

MEDITATION



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Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "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."

Matthew 28:16-20

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This past Sunday (May 31) was Holy Trinity Sunday – a time in the Christian church that we celebrate the presence of God being revealed to us in three distinct ways: God the Father and Creator, God the Son in Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit. It is on this Sunday that the lectionary provides us this text from Matthew's gospel known as the great commission. This is the last scene recorded in the gospel where the newly resurrected Jesus comes to his disciples for one last set of instructions, one last portrayal of wisdom and will for his closest friends.

The pairing of this scripture with the celebration of the church doctrine of the Trinity leads me to think about what it means to em-

body the belief of the Trinity. What does being a Trinitarian Christian look like? We profess our faith in God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit so how can we faithfully live out our belief?

I think Jesus' commission in Matthew 28 gives us precisely a faithful path to live into the doctrine of the Trinity. In his great commission, Jesus instructs his disciples and us today, to go out into all the world and make disciples, baptism them and teach them all that he himself has taught them. And so I believe that to be a Trinitarian Christian, we have to begin to take seriously this commission; we have to prioritize our ministry so that making disciples is at the top of our purposes.

And realize that this is hard work, people of God. It takes a lot of time and energy to set out to intentionally make disciples;

to model and encourage the practices of discipleship (daily prayer, weekly worship, regular Bible Study, a heart for service, the desire for spiritual friendships, and a giving spirit). And its difficulty is only magnified with all the cultural and institutional challenges that tempt our mission and ministry. My prayer for us this day is that we can identify that one person in our lives that needs spiritual encouragement, prayer and guidance and that needs us to model for them what it means to be a Trinitarian Christian – that we can identify that person and begin an intentional relationship with them so that they can see God working through us in their lives. My prayer is that we can all live into our calling to re-present God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in all that we say and do. Amen.

Free food distribution

Life of Worship, 403 Cherokee St., will offer free food distribution to help area residents on Friday, June 5, from 11 am-12 noon. A valid ID is required. The church is behind Farmers Furniture and Fidelity Bank on S. Battleground Avenue.

Homecoming June 7

El Bethel United Methodist Church will hold Homecoming on Sunday, June 7. Pastor Tom Jolly will preach at the 11 a.m. worship hour. Lunch will be served following the morning worship service. Everyone welcome.

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