**St. John United Church of Christ**

***“In Christ We Live, Celebrate, & Serve”***

May 30, 2021 Trinity Sunday

Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor Ritch Alexander, Organist

9:30 a.m. Zoom & In-Person Worship 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children (618) 877-6060

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**Following safety recommendations, please keep social distance, mask up, and speak or sing bold print moderately.**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS CALLING TO WORSHIP

A STORY FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Romans 8:12-17

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God…and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ…” (Romans 8:14, 17a)

PRELUDE *Procession of the Patriots* Kirkland

 *\*National Anthem (Stand when directed)*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

 From *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,

 ***Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,***

 ***o’er all victorious,***

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,

***Our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless,***

***and give thy word success;***

Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear

***In this glad hour: thou who almighty art,***

***now rule in every heart,***

and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power.

Let us pray together:

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***To you, O God, great One in Three, eternal praise be evermore. Your sovereign majesty, may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore you! Amen.***

HYMN  ***“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”***

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!***

***Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!***

***God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

***Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,***

***casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,***

***which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,***

***though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,***

***only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,***

***perfect in power, in love and purity.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!***

***All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky, and sea;***

***Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!***

***God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(4th Century Apostles’ Creed, Adapted)

 ***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

 ***I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

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SOLO *God Bless America* Berlin

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17

MEDITATION

HYMN ***“Glorify Thy Name”***

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***Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,***

***glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name,***

***glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.***

***Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,***

***glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name,***

***glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.***

***Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,***

***glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name,***

***glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.***

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

RESPONSE ***“Praise God”*** (Traditional Doxology) #34

***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.***

BLESSING PRAYER

 ***One Holy Lord God, you have touched our hearts and hands to offer our gifts. We hear you asking, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Through our gifts, we reply,***

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***“Here am I; send me!” And so, we rejoice to serve in Jesus’ name, as the Spirit leads us. Amen.***

HYMN ***“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”***

***Eternal Father, strong to save,***

***whose arm has bound the restless wave,***

***who told the mighty ocean deep***

***its own appointed bounds to keep:***

***O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Christ whose voice the waters heard***

***and hushed their raging at your word,***

***who walked across the surging deep***

***and in the storm lay calm in sleep:***

***O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

***Creator Spirit, by whose breath***

***were fashioned sea and sky and earth;***

***who made the stormy chaos cease***

***and gave us life and light and peace:***

***O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Trinity of love and power,***

***preserve their lives in danger’s hour;***

***from rock and tempest, flood and flame,***

***protect them by your holy name,***

***and to your glory let there be***

***glad hymns of praise from land and sea.***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional*  Hughes

Welcome to worship on this Holy Trinity Sunday, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

If you would like to place **flowers on the altar**, and pick them up Monday, please call **Sue Goedeke** at (618) 791-0137. If you would like

to sponsor the **bulletins**, please call the **church office** at 877-6060. The next available date is July 18.

Thank you to **Rev. Charles Preston** who is serving as liturgist today.

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**THIS WEEK**

Today: 5th Sunday Cash Plate

 In-person and Zoom Worship 9:30 a.m.

 Outdoor Service 11:00

 Sunday School for Children 9:30 a.m.

Monday: **Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday: Quilters, 8:30 a.m.

 Zoom Bible Study, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday: Cemetery Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: Communion & Noisy Offering

 In-person and Zoom Worship 9:30 a.m.

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We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Italine “Ikey” Lipscomb who passed from this life on May 25, 2021. A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 29, 2021. May the peace and comfort that come from God sustain her loved ones during this time of grief.

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Nursing and Assisted Living**

Ruth Buer, Loretta Cook, Hilde Few, JoAnn King, Mary Lee Krohne, and Karen Luddeke.

**At Home**

Ritch Alexander, Rose Marie Bauer, Isabella Boyer, Marlene Brokaw, Myra Cook, Janet Cowley, Randy Fischer, Bonnie Fornaszewski, Mary Franz, Norman Hente, Bill McAmish, Sandy Mueller, David Oliver Jr., Cliff Robertson, Merle Rose, Valara Schorfheide, Marge Schmidt, June Stille, and Don Young.

**Illinois South Conference**

Fieldon UCC, Rev. Donna Smith-Pupillo, Interim Pastor. Floraville St. Paul UCC, Pastor Matt (Laura) Friz. Retired Pastor, Rev. Nancy Spier-Lee and Kevin Lee, Dupo, IL.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

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. **2**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. **3**And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is

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the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” **4**The pivotson the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house

filled with smoke. **5**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!” **6**Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7**The seraphtouched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” **8**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!”

**John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2**He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” **3**Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” **4**Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” **5**Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6**What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7**Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ **8**The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” **9**Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” **10**Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? **11**“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. **12**If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13**No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **14**And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15**that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **16**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. **17**“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.