

*(Communion continues on the following page)*

*(we read together the texts in **BOLD**)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

O God, you are the creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, to love and to be loved. You made a holy covenant with us and sent prophets to teach us your truth. When we turned away and were unfaithful, you kept faith with us.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we join in your praise, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Taking our form and flesh, Jesus came among us as a servant. He showed us the depth and power of your love. By his suffering, death, and resurrection you delivered us from sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread. He gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of your saving acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us. We proclaim again the mystery of faith, saying,

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. Let them empower us to live in the world as faithful witnesses and fruitful disciples.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church. All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Receiving the Bread and Cup*

*Prayer after Receiving*

**O God, we give you our thanks and praise. You feed us by your grace. You are with us in all our journeys. Give us courage and faith to serve you in all we do. Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit. Enable us to be faithful and fruitful servants of the gospel and ministry to which you have called us. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**

*With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world. Thank you for continuing to send your offerings and pledges by mail.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:*

***(please read with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)***

Gracious God, Holy Trinity, we offer these gifts and ourselves as instruments of your ever-new creation. Amen.

*Blessing and Benediction*

Stay afloat as people born of water and of spirit. Stay firm as people living in the mystery of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit as one.

*(texts of the scripture readings are on the following page)*

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Scripture Readings – June 7, 2020

*first reading* -- **MATTHEW 28:16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped 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.'

*second reading* – **2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13**

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.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us today.*