

FIRST CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

We embrace Jesus's message that God loves and accepts every person. Therefore, we welcome all to share in the life and ministry of this community of faith. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, economic condition, physical ability or mental ability.

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

There is a Spirit that Delights to Do No Evil

arr. by: Ned Rorem

The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

from 2 Corinthians 5

From now on, we don't look on anyone in terms of mere human judgment.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old order has passed away;

now everything is new!

All of this is from God, who ransomed us through Christ—

and made us ministers of that reconciliation.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in truth as a living Reality, not captured completely in theory or creed,

but revealed to those who love; the Spirit of truth, the grace of Christ, the love of God.

Because we believe, we trust, not blindly but open-eyed and bold

as a child climbing into a mother's lap;

the Spirit of truth, the grace of Christ, the love of God.

Because we believe, we serve,

not as a slave that serves a tyrant but like farmers reaping a harvest;

the Spirit of truth, the grace of Christ, the love of God. Amen.

†GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

TULANE

Glo - ry be to God on high, cre - a - tor of the world; Glo - ry be to God the Son, re -
 deem - ing grace to give; Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Ghost, in - spir - ing us to love;
 One in three, three in one for - ev - er - more. A - men.

SCRIPTURE READING

Foundation for Step 10

ROMANS 12:1-3

Sisters and brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Don't conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you can judge what God's will is—what is good, pleasing and perfect. In light of the grace I have from God, I urge each of you not to exaggerate your own importance. Each of you must judge yourself soberly by the standard of faith God has given you.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have failed to be an obedient church. We have failed to live as you desire,
 we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
 we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
 Forgive us, we pray.
 Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 119:105-112

Now I know your word is a lamp for my steps, for the path just ahead of me. I resolve and swear to keep your ordinances of justice.

***Response:* Illumine my path, O Lord, so that I may walk in righteousness all the days of my life.**

I have suffered much, YHWH—give me life as you have promised. Please accept my heartfelt praises, YHWH, and teach me your decrees. **R**

Though constantly I take my life in my hands, I never forgot your Law. The corrupt laid their traps for me, but I haven't strayed from your precepts. **R**

Your decrees are all the inheritance I'll ever want—they're the joy of my heart. I set my heart to keep your statutes, forever and to the letter. **R**

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

by: Craig Phillips

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my

best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord. Born of thy love, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee. Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.

Be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r. Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart, Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art. True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Foundation for Step 11

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another—forgive in the same way God has forgiven you. Above all else, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Let Christ's peace reign in your hearts since, as members of one body, you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. Instruct and admonish one another wisely. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns and songs of the Spirit. And whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 408

The Gift of Love

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Foundation for Step 12

GALATIANS 5:22-6:2

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against these sorts of things there is no law! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their ego, with its passions and desires. So since we live by the Spirit, let us follow her lead. We must stop being conceited, contentious and envious. Sisters and brothers, if one of you is caught in any sin, the more spiritual among you should correct the offender in a spirit of gentleness—remembering that you may be tempted yourselves. Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

SERMON

Steps 10-12: Holy Trinity: Me, God, and You

SERENITY PRAYER

Reinhold Niebuhr

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you
forever in the next. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANOINTING AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING

OFFERTORY

When All Thy Mercies, O My God

arr. by: Robert J. Powell

†DOXOLOGY, No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, No. 568

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

†BENEDICTION

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Festive Trumpet Tune

by: Douglas Wagner

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*
Liturgists: Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*
Rev. Denna Hornby, *Associate Pastor*
Music: The spirit of Josh Sumter, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Robyn Maker, *Interim Choir Director*
Members of the Parish Adult Choir

*Floral arrangements are given to the glory of God by Judy Smith in honor of her family,
the Smiths, the Meadows, and the Settlemyers.*

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