



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, June 4, 2023**

## **Trinity Sunday**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

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**\*- stand if you wish to, and are able.**

**Congressional Responses in Bold**

**Prelude**     *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

**Peter Black**

(Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour**

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

**Introit** (please stand)

Surely the Presence

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.*

*I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face.*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

## **Call to Worship**

**Psalm 8**

**Reader: Sue Scott**

One: O God, our Creator, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***Many: You, O God, have set your glory above the heavens.***

One: When we look at your heavens, O God, we see the work of your fingers.

***Many: We see you in the moon and the stars and in all that you have created.***

One: Who are we that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us?

***Many: You have crowned us, O God, with glory and have given honor to us.***

One: You created for us sheep and oxen, beasts of the field, and the fish of the sea.

***Many: You, O God, have given us responsibility to care for your creation.***

One: You have set your glory above the heavens.

***Many: How majestic is your name in all the earth!***

## **\*Opening Hymn,**

*Morning Has Broken*

(Green Gather Hymnal No.756)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

## **Unison Prayer**

***O God of Mystery: Within your very Self you model the beloved community. You are the Wisdom within our hearts, the Word who dwells among us, and the Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. You are Lover, Beloved, and Love itself. Let us know your presence here today in a new way, so that we might be transformed by your Spirit, your Light, and your Love. Amen.***

## **Assurance of Grace and Peace**

One: Peace be with you.

Many: *And also with you.*

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

## **Passing the Peace**

*Spirit, Fill Me*

*Spirit come and fill me, fill me with your peace.*

*Fill me with your joy and your love.*

*Spirit come and show me. Show me how to care.*

*Show me how to share your light.*

*Help me give my hand to those in need.*

*Let my heart be open to receive.*

*When we share your love we can work together to heal this broken world.*

*Spirit come and fill us. Fill us with your peace.*

*Fill us with your joy and your love. Spirit come and show us.*

*Show us how to care. Show us how to share your light.*

## **Words of Integration & Guidance**

### **Cynthia Bourgeault from her book *The Holy Trinity & the Law of Three***

With so many urgent practical issues facing spiritual humanity, why waste time with the Trinity, a doctrine that most of the world (and even much of Christianity) regards as contrived and irrelevant? It takes a real stretch of the theological imagination to claim that it was ever a part of the original Jesus teachings or that it does a single thing to clarify or enhance these teachings. In fact, the eminent 20<sup>th</sup> century theologian Karl Rahner has claimed that if the Trinity were to quietly disappear out of Christian theology, never to be mentioned again, most of Christendom would not even notice its absence! I, however, believe that embedded within this theological formula which we recite mostly on automatic pilot (“In the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit”) lies a powerful metaphysical principle that could change our understanding of Christianity and give us the tools so long and so sorely needed to cooperate consciously with the manifestation of Jesus’ “Kingdom of Heaven” here on earth. That principle is called The Law of Three. If the universe is created in the image of the Creator and the Creator is a Trinity, it begs the question: What if we don’t live in a binary universe, but instead in a ternary universe? Let’s consider a simple example. A seed, as Jesus said, “unless it falls into the ground and dies, remains a single seed.” If this seed does fall into the ground, it enters a sacred transformative process. Seed, the first force, meets ground, the second force. But nothing will happen until sunlight, the third force, enters the equation. Then among the three they generate a sprout, which is the actualization of the possibility in the seed—and a whole new “field” of possibility. The Law of Three teaches us that a new kingdom is just waiting to be born.

## **The Law of Three**

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#### **The Words of Holy Scripture**

One: A Reading of Scripture from Genesis 1:1-2

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*Many: Thanks be to God.*

#### **The Gospel Lesson**

One: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

*Many: Glory to you, O Christ.*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*Many: Praise to you, O Christ.*

#### **Homily**

“The Law of Three,” Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

#### **Offering & Offertory**

#### **Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell**

One: Thanks be to God!

*Many: Alleluia!*

One: O God,

*Many: Hear our prayer.*

#### **\*Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God for all that Love has Done.*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit one! Creator, Christ, and Spirit One*

## **\*Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God be with you.

**Many:** *And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many:** *We lift them up to God.*

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**Many:** *It is good to give God thanks & praise*

## **\*Creation's Praise** *Holy*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*

*(Please be seated)*

## **Breaking of the Bread** *A Communion Hymn*

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again.*

*Pass the Word around: Loaves abound!*

*(Repeat - first time quietly, second time louder)*

## **Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

(grape juice only on both sides of the aisle)

Receive the Bread of Life. *Amen.*

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. *Amen.*

## **\*The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us*

*this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive*

*those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us*

*from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

**\*Hymn of Sending**

*Go*

*(Green Gather Hymnal No.454)*

(Find Music at the end of this program)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

**Peter Black**

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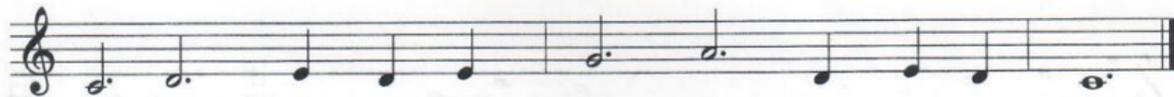
## 756 Morning Has Broken



1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - 'ry



morn-ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
 morn-ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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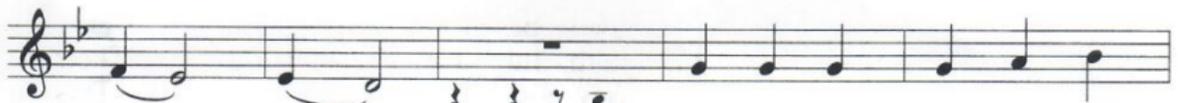
1. Go ye there - fore and teach all na - tions,  
 2. If you love me, real - ly love me,



go, feed go, my go. sheep. Go ye If you



there - fore and teach all na - tions, go, feed  
 love me, real - ly love me,



go, my go. sheep. And Bap - tiz - ing them in the  
 lo, I'll be with you for



name of the Fa - ther and Son and Ho - ly  
 ev - er and ev - er un - til the ends of the



Ghost. world, Go, go, go, go,



go.  
 go.