

A photograph of a birch forest. The sun is shining through the trees, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere. The trees are tall and thin, with white bark and dark spots. The ground is covered in green grass and foliage. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

*Be in harmony with each other,  
and live in peace—and the God  
of love and peace will be with you.*

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11b



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

At South Presbyterian Church on Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

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We are delighted that this Lord's Day finds you at worship with this congregation.

Our liturgy calls for engagement and participation in the praises of God.

Please note that **phrases in bold** are spoken by the congregation.

At this symbol \* worshippers rise in body or in spirit as able.

Face coverings are not mandatory but we respect those who elect to wear them.

As we focus our thoughts on the presence of God among us, we listen to the Prelude and silently meditate on the Prayer of the Day (the Collect):

*O God, whose fingers sculpt suns, planets, and moons in a billion galaxies,  
Spirit, brooding over chaos before the naming of the day,  
Savior, sending us to earth's ends with water and words,  
startle us with the grace, love and communion of your unity in diversity,  
that we may live to the praise of your majestic name,  
serving you faithfully, hopefully and joyfully. Amen.*

PRELUDE

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

Johannes Brahms

Cathie Ruppi, Guest Organist

GREETING AND POURING OF THE WATER

Rev. Osy Nüesch

CALL TO WORSHIP

In more ways than we have yet imagined, God has been revealed to us.

**So we risk approaching mystery and being overcome by the urgency of love,**  
but always rejoicing in the affirmation of our worth.

**We gather today again hoping that the unity of the Godhead  
will deepen our appreciation for the unity of humankind.**

May this hour help us to replace hatred with understanding,

**oppression with justice,**

envy with loyalty,

**despair with hope,**

and futility with purpose.

**We gather today to praise the God who alone is holy,  
and who invites us into a deeper fellowship yet again.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty*

GtG #1

CALL TO CONFESSION

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, you have remained faithful to us from generation to generation.

**But we have broken our promises.**

We hear your plans for us and shake our heads in disbelief.

**We test your patience and question your providence.**

Often we act as if we were the potter and you the clay.

**Forgive us, we pray.**

Recreate us as your people, and restore us to your image.

**Continue to bless us, and let us be a blessing for others.**

Keep us in your mercy, and cover us with your love;

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news.... And let God's people joyfully respond:

**Alleluia! Amen!**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

GtG #581

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(During this element of worship, please refrain from walking around or touching, but feel free to turn around and offer a wave, smile, nod, bow, virtual embrace or any other visual sign that conveys the notion of peace)

## RELATING TO THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

## A MOMENT FOR AWARENESS OF TOURETTE SYNDROME

### TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

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## UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy, eternal and triune God,**

**guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak,**

**and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 1*

p. 1 (selected verses)

The grass withers and the flower fades,

**But the word of our God will stand forever.**

HYMN

*God of the Sparrow*

GtG #22

PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalms 8*

p. 492

O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;  
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth:

*Refrain: Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.  
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.*

O living Breath of God, by whose power the Son came to birth among us;  
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew: *Refrain.*

O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;  
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth: *Refrain.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

*2 Corinthians 12:11-13*

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Holy Wisdom; Holy Word!

**Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 28:16-20*

p. 34

The Gospel of our Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## HOMILY

Rev. Osy Nüesch

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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(Tithes, gifts, and offerings can be deposited in the offering plate by the main entrance)

## \*HYMN OF INVITATION

*Santo, Santo, Santo/Holy, Holy, Holy*

GtG #595

(First time in Spanish; second time in English)

## \*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The 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 right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and highest joy...

joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

GtG #572

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music for Meditation

*Ave Verum/Jesu, Word of God Incarnate*

W. A. Mozart

Gabrielle Cintrón, Soloist

### UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious and loving God, may we who have received this sacrament**

**live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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### TO DEPART TO SERVE

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\*HYMN OF PARTING

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

GtG #8

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Our Refuge and Strength*

Donald F. Callender

Cathie Ruppi, Guest Organist

(Please remain seated during the postlude and allow unvaccinated worshipers  
and those with health concerns to leave first)



The color of the paraments today is white to mark the significance of the celebration of the mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity.

The flowers in the chancel area today are presented by the Atfield Family to the glory of God and to bring attention to Tourette Syndrome on TS Awareness Day.

The magnificent, newly-restored and tonally expanded 1928 pipe organ will thrill audiences again on **Friday, June 9, 2023 at 7 pm** in the Historic South Church Sanctuary under the brilliant artistry and virtuosity of

**Alan Montgomery**

Mr. Alan Montgomery serves as the Associate Organist of the Riverside Church in New York City. Mr. Montgomery holds a Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree from the Royal College of Music in London, and a Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School. A native of Vacaville, California, Mr. Montgomery spent much of his life in the United Kingdom where he served as Organ Scholar at St. Mark's, Hamilton Terrace, and Farm Street Church. Prior to his appointment at the Riverside Church, he served as Director of Music at the Church of St. Thomas More on East 89<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Montgomery maintains an active recital schedule in the United States and in Europe and we are delighted to welcome him to Bergenfield, New Jersey.



As part of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organ Concert Series admission to this event is free.

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***Join South Church for  
Promenade at the Pond***

**Saturday, June 24, 2023  
from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
at Cooper's Pond,  
W. Church St., Bergenfield**



This free event features:  
Live music and free snacks while supplies last.

Period dress is encouraged but not required. Whether you enjoy parasols, gowns, hats, boots or the dress of the working person of the 1700's and 1800's the choice is yours.

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