

First Sunday after Pentecost

June 12, 2022

Welcome and Announcements
Birthday Celebration
Prelude

Christopher A. McCroskey

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

Call to Worship "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Choir
Greeting 6

*Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" 61
Opening Prayer 6

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

Prayer for Illumination 6

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Pages 565-566 (O.T.)
Psalter Psalm 8 743-744

*Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" 393

Gospel Reading John 16:12-15 Page 106 (N.T.)
New Testament Reading Romans 5:1-5 Page 147 (N.T.)
Sermon "God's Tools" Rev. John D. Jordan

Response to the Word "The Apostles' Creed" 7
Invitation 7
Confession and Pardon 8
Passing of the Peace

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" Choir
*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

Thanksgiving and Communion 9-11

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" 64

*Dismissal With Benediction
*Benediction Response "May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You" Choir
May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever,
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face and God's grace forever,
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*Postlude Christopher A. McCroskey

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: John D. Jordan Time Together: Ruth Frady
Choir Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Director: Marie Stiles
Church Musician AV Assistant: Chris Derrick

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** in gratitude to our **Church Family** for all of their love and support during this difficult time, and in loving memory of **Chuck**, by **his family**.

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

Jackie McNeill	Charles McNeill	Charlie Hooker	Patsy Zeigler	Kenny Long	Christopher McCroskey
Jimmy Grahl	Oren Edwards	Hilda Edwards	Steve Aiello	Patsy Shuler	George Taylor
John Ballentine	Boots Morgan	Dale Wells	Latson Lewis	Becky Derrick	

Shut-Ins: Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Nell Cooke; Gillett Hipp; June Hutto; Georgeann Pace; Shirley Padgett; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; Irvin Wells

Family and Friends: **Mary Collard** (daughter of Jackie McNeill); **Howard Stephens** (former church member); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Stacy Coggins** (daughter of Steve Aiello); **Dan & Leslie White** (brother & sister-in-law of Steve White); **Cindy Bassett, Alva Humphries** (friends of Marty Johnson); **Judy Bauer** (cousin of Marty Johnson); **Neal Hart** (uncle of Dee Senn); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Jane & Bob Bryant** (sister and brother-in-law of Patsy Zeigler); **Max Nova** (son of friend of Edwa Meek); **Addie Kinard** (cousin of coworker of Edwa Meek); **Stuart & Penny Lloyd** (son & daughter-in-law of Tom & Marilyn Lloyd); **Cindy Ellenberg** (friend of Ray Frady); **Megan Corby** (daughter of Carlis Edwards); **Chip Hooker** (Wayne Hooker's father); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Wade Albert Payne** (friend of Mary Louise Robinson); **Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller** (friends of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Alexa Lookingbill** (wife of coworker of Kathy White); **Katelyn Rose** (daughter of co-worker of Kathy White); **Vickie Edwards** (neighbor of Kathy White); **Beverly Jordan** (sister-in-law of John Jordan); **Teddy Derrick** (uncle of Arvan Derrick); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Dianne Schmotzer** (sister-in-law of Gale Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins 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); **Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Earle Watson** (father of 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.

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 06/05 SS: 8 Worship: 30

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 06/05 \$ 4,325.69

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Church Calendar

TODAY

06/15 Class Meeting, 7 p.m.

06/17 Office Closed

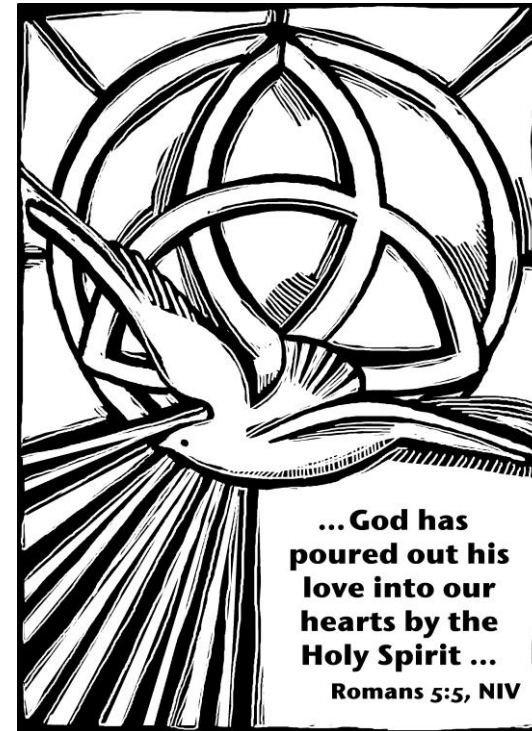


Ministers
Pastor
Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

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



... God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit ...
Romans 5:5, NIV

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Trinity Sunday

Today is Trinity Sunday. We know the three persons of the Trinity are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We often tend to compartmentalize the Trinity as the Father who creates, the Son who redeems, and the Spirit who sanctifies. But this conception does a great injustice to the Trinity. It does not capture the power and ultimate will of the Triune God. The ultimate will of the Triune God is the restoration of all Creation.

Think about this: a person who creates uses tools. Each tool has a specific purpose according to the artist. A carpenter uses a hammer to drive nails, a saw to cut wood and a sander to smooth wood. A painter uses different brushes depending on the detail. A seamstress uses scissors to cut material, and a needle and thread to piece material together. A gardener uses hoes to cultivate, plows to prepare the soil, shovels and trowels to plant. Creators use different tools for specific purposes.

Sometimes tools no longer work effectively. A tool may become clogged with dirt and debris and needs to be cleaned out. Loppers or shears may become stiff and rusted from not being used and need to be oiled and cleaned. A saw or knife may become worn from use and needs to be sharpened. Tools may just need to be cleaned, oiled, and sharpened to work effectively.

Sometimes tools are broken but can be repaired. A lost nut or bolt may need to be replaced. A cracked handle may be glued back together or there is always Duct Tape. A broken tool may be able to be repaired and still work effectively.

Sometimes tools are broken and cannot be repaired. In that case the tool may be thrown away or perhaps its material recycled and made into something else.

Now you are probably asking, "What does all this talk about tools have to do with the Trinity?" That is a fair question. The analogy is that the tools God uses to restore creation are us. We are God's tools as we follow God's will and participate in God's working to restore creation.

Each one of us has a specific purpose to be utilized by God as we participate with God. God the Father created us to be part of the restoration of Creation and bring God's Kingdom on earth. We are created to be perfect tools for God to use to recreate the world.

However, our effectiveness in being used by God is marred by sin. Because of our sin and the state of sin in the world we are not efficient tools for God. We are clogged with sin. We may be dirty, stiff and rusty because of the effect of sin. We may be worn and burned out trying to do God's work which may seem overwhelming.

But the Father sent the Son to take us out of the state of sin, to redeem and heal us of our sins. Through the workings of the Son, sin no longer has a hold on us and we become aligned with the will of the Father. The Spirit unclogs and cleanses us from sin. The Spirit removes all the guilt, anger, shame, resentment, jealousy and all else that keeps us from being efficient tools for God. The Spirit sharpens us by empowering us to do God's will.

The Son and Spirit repair our brokenness and heal us of our sin. They replace that which inhibits us from being effective tools for God with that which enhances our efficiency. They take away anger and replace it with peace. They take away anxiety and replace it with calm. They take away shame and replace it with confidence. They take away broken parts of our lives and replace them with new and better parts.

But we may say we are too broken to be repaired. We can never be an effective tool for God to use. We are only good to be tossed away and not clutter up God's tool box. To that God says, "balderdash!"

God created and therefore loves every one of us regardless of how broken we may be. The Son pulls us out of the brokenness of sin. The fire of the Spirit burns away all the dross and impurities in us. Then God the Father recreates us into a new being to be used for God's purposes. No matter how broken we may be God always recreates us into a new being.

The ongoing work of our Triune God is to create us to be used for the divine purpose of restoring creation. When we become broken, he cleanses us from sin and replaces that which keeps us from being an effective tool for God with power to be an effective tool. Even when we feel that we are too broken, the Triune God takes us and makes us into new creations, new tools to be used for the ultimate will of God: the renewal of Creation as God intends.