

***Third Sunday after Pentecost***  
**June 26, 2022**

Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		Christopher A. McCroskey
Call To Worship	<i>“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”</i>	Choir
Centering Words		
*Hymn	<i>“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”</i>	500
Opening Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		895
<b>Proclamation of the Word</b>		
Prayer of Illumination		
Old Testament Reading	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Pages 327-328 (O.T.)
Psalter	Psalm 77	798
*Hymn	<i>“Spirit of the Living God”</i>	393
Gospel Reading	Luke 9:51-62	Page 69 (N.T.)
Anthem	<i>“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”</i>	Choir
New Testament Reading	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Page 180 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>“Of the World or of the Spirit?”</i>	Rev. John D. Jordan
<b>Response to the Word</b>	<i>“The Apostles’ Creed”</i>	881
Pastoral Prayer		
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		Christopher A. McCroskey
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95
*Hymn	<i>“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”</i>	TFWS 2145
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You”</i>	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:	<i>John D. Jordan</i>	AV Director: <i>Marie Stiles</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Christopher A. McCroskey</i>	AV Assistant: <i>Chris Derrick</i>
Church Musician		Time Together: <i>Wayne &amp; Charlie Hooker</i>

**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...

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

**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:** **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); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Bob Bryant** (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](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

In-Person Attendance 06/19 SS: 9      Worship: 27

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 06/19 \$ 6,406.69

**OUR SERVICE ...**

**OUR WITNESS."**

**Upcoming Events**

06/29 Class Meeting, 7 p.m.  
07/01 Office Closed



Ministers  
Pastor  
Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent

The Congregation  
John D. Jordan  
Jonathan Holston  
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**Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

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



**Galatians 5:25, NRSV**

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Paul is presenting to the Galatians and to us today two realms in which we may exist. These realms are in opposition. One is the realm of the flesh, the other the realm of the Spirit.

Paul does not use the term flesh as meaning our physical body but as the physical world in which we presently live. Paul is referring to the world. The realm of the world is guided by culture, mores, rules, laws, rites, and rituals.

The realm of the Spirit is guided by God's Holy Spirit.

The word translated as live in verse 16 literally means to walk around. When Paul says to live by the Spirit, the meaning is to walk around with the Spirit. Paul is exhorting the Galatians to walk with the Spirit in this life. He is exhorting them to walk in the realm of the Spirit, not the realm of the world.

What is the difference between these realms? The difference is not about doctrine or what one says they believe. Many say Jesus is their Savior but continue to live in the realm of the world. Some may live in the realm of the Spirit even though they may not consciously say they believe in Jesus.

According to Paul, the realms differ in what they produce. What each realm produces is not external or behavioral, but internal. They are the attitudes and tempers which lead to behavior. Walking in the realm of the Spirit or the world is marked by the attitudes and tempers they produce.

Paul delineates the difference in what each realm produces by enumerating the works of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit. Neither of these lists enumerates all the potential works of the world or fruits of the Spirit but gives an idea of the differences.

Paul lists 15 works of the flesh that fall into four basic categories. The first category has sexual overtones but is not limited to such. It includes- from our English- fornication, impurity, and licentiousness. These focus on attitudes that focus on our physical desires.

The second category focuses on that which turns us from God: idolatry and sorcery. Idolatry is worshipping other things and not God. Sorcery is depending on something else besides God, such as incantations or drugs.

The third category is the most crucial. Paul lists eight works, over half his list, that fit into this category: enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, and envy. These are all attitudes and tempers that lead to divisions and conflict within the community. Paul saw this as the main problem in the Galatian church and it is the main problem, I fear, in the church today.

The final category is loss of self-control. Both drunkenness and carousing lead to a loss of self-control. How many people have done something they would not ordinarily do because they were drunk or partying?

Walking in the realm of the world produces works that lead to a loss of self-control: have another drink, everybody is doing it. Walking in the realm of the world produces divisions and conflicts: we have to be better than the other person, we want to be #1. Walking in the world produces sensual pleasures without considering the consequences: if it feels good, do it, becomes an unwanted pregnancy. Most of all walking in the realm of the world produces separation from God.

Walking in the Spirit produces fruit, not works. The Spirit produces fruit that nourishes and is pleasing to the taste. The Spirit produces that which we want more. These fruits of the Spirit do not fit into any definite categories but are all attitudes and tempers that we want more. We want more love. We want more joy. We want more peace. We want more kindness. We want more generosity. We want more faithfulness. We want more gentleness. We want more self-control. All these are attitudes and tempers that attract people. They bring people together even those who have different opinions. Walking in the Spirit produces fruit that draws people together and brings them to God.

So, we seek to walk in the realm of the Spirit, but we live in the realm of the world. How can we resist the draw of the world which is all around us? How can we walk in the realm of the Spirit when we experience too much of the works of the world?

I have a couple of mugs that come from a company known as *The Unemployed Philosopher's Guild*. These mugs are decorated with works of famous artists or quotes

from famous writers. One has the sayings of Mr. Rogers.

These mugs come with a card that gives a link to a video on how to properly use the mug. One of the things one must know to properly use the mug is which side to turn the mug before pouring in the liquid. If the mug is upside down the liquid does not go into the mug but pours down the side. In fact, on the bottom, it reads, “please use the other side.” Then in the video, a hand turns the mug over and the liquid goes into the mug.

As we walk in the realm of the world we are the mug that is turned upside down. We are tired of producing the works of the world. We want something different, something better. We want to be turned over so we can be used for the purpose for which we were created. But just as the mug cannot turn itself over, neither can we. So we cry out to God to take us out of the sinful world and deliver us from our sin. God takes us by the handle and turns us over. God pours into us the sweet-tasting liquid of the Holy Spirit. Then something else happens.

With this particular mug, when hot liquid is poured into it, Mr. Rogers changes from his jacket to his cardigan. A transformation takes place in Mr. Rogers’ image as hot liquid is poured into the mug.

God pours into us divine love, joy, peace, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and all other fruits of the Spirit, replacing all the works of the world. We are transformed. We are filled to overflowing with the fruits of the Spirit. We can walk within the realm of the Spirit. As we walk within the realm of the Spirit, we cannot walk within the realm of the world.

All it takes is crying out to God to turn you right-side-up, fill you with the sweet-tasting fruit of the Spirit, and be changed into the image of God as you were created. Turn yourselves over to God so you may walk in the realm of the Spirit and produce the fruits of the Spirit.