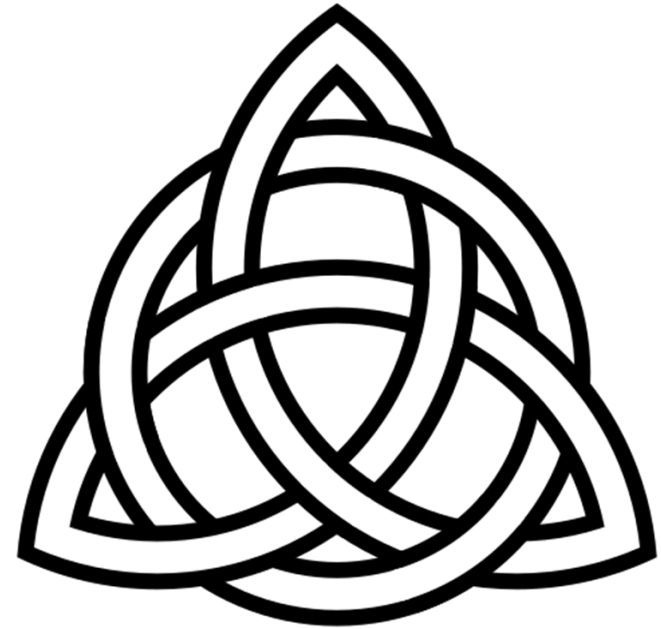


Sunday May 26, 2024  
Trinity Sunday  
10:30 AM



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# Liturgy for Sunday May 26, 2024

## Trinity Sunday

### 10:30 AM

**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** "God the Father is fully God. God the Son is fully God. God the Holy Spirit is fully God. The Bible presents this as fact. It does not explain it." *Billy Graham*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 29

**Betsy Kipila**

The voice of our Three-in-One and our One-in-Three God calls to us:

**We come in response to that call as we celebrate the mystery of God.**

The voice of our Creator and Sustainer calls to us to come here together.

**We come in response to that call, to be welcomed into God's embrace.**

The voice of our Peace-Giving and Empowering God calls to us to come

**with our praises, to thank the God who speaks to us in many different ways.**

We come in response to that call as we sing: 'All glory be to the Triune God—

**heaven and earth are full of your glory – throughout all time and all eternity!' Amen.**

### Prelude

#### Choral Introit "Take My Life and Let it Be"

\* Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy # 262

\* Passing the Peace

### Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations

#### Call to Confession

Called to be God's people, we know how often we act as spoiled and petulant children. Yet, like a mother, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts. Like a father, God lifts us to our

### Current Prayer Concerns:

Marie McCallister, Lori Patrick, Thomas Simpson, Chris Hazard, Kent Mitchell, Hudson Day, Margy Kreppel, Amy Etheridge, Bonnie Hancock, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Bob Lebo, Lydia Frasca, Diane Devanna, Larry (Black) Blackwell, Betty Ignash, Lake Scott, Bryan Wayne-Records, Kathy Smith, Larry Steele, Margie Baugher Cramer, Mark Payne, Beth Miller, Baby Owen, Kathryn Maxwell, Pat and Ben Steele, and Joey Martin.

### Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

June	2	Karen Eberle & Mabel Rogers
June	9	Beth Fisher & Peggy Webster
June	16	Mabel Rogers & Vicky Cairns
June	23	Ann Hales & Brenda Wilkinson
June	30	Barbara & Betsy Kipila

### Session Minutes

We will now be posting Minutes of the Session Meeting after they have been approved at the next meeting.

You will find them on the hall bulletin board.

### Pastor Debbie's Contact Information

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You can call or text her. Pastor Debbie will be in Ocean City on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Welcome—Soli Deo Gloria

## Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun May 26	Boy Scouts Troop 2173	4:00 PM
Wed May 29	Hand Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed May 29	Choir Practice <i>Canceled</i>	6:00 PM
Fri, May 31	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** *Chrissy Harrigan (5/27) Jonelle Jones (5/27)  
Joan Bassett (5/28)*

## Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

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CHANCEL VASES OPEN FOR DEDICATION::

June 2nd 2 vases  
June 9th 2 vases  
June 16th 1 vase  
June 23rd 2 vases  
June 30th 2 vases

Thank you,  
Marty

### Congregation Financials as of April 30, 2024:

**- Year-to-date giving/income (\$60,652.51 from giving;  
remainder from parking, building use, etc.): \$68,814.75**

**- Year-to-date disbursements: \$52,189.03**

Note: A bookkeeping change was made to charge \$20,166 against Capital Improvement for the new windows installed in the Manse in 2023. Capital Improvement balance now stands at \$89,666.08.

feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

We are so like Nicodemus, Lord. We come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right; that the world will cease to be a place of terror and war. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. But when we come it is for our own sake, and not to learn what you would have us be and do in this world. Forgive our selfishness, Lord. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Let us truly listen to you so that we may be witnesses to your peace and justice which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us. **No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

### \* Gloria Patri (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen. Amen.

### Invitation to the Offering

In grace, we bind ourselves to those who have no life; in hope, we bind ourselves to those who live in despair; in peace, we bind ourselves to all damaged by violence and hate; in gratitude, we offer our gifts and bind ourselves to you, O God, in the work of justice, love, and wonder as you build your community in our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### \* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Prayer of Dedication

Teach us to give our whole lives to you. May the treasure become not the money gathered here but the mission of your love in the world all our gifts co-create with you. For the giver, the gift, and the soon gifted, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

## Choral Anthem "We Walk By Faith"

### Prayer for Illumination (unison)

May these words read be the soil from which the mystery of your presence in our world and in our lives may emerge. May your wisdom flower within the yet still broken vessels of our flesh that, body and spirit, we may flourish with you in joy in order that the world, the very cosmos, may be born again.

### 1st Scripture: Isaiah 6: 1-8 [NRSV]

#### Barbara Kipila

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

## Heads Up!

International Students' Breakfasts Coming Soon

Wednesdays, June 19—Wednesday, August 14

*New Time:* 7:30 AM—9:30 AM

Summer is almost upon us and that means we will once again have the privilege to welcome, feed, and encourage students from all over the world each Wednesday morning. Many of these young folks have never visited the United States and we have the honor of being ambassadors for our country.

Let's come together to witness our love for God, each other, and for each of them. Just imagine if your grandchild, or niece, nephew or young friend was visiting a foreign country for the first time. We would all pray for warm and welcoming arms for them, wouldn't we? Let's extend that warmth to our students this summer!

Further details will be coming and Marty anticipates that we will use the team method we used last summer. Many hands make light work, so please consider sharing some of your time to help make this a memorable Summer for all of us.

Depending on  
the weather ...



Our Spring Rummage Sale will be held  
on **Saturday, June 8, 2024**  
from **7AM—1PM**

Great deals to be found!  
Your purchase helps fund  
our ability to help our neighbors

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## 2nd Scripture Reading: John 3: 1-17 [NRSV]

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Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> 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 unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> 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?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> "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. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "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. <sup>17</sup> "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

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "*Born of the Spirit.*"

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**\* Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" # 267**

**\* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed (unison)**

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of  
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**\* Hymn: "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee" # 268**

**Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude and Response: "God Be With You"**

*Liturg credit: The Presbyterian Outlook, Ministry Matters, Lectionary Liturgies*

## Quiet Gratitude

Fields of white stones,  
each a silent tale,  
Flags flutter softly  
in the mourning gale.  
Honor their memory,  
sacrifices cast,  
In quiet gratitude,  
forever vast.



Fields of Honor