

Trinity United Church of Christ
July 19, 2020
Outdoor and Online Worship Service

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PRELUDE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to see God in this community of seekers.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, you know us already.

Help us to know you better. Let us see you all around us.

Fill our worship with your Spirit

so that we may learn to recognize your presence in all places. Amen.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER

"Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,

Sanctuary for You

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short.

We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant

about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us.

We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives

and threatens to overwhelm the good we do.

We do not pay attention to the unjust systems which shape our lives,

that we must work to transform so that your

Beloved Community may come to be.

Forgive us.

Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. Amen.

(Moment of Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

You are not God's tenants or employees;
you are God's precious family.

In the words of the apostle Paul,

"You did not receive a spirit of servitude to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption."

As God's children, in God's embrace, you are forgiven and free. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel

Matthew 13 (Selected Verses)

SERMON

"Fixings for Faith"

HYMN "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed" (Back of worship) (vs 1, 2, 6)

Joan Peck, Song Leader

PRAYER/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 sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

(A New Creed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

CALL TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, filled by your generosity to us,
may we be generous to others.
Accept from us these gifts of word and money
as we commit our lives to you. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

God's spirit is always with you.
Wherever we go, God is there!

If you ascend to heaven,
God is there.

If you settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
God is there.

In all places, God holds you fast.
May you know deeply the presence of God:
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.
Go with God. Amen.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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Surely God is in this Place: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, was written by the Rev. Ruth Garwood of Cleveland, Ohio, is a certified leader of InterPlay, a system of forms in movement, story-telling and vocalizing that brings body and soul together, and brings communities together. She teaches suicide first aid via Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

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