

## St. Paul's Free Methodist Church Trinity Sunday

**Call To Worship**      **I sing the almighty power of God (vs 1,3) HFL #16**

**Greeting** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Hymn Of Praise**      **Creation sing! Each plant and tree (vs 1,3) URW #86**

**Prayer** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson**      ***Genesis 1:1-2:4a***

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals

of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** *Psalm 8*

**O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Hymn** *Psalm 8 (vs 1-3) URW #231*

**Second Lesson** *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.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Gospel Alleluia URW 402*

## Gospel

*Matthew 28:16-20*

**R:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

**R:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Confession And Prayers Of The People

Dearly beloved, so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind for worship at the Lord's Table, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy. ... **Let us pray: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Leader:** Again, O Lord, once again

A black man dies in the street ... killed by power and a badge

George Floyd added to the litany

of those murdered for being Black

**Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** We confess our failure to care about people different from us

We confess we have not listened well to others pain

We confess we have not spoken up for the unheard

We confess we have turned away when it hurts too much to look

**Congregation: Lord, hear our prayers, forgive us these sins**

**and all sins we have committed**

**and those omissions we have made as well.**

**Leader:** We cry out for the families of George Floyd

Ahmaud Arbery

Breonna Taylor

And countless other too numerous to name.

We take a Moment of Silence collectively

And we say to You Lord the names of those we love who are lost to violence or the pandemic.

**Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Lord show us that our colorblind lens does not  
Whitewash the crimson pain.

Open our eyes to the reality that  
America does not value the Black body  
or the souls of Black folks.

God ... Hashtags will not fix this.  
Where is justice for your people?

**Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Lord, across this nation people are crying out in pain.  
They want to be heard.

They want to be seen.

They want to know they matter.

Show your church how to be present, how to advocate, how to represent ALL your people.

**Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Lord, when you sent your Spirit on Pentecost

You sent your Spirit on all people

Men and women, old and young,

And sent them out to tell all the world, all races,

The truth of your Gospel.

As we remember that first Pentecost we reach for that reality

That all peoples would be valued and seen.

**Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Lord ... act justly toward those who murder and who permit violence toward the Black body.

Act justly toward a (un)justice system that criminalizes, imprisons, and destroys Black people.

Act justly in a culture saturated with fear toward Black bodies.

**Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** May the charging of Minneapolis police officers be the beginning of your justice.

Let your justice fall down and cleanse us of our perpetuation of and passivity to the vilification of Black bodies.

We your church must stand, unabated in the face of injustice and the sin of racism which squalors our souls and  
mocks your holiness. We must stand and exclaim that black lives matter.

Lord show the way.

**Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.**

## **The Peace**

By dying, Christ destroyed our death; in rising, he restores our life; in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace. In that peace we affirm, with joy:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

So we can say to one another: the peace of the Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

Let us take a few moments to greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

**Doxology**

**Communion**

**Community Sharing**

**Hymn Of Dismissal                      The Church's one foundation (vs 1,5) HFL #501**

**Dismissal With Blessing** Go forth in the grace, love and fellowship of the Trinity, to love and serve God and your neighbor. **We are sent in the name of the Triune God! Alleluia!**

**Next Week's Readings:** Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-38, 10:5-13

**Preaching This Week:** Missy Deal   **Next Week:** Hannah Marshall