

## Order of Worship for Sunday, May 30, 2021 – Trinity Sunday

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 1-7 - Pastor Theresa on vacation. Urgent needs; Pastor Valerie Delooze 814-880-2367

June 16, 18-19 - Susquehanna Annual Conference; Pray for our Lay Members Beth Brown and Randy Muthersbaugh and Katie Bush (St. James Coburn) is a voting Youth Delegate

CENTERING WORDS “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life.” – John 3:16 NRSV

\*MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP Onward, Christian Soldiers #575 (v. 1 & 2)

One: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties.

For all the wonder of our country’s story:

**Many: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

One: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**Many: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

One: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**Many: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

One: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**Many: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence. All this we ask in Jesus’ precious name. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)#697

### BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

***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.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jesus Is Our Lifesaver

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17, Romans 8:12-17

MESSAGE Jesus as Executive Patriot

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

- CONFESSION AND PARDON

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies.**

**We are not worthy that you should receive us,  
but give your word and we shall be healed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that is proof of God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your heart(s) and give thanks to the Lord our God. ...\*

\*...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("*trespass*")

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN Battle Hymn of the Republic #717

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## BIBLE STUDY: Being Renewed

Read: Mark 3:20-35 and 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1.

- Where is “home” for you?
- Why do you think Jesus’ family came to “restrain” him (v. 21)? [In that culture, if one person is shamed, the shame is carried by the whole family. If Jesus is not THE Messiah and is a failed messiah, the shame of that would have extended to the whole family.]
- Why are the scribes there to encounter Jesus? [They want to point out that from their religious perspective, Jesus is possessed by a demon and thus not a miracle-working messiah.]
- How does the story of the scribes and Jesus’ response to them gain clarity by the story Mark tells of Jesus’ family coming to “restrain” and Jesus’ response to them? (Particularly in regard to verses 28-29.) [This is a difficult passage that causes many people undue anxiety. Jesus’ family, like the scribes, are seeing God work in Jesus, but instead of attributing that work to God, they are attributing it to demonic possession. Thus, to “blaspheme against the Holy Spirit” (v. 29) is seeing the work of God and calling it evil.]
- Biological family was important in Jesus’ day. A person’s identity and even career came from family (for example, Jesus son of Joseph, a carpenter; James and John, sons of Zebedee, fisherman). Jesus seems to redefine family. How revolutionary must that have seemed? What might that say about how we should experience Christian community today?
- How is this church community a “home” for you? How might this church better be a “home” for others?

## CLOSING PRAYER

*God of grace, transform us and renew us closer into your likeness. Help us to experience renewal and abundant life through you and from our community. Guide us, as a community of believers, to help others experience a “home” through a way of life. Amen.*