

## *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 4, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey  
*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

Greeting 6

\*Hymn "America" 697

Opening Prayer 6

*(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided.)*

Prayer for Illumination 6

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Page 175 (N.T.)

Psalter Psalm 48 782-783

\*Hymn "This Is My Song" 437

Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-13 Page 42 (N.T.)

Sermon Extensions of Christ Rev. John D. Jordan

Response to the Word 7

Invitation 7

Confession and Pardon 8

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "America the Beautiful" Christopher A. McCroskey

\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

Thanksgiving and Communion 9-11

\*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 127

\*Dismissal With Benediction

\*Benediction Response "God Be with You till We Meet Again" Dan Greshel

\*Postlude Christopher A. McCroskey

\*The Congregation May Stand

## *Leading in Worship Today*

Pastor: John D. Jordan

Time Together: Mary Louise Robinson

Choir Director: Christopher A. McCroskey

AV Assistant: K. C. Warble

Church Musician

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

**TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS** are given to the **Glory of God.**

**“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...**

Ruth Frady	Tom Lloyd	Daphne Branham	Patsy Shuler	Kathy Aiello
Ted Frady	Oren Edwards	Latson Lewis	Steve Aiello	George Taylor

**Shut-Ins:** Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Carolyn Hardee; Francis & Gillett Hipp; June Hutto; Georgeann Pace; Shirley Padgett; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; Wayne Tallon; Irvin Wells

**Family and Friends:** **Kathleen Streetman** (grandmother of Kathy White); **Aubrey Wall** (daughter-in-law of Tom Wall); **Mitch Kelly** (Dale Wells' nephew); **Chip Hooker** (Wayne Hooker's father); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Dave Burrell** (Business Associate of Tommy Gleaton); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Wade Albert Payne** (friend of Mary Louise Robinson); **Audrey Cassady** (sister-in-law of Mary Louise Robinson); **Rusty Browning** (friend of Erin Derrick); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Donna Walker** (coworker of Jack Stevens); **Ruby Pennington** (friend of Laurie Knapp); **Judy Bauer** (cousin of Marty Johnson); **Betty Jean Newton** (sister-in-law of Mary Kamoroff); **Beth Ann Feimster** (sister of Christopher McCroskey); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Danielle Spotts** (co-worker of Kathy White); **Vickie Edwards** (neighbor of Kathy White); **George Duke, Brenda Grier** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Heather Stevens, Ty Moore, George Dorn** (friends of Kay Jordan); **Teddy Derrick** (uncle of Arvan Derrick); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Dianne Schmotzer** (sister-in-law of Gale Frady); **Denise Paul** (cousin of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Ray Culbreth's Group House; Nellie Gantt** (mother of friend of Ray Culbreth); **Amelia Zinski** (great-niece of Linda Maloch); **Wayne Blair** (son of Dot Johnson); **Xavier Crane** (grandnephew of John Ballentine); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Janet Beck, Nill Strhr** (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at [trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 06/27 SS: 16 In-Person Worship: 32

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 06/27 \$ 4,079.00

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS.”**

*Church Calendar*

07/05	Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.
07/08	Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.
07/09	Office Closed



Ministers  
Pastor  
Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent

The Congregation  
John D. Jordan  
Jonathan Holston  
Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

**Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

**Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform**



## Holy Communion

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Jesus has been on tour. He has gone on a circuit of the villages of Galilee and across to the Decapolis, gentile territory. He has taught and preached and gathered disciples. He has cast out demons, healed the sick, stilled a storm. Then he returns to his hometown of Nazareth.

There he is greeted with disbelief; therefore he is unable to do any deed of power. He cannot perform any of the miracles he has done up to this point except to heal a few sick people.

He leaves Nazareth and goes about the other villages in Galilee. He calls the twelve, gives them authority over unclean spirits, and instructions. Then he sends them out as extensions of his ministry. The disciples go out and proclaim that all should repent. They cast out demons and cure the sick.

The disciples were sent out as extensions of Jesus' ministry to the world. They were sent to places Jesus, being human and therefore limited by time and space, could not go. They went out as extensions of Jesus' ministry to proclaim the Good News that God desires reconciliation, so all should turn to God and change their ways. They were extensions of Jesus' ministry to overcome the evil in the world. They were extensions of Jesus' ministry to heal and restore creation. They were extensions of all aspects of Jesus' ministry.

This is a precursor to the mission of the disciples after the death and resurrection of Jesus. They were to be extensions of Jesus' ministries of reconciling people to God, overcoming evil in the world, and healing to restore creation after Jesus was gone from them. Through them, Jesus' ministry on Earth would continue throughout time.

Jesus' ministry continues throughout time as disciples are called to be extensions of his ministry. Now we may think that those who are called as extensions of Jesus' ministry are those who are special. To use the Methodist terminology, people who are ordained, commissioned, or licensed to be pastors, but that is not the case.

Jesus sent all twelve, including the one that would deny him and the one that would betray him. All of them deserted him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Doesn't seem that they were that special, but they were his disciples.

As disciples of Jesus, we are extensions of Jesus' ministry of reconciling people to God, overcoming evil, and healing to restore creation. We who claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior are extensions of Jesus' ministry in the world today. Every one of us sitting in these pews, participating online, and reading these words are extensions of Jesus' ministry in the world today. You are an extension of Jesus' ministry in the world today.

We are not just extensions of Jesus' ministry on Sunday Mornings. We are not just extensions of Jesus' ministry while we do church or philanthropic work. We are extensions of Jesus' ministry 24/7. We are extensions of Jesus' ministry in everything we do and say. We are extensions of Jesus' ministry in our church life. We are extensions of Jesus' ministry in our home life. We are extensions of Jesus' ministry in our workplace. We are extensions of Jesus' ministry as we shop at Food Lion, eat at our favorite restaurant, go to ball games, and everything else we do during the week. Sunday morning worship and other church activities are times when we may be refueled to be extensions of Jesus' ministry in the world.

Sadly, Christians often fail to be extensions of Jesus' ministry to the world. Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian liberator, was greatly influenced by the teaching of Jesus, particularly the *Sermon on the Mount*. He saw much in common with his Hindu faith and the Christian faith. However, he was very critical of Christians and the church. He was quoted as saying, "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."

If we are truly disciples of Jesus and participate in Jesus' ministry in the world today, we must be careful that all we do re-presents Jesus and his ministry to the world. Does what we do or say keep people from wanting to be reconciled to God or do we draw people closer to God? Does what we do or say perpetuate evil or overcome evil? Does what we do or say exacerbate the woundedness and brokenness in the world, or do we bring healing and restoration?

As disciples of Jesus, we are extensions of his ministry in the world today. We are to utilize our gifts to bring people to be reconciled to God, to overcome evil in the world, and to heal and restore creation.

As we participate in the life, death, and resurrection through the sacrament of Holy Communion today, may we be refueled to be extensions of Jesus' ministry of reconciliation, healing, and restoration as we are reconciled, healed, and restored.