
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2025 + 11:00 am Worship

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagio from Choral III

Cèsar Franck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebekah LeMon

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 6)

One: We come to learn the ways of life.

All: We come to follow Jesus more faithfully.

One: Our Lord says “love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.”

All: We come to follow Jesus more courageously.

One: Our Lord says “bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.”

All: We come to follow Jesus more lovingly.

One: With hope and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

+OPENING HYMN

#772 Live Into Hope

TRURO

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from liturgy by B. J. Beu)

Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated, yet we fail to treat others with the love we expect for ourselves. Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear and believe this Good News: we do not earn or deserve God’s mercy, but it is offered even for us. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FESTAL HYMN

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

(may be found as stanza 1 of Hymn #744)

COMMISSIONING OF CUBA MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Lucy Strong

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

(pew Bible, OT p. 719)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 6:17-26

(pew Bible, NT p. 64)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

Epiphanies: To Be Blessed

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

GIFT OF LOVE

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

(may be found as stanza 3 of Hymn #693)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

Gordon Young

Now Let Us All Praise and Sing

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer’s praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise him forever, sing Jehovah’s mighty pow’r, praise him forever. Sing of his righteousness. Praise God forever.

+DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN

#172 Blest Are They

BLEST ARE THEY

Stanza 1: Choir

Stanza 2-5: **ALL**

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

Senior Pastor

Rev. Lucy Strong

Associate Pastor for

Mission & Engagement

Bess Holliday

& Abby Vance Hutchison

Acolytes

MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and*

Director of Music and Arts

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Norman Mackenzie to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norman, Laurel and Nancy Mackenzie.

WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Children and Worship

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children’s books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children’s Bibles in each pew. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds D102

Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4-year-olds) D106

Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor at the addresses on the back of the bulletin or call 404-237-6491.

CUBA MISSION TRIP

Living Waters for the World

Living Waters for the World (LWW) trains volunteers to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to implement and operate sustainable water purification systems and health education programs. These teams provide essential support for sustainable water systems that produce clean water for a generation. Since 1993, Living Waters for the World has shared clean water with over 1,000 communities across 26 countries. (Over 25 of which are in Cuba.)

In the past year, Trinity formed a Water Filtration System team to travel to Cuba and partnered with Matanzas Evangelical Theological Seminary (our long-time mission partner) to implement the installation of a new water filtration system in the satellite campus in Havana, Cuba. Next week, this group will travel to Cuba for a site development visit.

Water Filtration System Team

Doug Benn
Shirley Davis
Alex Erwin
Blaine Kelley
Mark Stancil
Seth Guterman*
Callie McDonald*
Forrest Speed*

*On the Water Filtration System Team, traveling on future trip.

Trinity Church Partners Trip Team

This group will visit with our mission partners – the Evangelical Seminary in Matanzas and the La Playa Presbyterian Church of Matanzas. They go primarily to deliver resources and to strengthen relationships with our brothers and sisters in Cuba.

Mickey Benn
Roxanna Erwin
Bonnie Harris
Keeley Harris
Judy Jones
Tom Jones
Amy Krause
Doug Powell
Debbie Stair
Cindy Stancil
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