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*A household for our triune God,
where each member shines forth His holy, life-giving presence.*

**THE LORD'S DAY OF FEB 26,
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2017
9.30 AM**

“But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”
(Habakkuk 2:20)

WE PREPARE TO MEET WITH GOD

Welcome

Preparatory Devotional & Prayer

Asterisks (*) denote portions for congregation to stand.
Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version (ESV).
Congregational readings are in **bold**.

GOD SUMMONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Psalm 148:1-2*

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 731, "Doxology"*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 18, "You Holy Angels Bright"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Leviticus 19:1, 2*

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

**Almighty God, our Father and King,
you alone are the Holy One.**

To you alone belongs all glory and worship.

**We confess that we are slow in obeying you,
that we do not cherish your Law as we ought.**

**We have preferred our desires over your will
and cherished our sins above your rule.**

Have mercy on us, Father, for offending you.
Cleanse our hearts by your Holy Spirit.
Cause us to love your commandments.
We turn from our sins
and return to you for eternal life.
Through Jesus our Lord,
who died for sinners (Rom 5:6)
and fulfilled all righteousness (Mt 3:15),
forgive our many sins.
Amen.

GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL

Reading of the Gospel: *Colossians 1:21-22*

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

Confession of the Gospel (Unison): *Based on Calvin's Institutes II:XVI:19*

Almighty God,
we are greatly sinful and unable to save ourselves.
But we trust in the Savior you have graciously given—Jesus Christ our Lord.
We trust in Christ's obedience for our righteousness,
his death for our release from the Law's curse,
his resurrection for our immortality,
his ascension for our reconciliation with you,
his rule for our final victory and peace.
We trust in Christ alone for salvation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *1 Timothy 2:5-6*

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 285, "Jesus, Lord, Redeemer"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Galatians 2:1-10*

¹ Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ² I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in

vain. ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵ to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸ (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Preaching of the Word of God: “Unity in the Gospel”—Pastor Tan Huai Tze

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 642: “Be Thou My Vision”*

Prayer of Response

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison): *Matthew 6:19-13*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

The Offering

*The Confession of Faith (Unison): *The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;**

**the holy catholic⁺ Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.**

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Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 348, "Jesus, with Thy Church Abide"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction

Sermon Outline

February 26, 2017

“Unity in the Gospel”

Galatians 2:1-10

1. Fidelity in Truth
2. Flexibility in Application
3. Fraternity in Compassion