**June 4, 2023**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (written by Maren C. Tirabassi)

Leader: Awesome, wondrous God,

 dark, deep, and holy One,

 we come to feel the mystery of your name.

**People: Green growing God,**

 **Christ of many stories and disciples,**

 **we come to hear the parable of your love.**

Leader: Bright, flashing God,

 blowing wind and Holy Spirit,

 we come to speak the gospel of your fire.

**People: Distant yet intimate God,**

 **woven, puzzled, grained by time,**

 **we come to find the Trinity of your grace.**

**\*Hymn #277:** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 24:1-2:4a Jo-Anne Fournier

**Anthem**

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Unison Prayer**

**Holy Trinity, you are Sacred Three,**

 **Blessed One,**

 **Elusive God.**

**We pray to you:**

 **Creator, that we may give forth new life.**

 **Christ, that we may be rooted deeply in this life.**

 **Spirit, that we may soar beyond possibilities.**

 **May your strange and comforting ways be our ways. Amen.**

**Sermon:** “Because God Is…”

**\*Hymn #278:** “Creator God, Creating Still”

**The Community at Prayer** *(Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord’s Prayer)*

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

**Prayer Response**

**Invitation to the Offering**

 *(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

 **One and Eternal God of time and space, we respond to you with joy as we lift up our tithes and offerings. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are very thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. Accomplish your purposes, we pray, through these gifts and in our lives. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God’s care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God’s table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the heights of the mountain, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast. ….

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere saying:

**Holy, holy, holy God**

**of love and majesty,**

**the whole universe speaks**

**of your glory,**

**O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes**

**in the name of our God!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution and Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #12:** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**\***Commissioning and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude