



**THREE IN ONE**

**Trinity Sunday**

**WHITNEY**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Rev. Christina Thompson – Pastor**

June 7, 2020

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Becky Platt*

**Lighting the Candles**

Leader: The light of Christ rises in glory,  
overcoming the darkness of sin and death!  
Let the people say Christ is our Light!

**All: Christ is our Light!**

**Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

*Rich Keefe/Lory Neser*

Leader: God our Creator, we call You Father,  
Mother, Author of Life:

**All: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Christ our Savior, we call You the Son,  
the Messiah, the One who Saves:

**All: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the  
Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God:

**All: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty;  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:

**All: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

**All: Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator,  
that we might journey with You more fully  
and deeply, especially in this current reality  
and beyond. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

“Father, we have heard  
you calling”

*W&S #3150*

## **Prayer<sup>1</sup>**

Abba, Father, Mother, Creator—we call You by many names, but the names we choose show our relationship with You. We desire to draw closer to You, O God. Especially in this time when as a nation when we are struggling with how to respond to racism and violence. We desire to hear Your voice above the chatter of the world, to know Your ways and to walk in them.

Spirit of Life, Wind and Breath among us, we feel You move through us, guiding us on our journey, inspiring us to share Your love with others.

Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of us all, our Brother and Friend, we desire to walk in Your ways and to love one another as You have first loved us. We confess though how hard that is to love another when we do not see and love each other as you see and love us.

Triune God, we desire to relate to You and to each other more fully, so that we might draw into the depths of Your love, first glimpsed at creation, when Your voice called us and the earth forth out of darkness into Your light. Continue to call us, guide us and lead us into this world and beyond.  
**Amen.**

## **Sermon**

**“God in three persons,  
helping us through”**

*Rev. Christina*

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

## **Offering**

## **Closing Hymn**

**“For the Healing  
of the Nations”**

*#428 v 1-3*

## **Sending Forth**

## **Passing the Peace**

## **Notes:**

## **Explanation of this service:**

Today is Trinity Sunday. Every year, the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday is Trinity Sunday. That would be today. It is the Sunday we celebrate who God is and how we relate to God—One God in three person, Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Three in one. This year, though we come to this Sunday, still living in a Pandemic and also dealing with the racism and violence that has exploded in our country. So this morning, we come before God our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer seeking the wisdom of the Triune God to guide us to a place of healing.

## **Songs:**

### **Father, We Have Heard You Calling**

#### Verse 1

Father, we have heard your calling to your church in every age;  
for a sign of true devotion for a sacrifice of praise.  
In this place where you have brought us, may we always seek to be  
one in love and one in worship — children of eternity.

#### Verse 2

Jesus Christ, our faith's perfecter, priest and advocate above.  
We would reach our broken nation with the truth of your great love.  
So transform our feeble witness, may we always live to be  
one in love and one in worship — children of eternity.

#### Verse 3

Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, fall upon us here today.  
Bring release, bring tears, bring passion, then transform your church, we  
pray.

As you pour your grace upon us, may we always thirst to be  
one in love and one in worship — children of eternity.

#### Verse 4

Praise we bring to God the Father, praise we bring to God the Son,  
praise to God, the Holy Spirit, praise to you, the three in one.  
Trinity of love inspire us, may we always strive to be  
one in love and one in worship — children of eternity.

### **#3150 Father We Have Heard You Calling**

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## **For the Healing of the Nations**

### Verse 1

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and  
pledge our word.

### Verse 2

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.

### Verse 3

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we  
hallow life's brief span.

### **#428 For the Healing of the Nations**

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## **Scripture:**

From Rev. Christina:

When trying to explain the Trinity, there are many scriptures that help us get a glimpse of who God is and then we are called to do the work of God in the world. I reference some of the scriptures in the sermon and I invite you this week to read and ponder them and see how they help you know how to address the struggles of our world.

### **About God as creator**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

Job 38-39

Psalm 139 (God creating us)

### **God as lover of Justice**

Isaiah 1:16-17

Isaiah 42:5-9

Micah 6:1-8

Amos 5:21-24

### **God as Son—Jesus Christ, Redeemer**

John 1:1-18

Luke 4:16-21

Matthew 11:28-30

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

### **God as Holy Spirit, Sustainer**

John 14:25-26

Acts 1:6-8

Acts 2:1-4

Romans 8:9-11, 26-27

**Scriptures that at least mention all three parts of God even though they don't use the word Trinity.**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

## **Other Credits:**

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