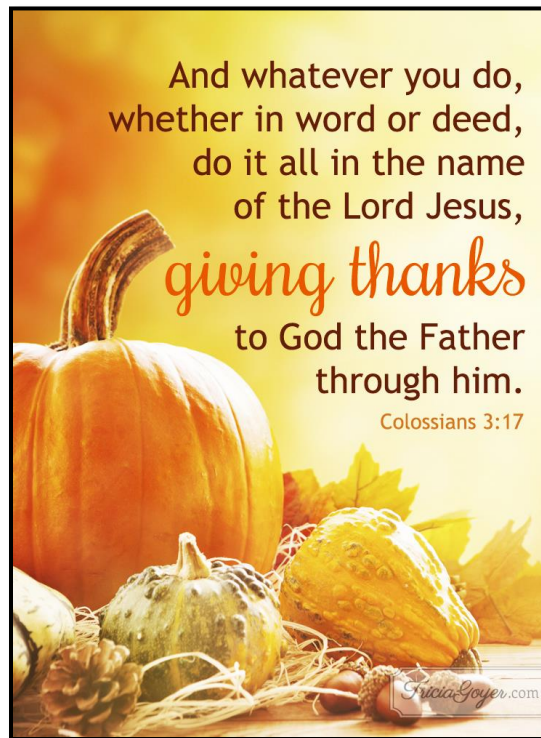


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November 22, 2020
Reign of Christ Sunday

PRELUDE

"Earth Carol"

- Purvis

OPENING HYMN "Praise Thou the Lord"

Praise thou the Lord, O my soul, now praise Him,
His praise continue until death;
While I the pathways of earth am treading
God shall be praised with every breath.
My soul and body He did give,
And waits my praise from morn till eve,
O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord!

Praise, O ye people, the Name most glorious
Of Him who reigns Almighty King:
Let all unite in one holy chorus
To God our hymns of joy to bring.
O Zion, with the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we care for the poor, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned,
we are caring for Christ.
When we love our neighbor,
we also show the loving God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Glorious God, shine upon us with your Spirit of wisdom and truth. Enlighten our hearts. Help us to know the hope to which we are called. In the light of Christ's love, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Ephesians 1:15-23

SPECIAL MUSIC "Shall We Gather At The River" Soloist: Bill Stine; Pianist: Shirley Klein

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

(Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662)

The earliest form of the Apostles' Creed probably was based on Matthew 28:19, part of the Great Commission, and it has been argued that this earlier text was already in written form by the late 2nd Century, around 180 A.D.

The Apostles' Creed probably is derived from the Old Roman Creed known also as the Old Roman Symbol. As we know it, the Apostles' Creed is trinitarian in structure with sections affirming belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, based on Christian theological understanding of the canonical gospels, the letters of the New Testament and to a lesser extent the Old Testament.

Because of the early origin of its original form, it does not address some Christological issues defined in the Nicene and other Christian creeds. Thus, it says nothing explicitly about the divinity of either Jesus or the Holy Spirit. Nor does it address many other theological questions which became objects of dispute centuries later. However, many Protestant denominations, especially those with a more formal worship structure, continue to include the Apostles' Creed in services.

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.

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 10:24 "Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other."

CLOSING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

- Marcello

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

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Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.