

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Communion Sunday  
Celebrating the Gift of America  
July 2, 2023 A.D.**

**Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor**

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prelude

Call to worship

L: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

***P: I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.***

L; Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

***P: You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples. Therefore, let us worship God on this day. Amen!***

Call to Confession

L: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***In Unison: God of freedom, set at liberty we who are captive, and grant us absolution as we confess our sin. Prisoners of self-interest, we disregard neighbors. We bolster our own egos at others' expense. When slander is rampant, we seldom stop it. Help us to check our destructive ways, and cause us to use our freedom in more loving ways. Amen.***

Silent Confession

***(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)***

Assurance of Pardon (**Pastor**)

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Therefore let us live in love and bear one another’s burdens, in the assurance that we are forgiven and made alive in the Spirit.

\*Our Response

***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

\*Hymn - ***God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand #262***

The Morning Scripture Lesson:

**Matthew 11:25-30**

**The Father Revealed in the Son**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and

humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Meditation: ***Yoked to the God-given Gift of America***

\*Hymn - ***Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread #505***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn #592)

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Sending forth and Benediction

\*Choral response ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

***God be with you till we meet again, by His counsel guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

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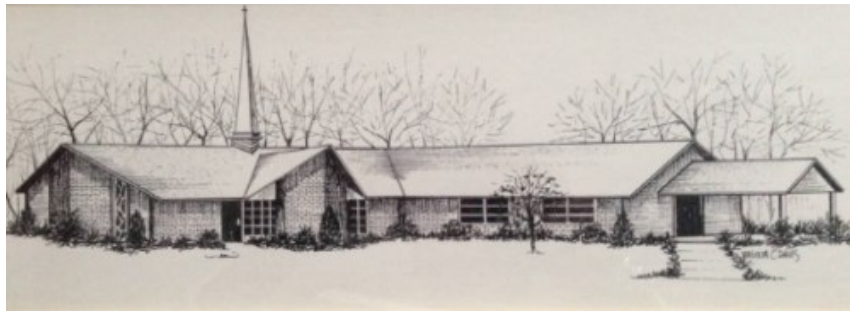
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