# Focusing on the Trinity



Pastor Luke Schmalz

Christians are monotheists, meaning we believe in only one God. Yet we talk about the doctrine of the Trinity. In the church year, the Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday. It's a day for focusing on what theologians call the Triune God — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Someone said about the concept of the Trinity, "You will lose your soul if you don't believe it, and you will lose your mind if you try to explain it."

The bottom line is this: God (one Person) has been revealed to mankind in three ways. He is our Creator, who then came to Earth as our Savior (in the person of Jesus) and is eternally present with us as the Holy Spirit.

On Trinity Sunday, we praise our Triune God for meeting all our needs.

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# The First Congregational Church

**Your Independent Worship Center** 



June 12, 2022

#### The Order of Worship

\*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: Karen Roggatz

Welcome and Announcements: Stacey Church

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer - Psalm 8

Pastor: O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

All: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Pastor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

Pastor: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

\*Opening Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy" - Blue Hymnal #3 (vs 1,2,3)

# **Prayer of Confession**

Pastor: Father, you have come to meet us as we return to you: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Spirit, you give us life and peace.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: Hear the good news!

"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" In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God

# \*Response - Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Romans 5:1-5

**Apostles Creed Video** 

Message: "The Call of Wisdom" - Pastor Luke Schmalz

\*Hymn - "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" - Blue Hymnal #407

**Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests** 

**Shut In Video** 

#### **Prayers of the Congregation**

### The 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

#### \***Doxology** (As the offering is brought forward)

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

# \*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn - "Revive Us Again" - Blue Hymnal #434 (vs 4)

#### \*Benediction

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

**\*Pastor**: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

\*Postlude: Karen Roggatz

Greeting us today: Lou Deleguardia

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Happy Birthday to ~ Happy Anniversary to ~

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Norma Purvis.

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins:

JoAnn DeKleva, Yvonne Lee, Jean Morse, Siria Pinnick, Bill & Millie Sherman

Sympathy:

The family of Raymond Smith

The family of Norma Purvis as they remember her life here on earth tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

#### This Week's Calendar

# Sunday, June 12 - Trinity Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 13

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

10:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Service for Norma Purvis

Tuesday, June 14 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 15

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, June 16 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 17

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, June 18

Sunday, June 19

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

#### Our Church News

**Welcome to worship!** We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member we are thankful to be worshiping together. Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

**Today's service will be** available at our website - <a href="www.fremontfcc.org">www.fremontfcc.org</a> and also on Facebook. And now it is also available in a third location YouTube. Our "channel" can be found at First Congregational Church of Fremont MI. Be sure and check out one of our three locations.

**Offering plates are located** in the Narthex at this time, we will not be passing them. An usher will bring your offerings to the Chancel for the Pastor to place on the altar.

The Celebration of Life service for Norma Purvis will be held in the sanctuary tomorrow (Monday) morning at 10:00 a.m.

**Book Circle** - Our next gathering will be Tuesday, June 21 at 12:00 noon for our Annual Salad Potluck. We will meet at the home of Bev Williams. Each person is asked to bring a small-medium size salad of any kind. Bev will provide drinks and dessert. There will be no book review.

**Deacons' Fund:** In support of our Christian love and caring for people around us our Bylaws direct us to: *Establish a Deacons' Fund in cooperation with the Pastor to be used at the discretion of the Pastor for emergency funding of those in dire need.* Our Deacons' Fund is funded by your contributions and is in need of replenishment in today's difficult financial environment e.g. rising prices of everything we use on a daily basis. Please write your check to FCC with Deacons' Fund on the Memo Line, put it in the offering plate or mail it to our church. Thank you! Jack B.

**Thank you to everyone who completed** the Women's Survey. We have tallied the results and we now have some planning to do to make the fun happen!! Please keep an eye out for more details to come in early Fall 2022.

Women's Fellowship

**Lorene will be out of the office** June 15, June 20 - July 5. If you need to reach her please leave a message on her cell phone (231-282-0515) or send an email to congo@fremontfcc.org