

Out of Chaos, God Created

We've just heard, from the book of Genesis in the Old Testament,

one of the biblical accounts of creation- (there are actually two of them in Genesis.)

– the story of God creating order out of chaos.

I really don't think things happen by accident-

and so I don't think it's an accident that we have this story this week-

This week has been as chaotic as any I've ever lived through.

I'm not going to dwell on it- all week of we've mostly heard nothing but stories of chaos:

numbers of the cases of covid 19 – how long it might be before of our state can open,

what we can and can't do-

-coupled with constant reporting of protests- and lootings.

I know several people who just opted out of the news altogether- they'd had their limit.

But those people likely missed a turning –the time when the protests became more peaceful-

and glimmers of hope appeared.

God brings order out of chaos-

Today is Trinity Sunday- that day when, if we're arrogant, we try to explain the Holy Trinity-

or- if we're more humble-(or older and wiser) we admit that nobody really understands it –

and so we simply try to say what it might mean for us.

In the early church people tried to figure out how God worked-

They knew that in the book of Genesis, the first book in the bible, God was Creator-

God created the earth-

and when they remembered what Jesus had said and done,

they knew that he had called God (the Creator) Father-

and they knew that Jesus was the Son of God the Father-

and they knew that he had sent the Holy Spirit to comfort them and to intercede for them. –

and they knew that all three were God-

but how were they related?

They weren't three Gods. But there were three *persons*-

–and so- after many years and many disagreements

(and not simple ones either- they fought tooth and nail)

they came up with the idea of calling God, those three persons- “The Trinity” “The Holy Trinity”

And so now-what's the relationship of those three persons of the Holy Trinity.

One of my seminary professors used to say

“Just think of them as dancing with each other”- That makes as much sense as anything to me-

I love to think of the Holy Trinity as moving together in a holy harmony-

perfect in rhythm, perfect in unity.

Paul, in the 2nd Corinthians reading, paints a picture of what our lives might look like

if we were able to live as Jesus commanded us to live-

(love one another as I have loved you was what he told us to do)

If we could do that...love as Jesus loved- things would be in order, we could- would

-agree with each other, we could live in peace.

We know that's not happening- Clearly, we aren't able to do this.

In fact, in the recent time we seem to fall farther and farther away from this ideal peaceful life-

and we don't know what to do-

New laws may help- they bring much needed reform- but they don't get at the deep root of the problem-

Well meaning programs are good and they help people when they desperately need help-

but they don't get at the deep root of the problem either-

I think the issue is that we can't fix these massive problems all by ourselves-

The One who can enable us to come back into balance

and into a good and loving relationship with each other- to live in love-

is the One who created us in the first place.

The One who creates order from chaos.

In the midst of this pandemic- and in the midst of our deep divisions

We are called to turn to Almighty God-

God the Father; Jesus Christ, the Son; God the Holy Spirit- to turn and to fast and to pray.

I said earlier that there are glimmers of hope- we see people kneeling in prayer- singing together-

People are coming out to help each other- singing and marching peacefully-

You can see some hope.

We are called to make disciples, to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

* Jesus calls us to teach what He taught us. To love each other as He loved us-

-and especially, in these times we are given the assurance that He is with us always.

So have courage- Fast- Pray- and rejoice that order out of chaos is possible

-the promise is that we will never be left alone.

Amen.