



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Trinity Sunday

“The Great Commission”

Psalm 8:1-9

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor Richard Aylor

June 4, 2023

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

Played by Nancy Church

Opening Chant - "Lord Prepare Me"

Purple Hymnal 701

"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you."

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

Moment for Mission – Kid's Closet Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Heidi Smithson

****Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather to worship the God of all creation

People: who crafted the seas and mountains, and yet cares for each of us.

Leader: We gather to worship the God of all mystery

People: who rejoices in our being, and invites us to join the cosmic dance!

****Opening Hymn**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Purple Hymnal 1 (v. 1, 4)

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! 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!

**** Please stand for all hymns if you are able**

Invitation to Confession

Sue Brown

Leader: We are created in God's image,

People: and we are called good,

Leader: but too often our actions distort that image and fail to reflect goodness in this world.

People: Let us return to who we were made to be as we confess.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Majestic God, You have called us to live in peace, but we turn to conflict and hatred.

People: You yearn for us to work together, but we keep finding reasons to dismiss each other.

Leader: Forgive us and show us a better way to be your people, your body, your church.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community.

People: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here and those watching from home.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness** “O Lord, Our God, How Excellent ” Purple Hymnal 25 (v. 1)

O lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name.
Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your fame.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 8:1-9

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?
⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**** Please stand for all hymns if you are able**

Ministry of Music

“Psalm 8”

by George Kirbye
Purple Hymnal 25
Sung by Hanna Wo

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name.
Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your fame.

The heavens shout your handiwork’ we stand beneath in awe,
to think the One who made all thing should care for us at all.

Yet you have made us less than gods, surpassing all but you,
with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.

Into our hands you’ve placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place
we’re called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space.

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name,
majestic in your holiness. We sing and praise your fame.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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 ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Sermon

“The Great Commission”

****Response to Sermon**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Purple Hymnal 267 (v. 1, 3)

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,
singing forever more: Alleluia! Amen!

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Purple Hymnal 268 (v. 1)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

**** Please stand for all hymns if you are able**

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Special Music during Communion

Distribution of the Elements (Gluten-free elements are available)

For Reflection and Meditation:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

All: God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

****Closing Hymn** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Purple Hymnal 263 (v. 1, 4)

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: **Alleluia. Amen.**

Postlude

*Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service.
To all of our visitors, we welcome you and look forward to getting to know you during this
time.*

**** Please stand for all hymns if you are able**

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

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The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12 and 12:30 and are back by 1:30). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - “The Presbyterian Hymnal”

Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”

Purple - “Glory to God”

Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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