



Trinity Sunday  
June 11, 2006

St. James Presbyterian Church

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Service of Worship  
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Assemble in God's Name

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**Prelude** *French Suite #5, Allemande & Courante* J. S. Bach

**Opening Prayer** (Unison)

*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and giver of the Holy Spirit: keep our minds searching your mystery, and our faith strong to declare that you are one eternal God and Father, revealed by the Spirit, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Gathering Song**

“To God Be the Glory” (Insert)

**Call to Worship** (adapted from Revelation 4:2-8)

I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four creatures: the first like a lion, the second like an ox, the third with a face like a human face, and the fourth creature like an eagle. And the four creatures sing without ceasing,

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.”*


**Hymn #138**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Nicea*

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

*Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen*

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

(a period of silence is kept)

## Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Friends, never forget the promise of the gospel.

***Because of Jesus Christ, we are worthy to be called the daughters and sons of God.***

## Gloria



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now and ev - er shall be, wor - ld with - out end. A - men.

## Proclaim God's Word

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## Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

***O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to be proper disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

## First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

## Anthem

*Ain't Got Time to Die*

Hall Johnson

## Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

## Sermon "Salvation"

## Hymn #139

"Come, Thou Almighty King" *Italian Hymn*

## Affirmation of Faith (Insert)

Give Thanks to God

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## Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Offertory**      *French Suite #5, Sarabande*

J. S. Bach

**Doxology** *Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Unison)

*Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, we would honor you with our offerings. May the programs we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. Amen.*

Go in God's Name

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**Hymn #455**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Lasst Uns Erfreuden

**Charge and Benediction**

**Response** (Gaelic Blessing)

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be al-ways at your  
back, May the sun shine warm up-on your face, The rain fall soft up-on your  
fields, And un-til we meet a - gain, May God hold you, may God  
holdyou, hold you in the hol-low, hold you in the holHow of God's  
hand. A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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**Postlude**

*French Suite #5, Gigue*

J. S. Bach

# To God Be the Glory

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**Text:** Francis Jane (Fanny) Crosby, 1875

**Music:** William Howard Doane, 1875

**Tune:** *To God Be the Glory*

**Meter:** 11 11.11 11 with Refrain

*The Presbyterian Hymnal #485*

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Refrain*

# A Brief Statement of Faith (Part One)

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**Leader:** In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**People:** We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Adopted by the 202nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1990

# Announcements

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## **We're glad you joined us for worship**

If you're a visitor, please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for refreshments after the service.

**Our Liturgist** today is Thomas Akompong.

**Our hosts for Coffee Hour** today are Thomas and Afua Akompong.

## **Calendar**

7:30 pm June 21

Session Meeting (Parlor)

**Our sister Dorothy Field** has fallen and will be unable to walk for some time. Please feel free to write her a card at

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## **Staff**

Please call if you need to make an appointment.

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# St. James' Statement of Inclusion

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We the congregation of St. James United Presbyterian Church publicly affirm our intention to be a house of prayer for all people, offering membership to those who accept baptism and who make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord. We are particularly sensitive to welcome persons from those groups whose voices have been long silenced. We further invite all active members to participate in the sacraments and to participate in parish government by voting and holding office.

We join with likeminded congregations by affirming that “Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is the full participation of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people of faith in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).” (More Light Presbyterians Mission Statement)

Our study and prayer on this issue includes reflection on the principles of inclusion found in Acts 10, Galatians 3, The Brief Statement of Faith, G-5 of The Book of Order, and the St. James Creed.

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