

**HOPE CHURCH  
TRINITY SUNDAY**  
May 27, 2018 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE *Rhapsody*

B. W. Sanders

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

Carolyn Jennings

Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flower, until I know.

SENTENCES

Let us praise God the Creator,  
**who is filled with glory and power,  
with holiness and splendor.**

Let us worship God the Savior,  
**who embodies love and compassion,  
justice and peace.**

Let us celebrate God the Spirit,  
**who fills us with faith and joy,  
with love and eternal life.**

God of Creation,  
God of Salvation,  
God of Wind and Flame,  
**gather us as one people united in gratitude and praise.**

Sovereign God,  
Author of Peace,  
Gift of Peace,  
**join our hearts and voices  
with all who worship you on earth  
and with all the saints and hosts that adore you in heaven.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Purple #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

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\*Congregation standing as able

**Bold type indicates congregational response**

\*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you Lord God, our Father and Creator,  
our misuse of your gifts of life, of earth, of blessing.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you Jesus Christ, eternal Word of God, our Savior and Lord,  
our need to be renewed in faithful love for you, for neighbor, for self.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you Holy Spirit, God with us, Wisdom and Truth,  
that you must tune our ears more closely to your call and way.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**In your tender compassion, touch us with your mercy.**

**Fill our mouths with your word,**

**our hands with your love,**

**our hearts with your light.**

**Sanctify us by your grace, Blessed Trinity,**

**that we may be holy even as you are holy,**

**reflecting your goodness and glory. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

\*ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE Purple #10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God*  
*stanza 4*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

*Children ages 3 through grade 2 leave for Summer Church School*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6.1-8

*p. 553*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 Purple #10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God*  
*stanzas 1, 2, 3*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8.12-17

*p. 919*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 3.1-17

*p. 863*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *Clean Coal*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

LIFE OF HOPE

CALL TO PRAYER *O Holy Spirit, Come ~ Wa Wa Wa Emimimo*

*congregation sings in English, Yoruba, and repeats in English*

Wa wa wa E - mi - mi - mo.      Wa wa wa A - lag - ba - ra,  
Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come.      Come, Al - might - y Spir - it, come.

Wa - o,      Wa - o,      wa - a.  
Come,      come,      come.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*Throughout the prayer the following response will be used:*

Lord, in your mercy;

**Hear our prayer.**

*. . . ending with the Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING      OFFERING      *Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, and pass it back.*

Offertory *Canzone*

C. Cooman

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all creatures here below;**

**praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**\*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN Purple #287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Sonata in F Minor*

G. P. Telemann

*Those wishing to listen to the postlude are welcome to remain in the sanctuary.*

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