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Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 Worship

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

(Sentences, adapted from the Athanasian Creed)

O Lord, our Sovereign God,
You are neither made nor fashioned by anyone.
*Wonderful beyond measure,
You are faithful Father, servant Son, and enlivening Spirit.*
Holy Lord, beautiful and dynamic,
Intimately united as a society of love,
*You are our Creator and cause,
You are our perfect Savior,
You are our Intercessor and giver of spiritual gifts.*
The Lord of all has called us forth;
Our Triune God has made us good.
*Hallelujah, bless the Lord.
Hallelujah, praise God's holy name!*

*Hymn 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.*
*Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*
*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*
*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*
*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.*
*Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Triune God,

You gather, protect, and care for us, your beloved, through Word and Spirit.

This you have done from the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

Have mercy upon us and forgive us for sinning against you.

We have not loved one another as we should,

We have not sown the seeds of gospel hope,

We have not been present for worship.

Restore us, Lord.

May we give ourselves willingly and joyfully

To be of benefit and blessing to one another,

That we may truly share one faith, have one calling,

And be of one soul and one mind

For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace (from Matthew 28:18-20)

And Jesus has come to you and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Response: "**Glory Be To The Father**"

Special Music

Don Adkins, Piano

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

"*Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*"

*Hymn 309

"*Come, Great God of All the Ages*"

***Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.***

***Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.***

***Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own.***

***Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.***

***Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall***

***Ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.***

***Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;***

***As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.***

Prayer of Illumination

Be still and know that God is here.
Be still and know that God is near.
Be still and know that God is here.

First Lesson:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹ Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?
² At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
³ beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud:
⁴ “To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind.

²² “The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old;
²³ I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
 when there were no springs overflowing with water;
²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth,
²⁶ before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth.
²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place,
 when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command,
 and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
³⁰ Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day,
 rejoicing always in his presence,
³¹ rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

Second Lesson:

John 16:12-15

¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Sermon

“The Invisible Child”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

“The 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 at 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.*

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, we offer our gifts in gratitude this morning – not just for what you do in our lives, but for who you are in our lives. You are with us in the person of the Father, the God above us. You come to meet us as the Son, as God beside us. You empower us to do the work of kingdom-building by the Holy Spirit, God within us, providing strength and boldness that we would never find on our own. May these gifts be tools that make the transformation of the world a reality. We pray in the name of one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. (Matthew 28:16-20)

*Hymn

“Holy, Holy” (Insert)

*Holy holy holy holy
Holy holy Lord God Almighty
And we lift our hearts before You
As a token of our love
Holy holy holy holy*

*Gracious Father gracious Father
We're so blessed to be Your children
Gracious Father
And we lift our heads before You
As a token of our love
Gracious Father gracious Father*

*Precious Jesus precious Jesus
We're so glad that You've redeemed us
Precious Jesus
And we lift our hands before You
As a token of our love
Precious Jesus precious Jesus*

*Holy Spirit Holy Spirit
Come and fill our hearts anew
Holy Spirit
And we lift our voice before You
As a token of our love
Holy Spirit Holy Spirit*

*Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah
And we lift our hearts before You
As a token of our love
Hallelujah hallelujah*

Benediction