First Congregational United Church of Christ "Where No One Is A Stranger" Trinity Sunday – First Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 A.M. – June 15, 2025

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the God of the Trinity.

Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.

Let us worship our Triune God.

Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.

Let us worship the great Three in One.

Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.

* OPENING HYMN:

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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* OPENING PRAYER

O God, our Creator, our Messiah, our Breath of Life, accept the praise we bring you. Guide us, now and throughout our days, to live by your commands, do your work, and bring glory to your name. Amen.

BRIEF REFLECTION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Jesus Christ, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, forgive us for minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. O Holy God, Three in One, forgive our blindness to your glory

and our tepid and shallow faith. Have mercy on us, and guide us to live as the people you would have us be. Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true for us now and whenever we come to God in true confession.

We know that in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

FIRST READING: John 16:12 – 15

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1 – 5

HYMN: "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" #63

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future, Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word of grace, and love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.

We believe in God's Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,

who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life.

We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and service.

* GLORIA PATRI: "Glory Be to the Father"

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A-men.

FOCUS SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 34 – 40

MESSAGE: "Everlasting Empathy" David Burrow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Respond: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (with debts/debtors)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS - OFFERTORY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" * DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we bring our gifts in gratitude for what you do in our lives and who you are in our lives. You rule over us, stand beside us, and provide us strength we could never find on our own. May you use these gifts and our lives to make the transformation of the world a reality. We pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN:

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

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* GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

*Indicates all who are able please stand

- Call to worship and opening prayer by Rev. J. Lee Hill, Christian Fellowship Congregational UCC, San Diego, CA
- Prayer of confession by Kenneth Koeman & Joyce Berger, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
- Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Ruth Innes, Scottish Episcopal Church, in Eat, Pray, Love
- Offertory Prayer from Discipleship Ministries, United Methodist Church

Worship Leader: David Burrow

Rev. Chris Burtnett Pastor:

June Radio Sponsor: Sky Meraz

Sunday, June 15: 10:30am – Worship

Coffee

Tuesday, June 17: 9:30am- Pastor at Feed Mill

4:30pm-CARE Team Pork Loin Meal

Wednesday, June 18: 4pm-Wedding Meeting 7pm-Board Meeting

Sunday, June 22: 10:30am – Worship

Coffee

Thank you, David Burrow for leading worship for us today!

I was hungry, you fed me.
I was thirsty, you gave me water.
I was a stranger, you invited me in.
I was naked, you clothed me. I was sick, *you cared for me*.
I was in prison, *you visited me*. MATTHEW 25: 35 - 36

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