

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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The Rev. Michael L. Lindvall, *Pastor Emeritus*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

All programming is virtual unless otherwise indicated

Event Time	Event Name
Sunday, 30 May 2021	
11:00 AM to 12:15 PM	Sunday Worship
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM	Prayer Matters
Tuesday, 01 June 2021	
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Keep Fit Tuesday
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Stewardship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 02 June 2021	
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	Buildings and Grounds
Thursday, 03 June 2021	
7:45 AM to 8:45 AM	Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM	Weekday Bible Study (Zoom)
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM	Women's Bible Study
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Keep Fit
Sunday, 06 June 2021	
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Adult Ed. Lecture Series
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Children's Church
11:00 AM to 12:15 PM	Sunday Worship



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —
Trinity Sunday
— ELEVEN O'CLOCK —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

Psalm 29:1-11

John 3:1-17

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today's choral music is sung by Chancel Choir members Tonna Miller-Vallés, Ann Quintero, Johnny Maldonado, and Daniel Hoy. Today's organ music is played by Eric Birk. Our preacher today is The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Mary Louise Simon from her loving family.



NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER will be The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“The Peace May be Exchanged” from RUBRICS
Eric Birk, *organist*

Dan Locklair (b.1949)

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give the Lord glory and power.

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of God's glory.

Leader: Listen to the voice of the Lord, full of power.

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of God's glory.

Leader: In God's temple, the people cry, “Glory.” For the Lord will give strength to the people.

People: The Lord will bless the people with peace. Let us worship God.

(Psalm 29, Isaiah 6)

HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”
(See music at the end of this bulletin)

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who creates, redeems, and sustains, in our pride, we forget Your holiness. By Your grace and mercy, forgive us when we act as if we were Your equals. By Your love and compassion, correct us when we squander opportunities to care for Your creation. Through indifference and hatred, we have failed to live out Your gospel of love for all of our sisters and brothers. By Your grace and mercy, Triune God, forgive us when we create divisions, rather than live in unity and love as God's children. Amen.

KYRIE

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17
(See scripture text at the end of this bulletin.)

Elder Margaret Stocker

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Born Again/Above”

The Rev. Thomas E. Evans

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Confession of 1967 - 9.51)

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined Himself to men and women in their need and entered upon His ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all His people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with Him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound us to God's very self. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Please deposit your offering in the offering boxes as you exit the sanctuary
or donate online at www.brickchurch.org/giving to contribute to the 2021 Stewardship Campaign.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“A Prayer of St. Patrick”

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
(See music at the end of this bulletin.)

Robert Robinson

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C (BuxWV 174)”
Eric Birk, *organist*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Morning Has Broken

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Gaelic melody

Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

C Am Dm G Dm G C

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

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

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 - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above;
 Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
 Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I'm come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wandering from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger,
 Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter,
 Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 Prone to leave the God I love;
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.