

## Declaration of Thanksgiving

*Lord be with you. And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*It is good for us to give thanks and praise.*

*With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. We thank you for the continued presence of the Holy Spirit with us made possible by the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.*

## Acclamation of Praise

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## Words of Invitation

*Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.*

*The gifts of God for the people of God.*

## Thanksgiving for the meal

*We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this feast of remembrance, until he comes again. This is the feast of victory for You: our God. Allow our hearts and our minds to rejoice in this victory.*

## The Distribution of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

*The body of Christ, given for you. Thanks be to God!*

Communion Hymn # 8 Glory Be to God the Father

*The blood of Christ shed for you. Thanks be to God*

## Post Meal Thanksgiving

*Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## We Depart to Serve God

Hymn #349 - May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Benediction- 2 Cor 13:14

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Congregation: Amen!*

## Faith Community Church

Trinity Sunday Worship Guide 5-18-08

## Gathering of the People of God

We gather in the Name of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God Greet Us: 2 Corinthians 13:13

To his people, God gives this greeting: *“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

## We Greet One Another

As God has welcomed us into his presence through the Son and the Spirit, we welcome each other by saying, *“The peace of God be with you.”*

## Responsive Call to Worship & Proclamation of Faith

Leader: God is one! Let us unite our voices to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for existing in perfect unity and harmony- One Yahweh.

Congregation: *For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things come and for whom we live; there is but one Lord Jesus Christ, from whom all things came and through whom we live. (1 Cor. 8:6) Let all the peoples of earth know that the Yahweh is our God and there is no other true and living God. We unite our hearts as we proclaim that we seek to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.*

Blessed be the Lord our God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Hymn of Praise # 1 Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation Pastor Jeff

## We Confess Our Sins to God

As we attend to the greatness and perfection of God, we become more aware of our own sin. Our loving Father calls us to admit our sin and receive the forgiveness and healing that come through the work of the Son and the Spirit.

Let us tell God what is wrong in our lives and in ourselves, first in silence.

Time of silent confession

Spoken/Sung Confession

Merciful God, You have been good to us, but we have not loved you with our whole heart. **Forgive us, Lord.**

You call us to return to you, but we at times fail to listen.

**Forgive us, Lord.**

You offer us life, but we sometimes hunger after that which does not satisfy. **Forgive us, Lord.**

You want us to share the Good News about Jesus, but we at times

remain silent. **Forgive us, Lord.**

You command us to show mercy, but we sometimes walk away from people in need. **Forgive us, Lord.**

You teach us what is right, but at times we tolerate injustice and sin.

**Forgive us, Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 2:1,12

*My dear children, if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. Your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. Amen*

## **We Praise the Triune God** in Song

Reading of Psalm 8

*I (We) will be glad and rejoice in You; We will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. Psalms 9:2*

36 The God of Abraham Praise

We Believe in One true God

Sing Praise to the Father

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy

C123 Glorify Thy Name [Father, Jesus, Spirit, Yahweh]

Let us continue our praise by speaking in unison this prayer:

**Praise be to you, O God the Father: You created all things by your power and wisdom and so loved the world that you gave your Son to be our Savior.**

Praise be to you, O God the Son: You became human like us in all things, except sin, died for our offenses, and rose again for our justification.

**Praise be to you, O God the Holy Spirit: You lead us into all truth and pour forth the love of God in our hearts.**

All praise and glory be to you, O God, **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.**—*The Worship Sourcebook, R.1.4.5*

## **God Revealed In His Word (Scripture Lessons)**

*We have received the Spirit... that we may understand what God has freely given us. 1 Cor. 2:12*

Old Testament Prophet – Genesis 1:1—2:4 Readers

New Testament Epistle – 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14

New Testament Gospel – Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: The Word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

## **We Confess Our Faith**

Let us offer our praise to the triune God as we sing this ancient prayer.

Hymn 9 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Te Deum)

## **The Athanasian Creed** (selection)

*Now this is the universal Christian faith, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.*

*For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another; but there is one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, all equal in glory and eternal in majesty. Amen*

## **Christ's Body Builds Itself Up in Love**

*For through Him, (Christ Jesus), we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Eph 2:18*

Scripture/testimony/thanksgiving / song / prayers

## **We Offer our Sacrifices of Thanksgiving**

*When you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will. Lev. 22:29*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Doxological Stanza (Tune-Nun Danket 564)

*All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given; the Son, the Spirit, too, with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was is now and shall be evermore.*

(Martin Rinkart/Catherine Winkworth, adapted)

## **The Word Proclaimed**

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Sermon: “No Small Salvation” by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Response Hymn: Doxology of Grace “For Your Free Electing Favor ...”

## **Christ Meets Us at His Table** led by Mark Bahr

*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men: the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2:5*

Institution

*Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.” Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.*