

# First Congregational Church UCC

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

## Preparing for the Word

PRELUDE *God of our Fathers*

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*response:* God, in your love, **hear our prayer**

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One. Gather in the wonder of the mystery that God has invited us to share in.

**All: We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.**

One: Ascribe to the Divine glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory that is due. Worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness. (*Adapted from Psalm 29*)

**All: Our hope is that in this time of worship and learning, we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and understanding.**

*(UCC Worship Ways)*

HYMN *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, of Christ as Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit as ever-present sustainer. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## Listening to the Word

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:1-8  
Romans 8:12-17

A reading from Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.***

A reading from Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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**SERMON**            “Living in the Spirit”

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

### **Responding to the Word**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**MISSION MOMENT**

**OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**HYMN**        *He’s Always Been Faithful*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**        *Battle Hymn (Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory)*

here am i.  
send me.  
Isaiah 6:8

