Worship Service—June 7, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday and Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

We will be live streaming worship each Sunday on our Zion's Reformed Facebook Page and you can view the video there. Please "Like" or "Follow" the page to receive updates and notices. The video will also be posted on YouTube on our channel--Zion's Reformed Greenville PA. The intent is that we continue to be in community with one another and offer worship and praise and thanksgiving in all the ways we can. We will post worship materials in the "Pastor's Corner" on our webpage www.zionsucc.org or send worship materials by email or postal mail each week so you all can have a sense of connection.

Please send Pastor June any prayer requests by email, text, phone, or messenger. And share any feedback or comment on the live stream or video posted on the Zion's page. This is meant to be meaningful for you so we appreciate knowing what works and what we could do differently.

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday with Holy Communion. Before the service you will want to prepare any kind of bread to share and a cup or small cups of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry — or wine, with or without alcohol. Set these elements in the space where you experience worship electronically with our faith community. Place a mask and a glove on your table symbolically as well. Perhaps you want to put everything on a lovely cloth or fabric that reminds you of a special time or person. Perhaps light a candle or place a flower or the photograph of someone you wish to bring into the circle of faith beside the bread and the cup. Thank you for your preparation.

As always, each of you is in our prayers. Physical distancing does not mean we are distant from one another in heart and spirit. And we know that our Creator, Redeemer, and Loving Spirit is present with us always and in every moment. For all this we give thanks.

A Time of Gathering

Solemn Declaration: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Worship (written by Roddy Hamilton)

Leader: Let us shape a space for The Three:

People: Spirit as breath of life;

Leader: The Living Bread as food of heaven;

People: Divine Love in relationship.

Leader: Let us shape a space that tangles all three through our life and our worship

People: held in relationship and met here.

Leader: Let us shape a space for the many faces of God **People:** woven together and revealed in each of us.

Leader: On this Trinity Sunday

People: Let us shape a space to be found together in worship.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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, though the darkness hide thee Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see. Only thou art holy, there is non 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, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

A Time of Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons. You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resenting. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you. Forgive us and restore us, draw us close and bind us together in your mercy, in wholeness and peace, in gratitude and grace. Hear us as we offer our silent prayer.

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

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.

Dwelling in the Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is humankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild; the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Meditation

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Offering our Gifts-- We are continuing to do pastoral ministry and paying staff, the utilities still need to be paid and we have obligations to support our mission and ministry partners. Please consider mailing your contribution. You can still drop off or mail your gift to the Strengthen the Church offering. Just note Strengthen the Church on your check or envelope. This is a special offering that allows the Penn West Conference to keep one-half of the proceeds to support local churches. And thank you to all of you who have responded in so many ways to make sure that ministry happens--mailing your checks and calling one another and loving your neighbor in many ways. You are indeed a beloved community. Please continue to share your gifts and your prayers and reach out to others in any way you can to share the love of Christ with all that you can.

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (Adapted from a liturgy by Rev. Maren Tirabassi)
Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Gentle Host, rest upon us as you rested upon water and light, earth and creatures, human beings, all in your image, and holy Sabbath. Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon your children who are staying at home so that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you. Amen.

Words of Remembering Sharing of the Elements

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One in Three, our tongues have tasted the good news and our lives are filled with the Spirit that hovered over creation and blew fresh hope on Pentecost. Loving Creator, open our hearts. Living Word, speak peace in our voices to all the people confronting the foe and

the avenger. As we journey masked through our lonely or dangerous or over-busy days, Holy Spirit, fill us with this blessing — that we are crowned in honor and glory. Amen

Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.

Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices.

Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way.

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God, through all our life be near us. With ever joyful heart, and blessed peace to cheer us. And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed. And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, The Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns, with Them in highest heaven. The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore. For thus it was is now, and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Our worship is ended and our service begins.