

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

It's a wonderful privilege to be back worshipping with you, now two weeks in a row! I am honored to fill in for your pastor who, with his wife, Kris, is taking a weekend away. I hope it's a time of joy, refreshment, and whatever else they as a couple need.

My theme today is taken from the Lectionary. It's Trinity Sunday tomorrow, and while that means nothing to most of us, and perhaps a feast day for those churches that follow the church calendar more strictly, it's a great resource for thematic material! It turns out that the readings divide very naturally between the Hebrew Bible texts of Psalm and Isaiah – dealing with God's radiant glory, and the New Testament texts of Romans and John that would seem to reference Father, Son and Spirit – or are Trinitarian in form. I've chosen to concentrate on Romans, and the quickening the Spirit brings to our very lives.

Trinity is mystery. And for that reason, if not many others, I love the idea. God as a social and singular reality in the word revealed by Godself, is mirrored in our social structures, our monotheistic spiritual heritage, and in our language of life and resurrection. And if we read our Bibles rightly, there is a magnification of glory in this mystery, both of God Godself, and in the resurrected state to which we hope for - also in glory.

"For we shall be like Him!" (1 John 3:2)

I think the point of being religious is to be more alive to the source of all life, and the wonders created. Patterns of religious behavior are not prescribed for God's blessing and benefit, but for our own. Ultimately, what animates our very existences is not the rules by which we live or die, but by the spirit with which we pursue the life we have, and the Spirit of the living God who enlivens us, enabling us to really live... to feel, know, trust and move in the grace that characterizes the essence of our existence.

Wishing you a great blessing this glorious Sabbath day!

Pastor Greg

Worship Service

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God" Romans 8:14

What We Share

FAMILY MATTERS Brett Perry

What We Bring

PRELUDE Lee Rugless
"Holy Spirit"
By Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt

*OPENING SONG Hymnal #262
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

CALL TO WORSHIP Kayla Perry
Psalm 29

PRAYER SONG Hymnal #672
"Spirit of the Living God"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Greg Hoenes

OFFERING Conference Developing Ministry

OFFERTORY Lee Rugless

CHILDREN'S SERMON Liz Gray

LAMB'S OFFERING Scholarship Fund

What We Receive

NEW TESTAMENT READING Congregation
Romans 8:12-17

WORSHIP IN TEACHING Pastor Greg Hoenes
What Only The Spirit Can Do

*CLOSING SONG Hymnal #263
"Fire of God, Thou Sacred Flame"

BENEDICTION Pastor Greg Hoenes

POSTLUDE Lee Rugless

Worship Coordinators: Brett Perry and Lee Rugless
Chorister: Naomi Smith Pianist: Lee Rugless
*Congregation Standing