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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

“Authority”

**Trinity Sunday – Year A
June 4, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.**

Worship Leaders:

Pastor Michael Small

Preaching: Walt Rehberg

Liturgist: Deb Farrell

Special Music: Leisa Bragg

Musician: Leisa Bragg and Roxann Bragg

Music Coordinator: Joanna Aamodt

Tech: Aurora Diehl (Video), Esther Covert (Audio)
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

“The richness, beauty and depths of love can only be fully experienced in a climate of complete openness, honesty and vulnerability.” – Anthony Venn Brown

PRELUDE

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deb Farrell

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#277

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: After Jesus' death and resurrection He called the eleven to a mountaintop in Galilee and they went.

All: Let us be attentive to the voice of Jesus and bravely go when called.

One: Once the eleven saw Jesus they doubted but still worshipped Christ.

All: Let us forgive ourselves when we doubt, and remain open to understanding as we encounter Jesus.

One: As they worshiped, Jesus declared his authority and charged the eleven to GO to ALL people. He instructed them to build community with ALL people, be willing to touch ALL people, and be willing to minister to ALL people.

All: Let us bravely Go to All people especially those society often tries to ignore.

One: Jesus instructed the eleven to use their voice, their stories, and their authentic truth as a witness to those whom they ministered to.

All: Let us stand in authenticity empowered by the Holy Spirit as we bravely share our story to help others find the love of Jesus.

One: Jesus assured the eleven to remember that He would always be with them.

All: Let us bravely live, work, and GO in authenticity as we do the work of connecting people with the Love of Jesus. Let us remember that His love, peace, and hope is always with us. Amen

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Brothers and Sisters, our precious Children. Today we all come together as one family, one nation, one body, unifying under the Almighty Wings, God is known as Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Omniscience. May we stand as earthlings on this planet earth being the stewards you have called us to be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

All: Loving God, often in our quest to do the work that we are called to do we miss the mark. At times we doubt even as we worship. Sometimes in the same day that we offer gratitude for answered prayers and blessings received we think thoughts of apprehension and utter words of uncertainty concerning those same blessings. Occasionally we forget that the peace, love, hope, and joy of the Divine extends beyond the walls of our churches and the hearts of those who identify as Christians. Frequently we forget how the Divine and Jesus have moved in our own lives. Help us to push through our doubt. Help us to move past our selfishness and fear of “other people.” Help us to truly love our neighbors as ourselves—all of our neighbors. Please change our hearts God. Please help us to muster the bravery to put into practice the light and love of Jesus. Help us to love boldly without hesitation. All humans are worthy of experiencing the Love of Christ. Please change our hearts and minds. Please show us how to love all. We confess that we get it wrong all the time and we pray that you help us too do better.

PRAYER FOR RESTORATION

One: Assuredly God forgives us of all of our wrongdoings— those committed consciously and unconsciously. Thank you God for your forgiveness. Let us forgive others as God continuously forgives us as we work to do better starting now. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also, with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Leisa Bragg

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ The Eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had summoned them. ¹⁷ At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. ¹⁸ Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words:

“All authority has been given me both in heaven and on earth;
¹⁹ go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.
Baptize them in the name of Abba God,
and of the Only Begotten, and of the Holy Spirit.
²⁰ Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.
And know that I am with you always, even until the end of the world!”

REFLECTION

“And Know That I Am With You – Always”

Walt Rehberg

HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

#522

HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: We look to Jesus who on the night
in which he was handed over to the empire to be crucified,
and in the nights and days of hope resurrected,
drew near in meal and promise.

In gathering with the community
He took bread, blessed it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
Do this in memory of me.
And in the same way he took cup
And blessed it giving thanks
And poured it out for all to drink saying,
This cup shows the new relationship with God,

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

One: God we gather at this table representing all people in all places in our world. We bless and pass the bread and cup as Christ passed it to his friends. Please allow these elements to remind us of the good that you have done and inspire us to do

the good that Christ calls us to do. May we leave this table revived and refreshed having sipped from the cup of bold courage so that we may challenge all forms of injustice and pain. Bless this bread and cup. In Christ name we pray. Amen

HYMN

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

#345

THE DISTRIBUTION

(When given the bread is given, hold on to the bread until all have been served. Take and eat together knowing that together, we are a part of the Body of Christ. When the cup is given, drink when you are ready, acknowledging that you are a child of God.)

THE BLESSING

One: May the presence of Christ, Body, and Spirit, keep and preserve you to everlasting life.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All: Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal.
May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding,
until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds
to share in your eternal banquet.
In all our words and actions may your name be praised
now and forever more. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Leisa Bragg and Roxann Bragg

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: God has blessed us beyond measure and our own generosity is an opportunity to use a portion of our blessings to minister to others. As Jesus gathered the eleven and sent them into the world to share their witness and wisdom— Christ is calling us to gather our gifts and offer them to God in worship. Let us gather our gifts and worship through our generosity.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

All: We offer these gifts to the God of all people. We cheerfully give our treasure to bring love, peace, hope, joy, justice, and healing to those who are hurting. May these gifts be blessed and used to provide ministry for those who are too often forgotten in our society. Let the generosity represented here be magnified and amplified to stretch beyond our mortal thought and imagination. Amen.

PARTING WORDS

One: Lord dismiss us in your light and in your love. Let us leave this worship experience stronger and wiser than we entered it. Let us leave with a renewed sense of hope and healing. Let us leave this space walking and serving in authenticity understanding that our greatest witness is our truth. The truth that you offer love and peace to every person as they are no matter who they are. Thank you God. Amen

POSTLUDE

Authority: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday Year A was written by Rev. Derek Terry is the current pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, OH and is on the leadership team of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ.

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