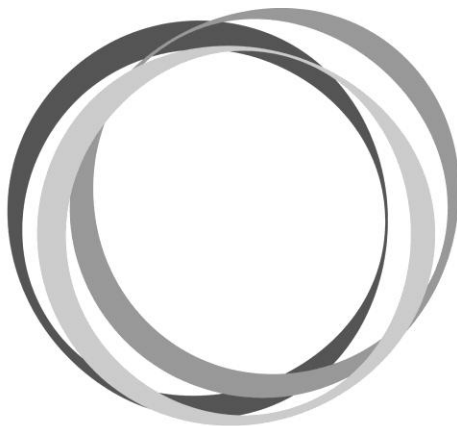


*Welcome to St. Paul's
The Lord Bless You as You Worship!*



TRINITY
Sunday

***Brunch Church
May 31, 2026***

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Enter to Listen, Exit to Serve

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We're glad you're here! May you experience God's love through the words you hear and sing, the meal you eat, and the fellowship of God's people.

Prayer Requests If you have a prayer request, please give a note to the ushers or send an email to Pastor Lori.

Face Masks Just a friendly reminder...please wear a mask in the building if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19/experiencing any kind of respiratory or flu-like symptoms. Masks are available on the table in the narthex in case you forget yours as home. Thank you!

Holy Communion All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please speak with Pastor Lori.) Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray. Grape juice is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free bread is available; please indicate your need to the pastor.

Pew Cushions Are available on the pew in the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing Assistance Individual hearing devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the device at the end of worship so they can be sanitized.

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Prelude

"Change my Heart, O God"

arranged by Joel Raney

Please rise in body or spirit

Call to Worship

P: In mystery and grandeur

All: we see the face of God.

P: In earthiness and the ordinary

All: we know the love of Christ.

P: In heights and depths and life and death:

All: the spirit of God is moving among us.

P: Let us praise God.

— from the World Council of Churches 1991: *In Spirit and in Truth*. Posted on the <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Holy and triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity.

All: You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resenting. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us. Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace. May we strive toward gratitude and grace in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, by the working power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

~ written by Katherine Lee Baker, and posted on the **Reformed Church in America** website. <https://www.rca.org/>

P: Siblings in Christ, God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y! 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee, 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee, 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see, All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y! cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee, on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Prayer of the Day

P: Loving God,

All: **we are limited in our understanding of you, but we know that you care for us and for all creation. Thank you for loving us and remaining with us in our sorrows and joys. Thank you for the life of Jesus whose life shows us the way to life and happiness and trust. Thank you for your Spirit who leads us. Warm our hearts and unite us, that we might open our lives to you to accept all your love and to respond to it by entrusting ourselves to you with all that you have made us and given us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

~ Originally from **Claretian Publications**, but posted on the <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.

Please be seated

Prayer of Illumination

A: O God, the Three in One,

All: **you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world. By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

~ from a collection of prayers posted on the **Worship@North** website. <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>

First Reading: Liturgy of Creation (Based on Genesis 1)

A: In the beginning, all was darkness and God said, “let there be light,

All: and because God had said it, there was light.

A: In the beginning, all was silence and God sang the song of creation,

All: and because God sang, all the stars and spheres vibrated to the music of God.

A: In the beginning, all was still and God laughed.

All: and because God laughed, the waters took up the roar and the ripple of it; and ebbed and flowed and seeped and swirled and delighted in the ways of its being.

A: In the beginning, all was dull and God painted,

All: and because God painted, the sky became blue, and purple, and pink, and rainbows hung there. The grass became green and flowers and butterflies danced in the drips and settled like jewels on the earth.

A: In the beginning, all was unconscious and God breathed,

All: and because God breathed, men and women woke up from their sleeping, they breathed of the very life of God and stood in wonder before the work of God’s hands. They beheld the glory of God in all that God had made and they saw that it was very good.

~ posted on the **Third Space** website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>

Sung Response: All of Life is Filled With Wonder

(Sung to tune of Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

*All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.*

*For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

A: Word of God, word of life!

All: Thanks be to God!

*For the ways we're blessed with plenty — love and laughter, neighbors, friends,
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,
For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way —
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.*

*For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.*

Please rise in body or spirit

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

P: The gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about *worship*, about risking themselves totally.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

*For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,
For each time a searching stranger finds at church a welcome home,
For your kingdom's great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found —
God, we thank you! Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.*

Please be seated

Reflections On Our Triune God

Holy Trinity Sunday by Meta Herrick Carlson

Let's forget for today the urge to sort God out with formula or creed.

Let this be a field trip to dance in the throne room, to squeeze in among angels and sing with wonder that does not need proving.

Let those holies resound in that shining hall, and we'll smile because there is enough, and mystery does not need solving, only adoration and company with the One who was and is and will be even still.

Let's forget for today we prefer knowing for certain, and instead rejoice in the fullness of love.

Laughing with the Trinity

Do you want to know what goes on in the core of the Trinity?

I will tell you.

In the core of the Trinity

the Father laughs

and gives birth to the Son.

The Son laughs back at the Father

and gives birth to the Spirit.

The whole Trinity laughs

and gives birth to us.

~ Meister Eckhart, German theologian, philosopher and mystic (1260-1327)

The Holy Trinity

The Spirit comes silently into our hearts bringing love bringing life and pointing to the one who brought us life Jesus the Christ The Living God

In our desires to be the center and our desires to turn inward wrapping ourselves up in ever smaller packages fearing that if we are not the center there will be no center in our emptiness longing to find that to which we can cling
The Spirit comes and points to the Christ the one who walked with us the one who lived with us the one who was us and died like us only to live and bring life
This is the one to whom the Spirit points simply quietly that we may know God's love for us and burst forth in new life new creation

~ written by Pastor Dan, and posted on **Pastor Dan's Grace Notes**. <http://coslcgrace.blogspot.ca/>

N.T. Wright on Trinity Sunday

“In the church's year, Trinity Sunday is the day when we stand back from the extraordinary sequence of events that we've been celebrating for the previous five months—Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost—and when we rub the sleep from our eyes and discover what the word 'god' might actually mean. These events function as a sequence of well-aimed hammer-blows which knock at the clay jars of the gods we want, the gods who reinforce our own pride or prejudice, until they fall away and reveal instead a very different god, a dangerous god, a subversive god, a god who comes to us like a blind beggar with wounds in his hands, a god who comes to us in wind and fire, in bread and wine, in flesh and blood: a god who says to us, 'You did not choose me; I chose you.'

You see, the doctrine of the Trinity, properly understood, is as much a way of saying 'we don't know' as of saying 'we do know.' To say that the true God is Three and One is to recognize that if there is a God then of course, we shouldn't expect him to fit neatly into our little categories. If he did, he wouldn't be God at all, merely a god, a god we might perhaps have wanted. The Trinity is not something that the clever theologian comes up with as a result of hours spent in the theological laboratory, after which he or she can return to announce that they've got God worked out now, the analysis is complete, and here is God neatly laid out on a slab. The only time they laid God out on a slab he rose again three days afterwards.

On the contrary: the doctrine of the Trinity is, if you like, a signpost pointing ahead into the dark, saying: 'Trust me; follow me; my love will keep you safe.' Or, perhaps better, the doctrine of the Trinity is a signpost pointing into a light which gets brighter and brighter until we are dazzled and blinded, but which says: 'Come, and I

will make you children of light.' The doctrine of the Trinity affirms the rightness, the propriety, of speaking intelligently that the true God must always transcend our grasp of him, even our most intelligent grasp of him."

~ N.T. Wright, in *For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1997), p. 24. <http://www.amazon.com/For-All-Gods-Worth-Worship/dp/0802843190>

Hymn of the Day

Come Join the Dance of Trinity

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- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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Please rise in body or spirit

Affirmation of Faith

A: Let us proclaim our faith in our Triune God.

All: We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see; Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation! We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

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Prayers of the People

A: We are a world that is desperate for you, God.

When powers struggle for dominance, and war, oppression and abuse result; When groups of people oppose one another because of ideology, religion or culture; we need a God who is bigger than ourselves, and our personal interests.

(Prayers may be offered for specific areas of conflict in the world.)

When people are disregarded and devalued because of poverty, geography or disease; when compassion and justice is withheld to some because of sexuality, race or gender; we need a Savior who is more compassionate than we are who includes even those we would exclude.

(Prayers may be offered for specific people and places of suffering in the world.)

When resources are mismanaged and abused, and the world and its creatures are destroyed; when motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply to address the challenges that we face; we need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative than we could ever be.

(Prayers may be offered for specific challenges and issues that we struggle with in the world.)

Lord God, Loving Savior, Empowering Spirit, we offer you these prayers because we need you so desperately. Captivate us, call us and fill us, that we may be carriers of your eternal life to this world that you love so dearly.

All: Amen.

— written by John van de Laar © 2008 Sacredise.com Visit his website for many other excellent lectionary-based resources.

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering

Offertory Music *"Like a River Glorious"* *arranged by Joel Raney*

Offertory Prayer

A: Holy God, gracious and merciful,

All: you bring forth food from earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

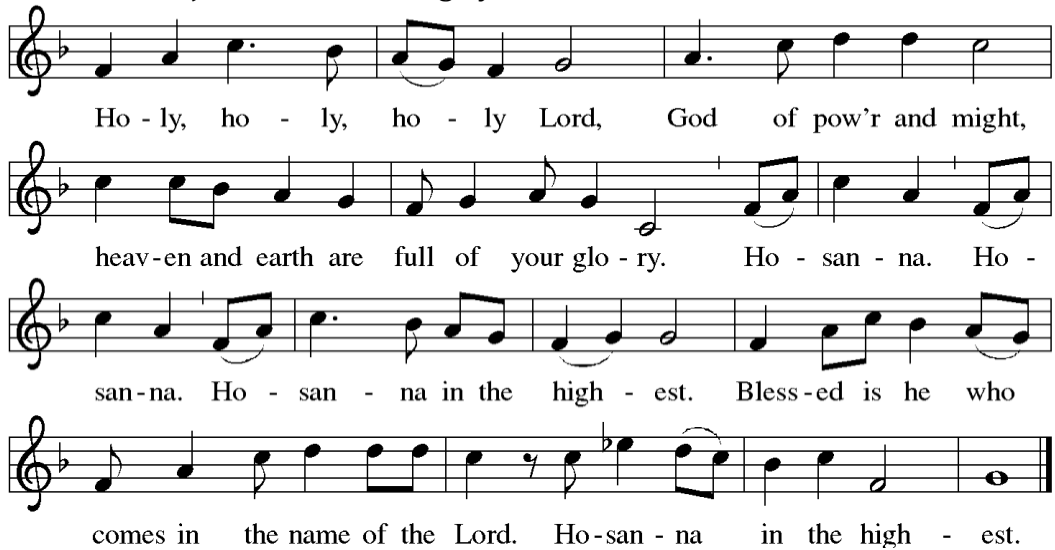
All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, every to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of

angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

All: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

All: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Offer the bread to your neighbor with the words, "Child of God, this is the body of Christ broken for you." Offer the wine to your neighbor with the words, "Child of God, this is the blood of Christ shed for you." Those who would prefer not to commune or children who do not yet commune are welcome to receive a blessing. If that is desired, offer words like, "You are a precious to God. God loves you today and every day" and marking their forehead or hand with the sign of the cross.

Communion Music

"Here I am, Lord"

arranged by Joel Raney

Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table.

All: **Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Commission and Benediction

P: God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:

All: **we go, to reflect the presence of our Creator to everyone we meet.**

P: Jesus, who has redeemed you, has established the reign of God in our midst:

All: **we go, to bring healing to the broken of the world.**

P: The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people, goes with you to many places:

All: **We go, to tear down the walls that divide us, and to build lives of hope for all of God's children.**

P: And now, may the deep, deep peace of the Prince of Peace, be with you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

— written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog.

Please rise in body or spirit

Sending Hymn

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Postlude

"We Bow Down"

arranged by Joel Raney