

**Therefore, since we have been justified
through faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ...**

- Romans 5:1 -

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St. John's United Church of Christ

*As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness –
using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian
home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship,
prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.*

**Called by God
Sharing with the World**

June 12, 2022
Trinity Sunday

Meditation

“The purpose of Christianity is not to avoid difficulty, but to produce a character adequate to meet it when it comes. It does not make life easy; rather it tries to make us great enough for life.” – James L. Christensen

Chimes

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Opening Hymn #422

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Tw'as Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Lifting up our Joys

Recognition of Graduates

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

We have great joy in Christ our Lord who calls and heals us.

For a while we bemoaned our sufferings,

Yet we are reminded that suffering produces endurance.

Endurance produces character.

Character produces hope.

And Hope does not disappoint us. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God who guides and sustains us, hear our prayers this day. We know the many ways in which we have failed to do the tasks which you have set before us. We have often chosen our comfort over service to you. Our fears and doubts lay claim to our lives and we shrink from the opportunities you give to us. Forgive us for the many failings. Lift and restore us to your grace. Put our feet on the pathways of service, offering justice and peace to all people. Heal us, gracious One, for we ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness (*read responsively*)

Rejoice! Do not doubt! God has poured love, hope and forgiveness on you. It is freely given to us. In Jesus' name, we are forgiven. **Rejoice! Amen!**

Thanks be to God!

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings

Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5

✠ *All who are able shall stand*

Children's Message

Pastor's Message

"A Question of Trust"

Pastor Jeff

✠The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *(From the UCC Book of Worship)*

✠Giving our Gifts to God

✠Doxology

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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

✠Closing Hymn #426

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

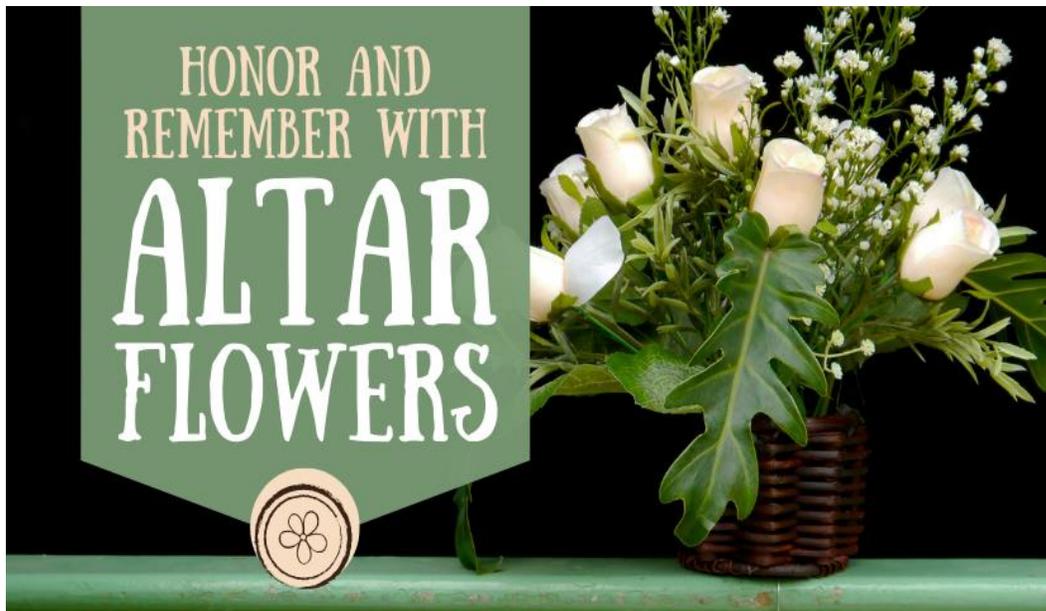
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✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

Postlude

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners!



*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In memory of Miss Sadie V. Shoener,
school teacher and Sunday School Teacher.
Presented by Benjamin F. Fisher*

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