



Newtown United Methodist Church

May 30, 2021

The First Sunday After Pentecost

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WE GATHER

PRELUDE Sinfonia, no. 1 in C BWV 787 J. S. Bach
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PREPARE TO HEAR

CHOIR INTROIT "Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Divinum Mysterium, 11th century, trans.by
John Mason Neale, 1851

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE "We Believe in One True God"
J.G. Werner's trans, Catherine Winkworth UMH #85 (see back)

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, whose love for the world is made real through the Savior and the Spirit, fill us with a sense of your saving presence and activity; that our daily lives may reflect our rebirth from above, and thus lead others to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-17 (see back)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM "Prayer to the Trinity" Michael Bedford

SERMON "Who Are You At Night?" Gerry Hixson

WE RESPOND TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" UMH 881
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and

the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

DEDICATING OUR RESOURCES TO GOD

OFFERTORY Holy, Holy, Holy! arr. Tracey C. McKibben
DOXOLOGY UMH #95

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. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord God, help us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven. Accept these monetary gifts we bring as earthly treasures which we return to you. Be pleased to use them to your honor and glory, and towards the continued healing and restoring work of the risen Christ in this world. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO BACK INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Juba Dance R. Nathaniel Dett

Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here.

Children are invited to join Miss Debbie in the front of the parking lot for the Children's Message. Mats will be provided for sitting!

We Believe in One True God UMH #85

1. We believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
ever present help in need,
praised by all the heavenly host;
by whose mighty power alone
all is made and wrought and done.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's Son,
who descended from his throne
and for us salvation won;
by whose cross and death are we
rescued from sin's misery.

3. We confess the Holy Ghost,
who from both fore'er proceeds;
who upholds and comforts us
in all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity,
praise forever be to thee!

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit[b] gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. 10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.[e] 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.