



GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TRINITY SUNDAY | FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 16, 2019 | 11AM

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WESTMINSTER

PRAYER OF THE DAY *silent*

To praise the Trinity is to sing of love, of communion, of mission, of wisdom in creation and of delight in that which has been created. God's inexhaustible love has been revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and in the Spirit who has been poured into our hearts.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour. Please observe silence and meditate on the Prayer of the Day during this time.

Please silence all cellular devices for the duration of the service.

✠ **indicates** an invitation to stand as you are able.

O God, we honor this day the majesty and the mystery of your name.

You are both infinite and intimate,
known and unknowable,
transcendent and transparent.

In love, you have made us your own,
and invite us to join in your divine dance.

We will never rest until we rest in you,
Blessed Trinity,
one God forever and ever.

Amen.

PRELUDE | PIANO & ORGAN DUET

ANN ADAMS, PIANIST

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Dan Miller

WELCOME

LAURIE SHORTER, LITURGIST

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive*

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,
we behold in the splendor of creation
your majesty and our responsibility.

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,
we behold in the face of Jesus Christ
your divinity and our humanity.

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,
we behold in the Spirit of truth
your glory and our calling.

Bound to you forever, we will ever praise your name!
Let us worship God.

✠ HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

Triune God,
within your own life there is mutuality, equality,
and unity in diversity.
Though we are made in your image,
we confess that we distort the triune life.
Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good,
we seek our own gain.
Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect,
we construct systems that are unjust.
We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others,
and disrespectful thoughts, words, and actions
still surface in us.
We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness.
Holy God, forgive us.
Restore in us, and in our life together,
the divine image you intend.
Make us tender in mutuality.
Make us generous in equality.
Make us grateful in diversity.
We pray to be one with you and one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

RESPONSE | HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Proclaiming the Word—we hear the good news of the Gospel.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Children ages four through eight years are invited to Wee Worship following the Children's Sermon.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save is colloquially known as the "Navy Hymn," its tune name, preserved from the ancient Roman name "Melita," referencing the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called "Malta." Of further interest, the fourth stanza speaks of the Trinity (three), only later to mention the armed forces as three "air, land, and sea".

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4

Old Testament p. 557

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

SECOND READING

John 16:12-15

New Testament p. 104

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

REV. DR. CARY SPEAKER

Relativity

THANKSGIVING

✠ HYMN 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE BELHAR CONFSSION

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and

During the Prayer of Intercession, we pray silently for the petitions made known and for those of our own knowing.

The peace may be exchanged with those around you.

“There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; . . .to heal the sin-sick soul.” This African-American spiritual is written in response to the prophet Jeremiah’s question, “Is there no balm in Gilead?” No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from the sense of God’s presence; nothing else can heal “the sin-sick soul.”

share one hope; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

✠ **RESPONSE | HYMN 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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 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.

✠ **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

VOLUNTARY

Balm in Gilead

Spiritual | Roger C. Wilson

✠ RESPONSE TO THE OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless—ings flow; praise Him all crea—tures
 here be— low; Praise Him a—bove ye Heav’n— ly host;
 Praise Fa—ther, Son, and Ho— ly Ghost. A— men

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *unison*

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us—
 the beauty of the world,
 the care of family and friends,
 meaningful labor,
 and the gift of the church.

We give you thanks for these and many other gifts.

Most especially,

we thank you for pouring your love
 into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Through these offerings,

may your love spill over in glad abundance
 that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

✠ HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

✠ BENEDICTION

DR. SPEAKER

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia from Cantata #29

J.S. Bach
 (1685-1750)

Sending—we are sent out to live the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We further commit, as a congregation, to our mission: “Called to Serve.”

Bach’s Sinfonia #29 is based upon the theme “We thank thee God, we thank thee,” a cantata composed for the inaugural of a new town council in Leipzig in 1731. It is one of few Bach sacred cantatas that begin with an orchestral sinfonia. The piece was transcribed for solo organ by Marcel Dupré.

Welcome to Government Street!

Visitors are asked to complete the card found in the pew rack and return it with the offering.

Childcare is available in the nursery for infants to three-year-olds.

New members are welcomed by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership.

Please speak with the minister for further information.



THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Stova and Marilyn McFadden, and Clyde and Lucy Rouse,
by Beth and Robert Rouse.

The Confession of Belhar was added to our *Book of Confessions* in 2016. It comes from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa. The Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa was formed for “non-white” or “coloured” (bi-racial). Apartheid was created (1948-1994) to support the racially stratified society and the Dutch Reformed Church created a biblical interpretation and ideology that supported racial separation. The Dutch Reformed Mission Church struggled theologically and practically with apartheid and out of that struggle came the Confession of Belhar in the early 1980s. We will be using pieces of this confession for our Affirmation of Faith in worship.



June 17-20
9AM-12PM

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Lisa deShazo
Nursery: Lisa Goodloe
Wee Worship: Amanda Roberds

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 23

I Kings 19:1-4, 5-7, 8-15a
Psalm 42, 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39



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SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP
 11AM

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Happy Father's Day

CALENDAR

Meals on Wheels | Monday—Friday 11:00a

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 | TRINITY

9:30a Sunday School (Adult)
 10:15a Donuts for Dad | Jackson Street foyer
 11:00a Worship
 Wee Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 17

9:00a Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:45a Bible Study | Home of Ann Adams
 9:00a Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

9:00a Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

9:00a Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

11:00a Splash Day at Baytreat

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

9:30a Sunday School (adult)
 11:00a Worship
 Wee Worship