

**Sunday June 15, 2025
First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday**

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Words: Reginald Heber. Music: John B. Dykes.

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

May the God who dwells beyond us

and the God who dwells among us

and the God who calls us to dwell together

bless us now as we gather in worship

Hymn VU 820 "Make a Joyful Noise" Words and Music: Linnea Good, 1991. Arrangement: David Kai, 1994.

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Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Know that your God has made you.

Know it's to God we belong.

And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.

Worship your God with a song!

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Enter these gates, thanks giving.

Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.

Worship your God with a song!

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song!

Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Holy One,
you are the artist who sculpted creation from nothingness,
and desire wholeness and the joy of being for us.
Christ,
you are the one who rights all that we have made wrong,
and you build your eternal realm on the foundation of our faltering faith.
Holy Spirit,
you are the one who stands with us, teaching us truth,
setting us on the path to your banquet hall where all will meet at the end of time.
God of Glory, Grace and Wisdom,
you call to us, but we do not listen.
We would rather trust in the emptiness of this world than in the hope of your Word.
We boast of our successes and ignore the plight of others.
We demand retribution from lawbreakers rather than making your justice our way of life.
Unstop our ears that we may hear your Word.
Write your Wisdom on our hearts and minds
that we may embody your Love and Justice in our lives
that all may find peace and the joy of being in you.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Ministry of Music: "Hear Us O Father" Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig. Music: Don Besig.

A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 217 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225. English Translation: William Henry Draper, ca. 1919.

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, *Cologne* 1623. Harmonized: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grown,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

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From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

You have made us little less than divine,

and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,
and put all things under our feet,**

all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,

and all that make their way through the waters.

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Scripture: John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

*The other readings for this week are: **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5***

Sermon: "Three-In-One"

Hymn VU 322 "O God, Whose First Creative Word" Words © 1985 Judith Fetter.

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O God, whose first creative word
set universes into place,
who stretched across the whirling void
infinities of time and space;
O speak to our chaotic day
a word of ordered grace, we pray.

O Christ who came, the living word,
proclaiming love's redeeming power,
who drained the tempter's bitter cup
and triumphed in earth's darkest hour;
O speak to our despair and pain
a word that kindles hope again.

O Spirit, ever present word,
God's agent of transforming grace,
who seeks to enter every heart
with light its darkness to replace;
O speak within the hearts we raise
a joyful word of faith and praise.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Out of chaos comes light.
Out of nothingness comes Creation.
Out of death comes life.
Out of generosity comes resources to build a world of justice and righteousness
that is the Kingdom of God.
Our tithes and offerings will be received.

Offertory Hymn VU 218 “We Praise You, O God” Words: Julia Cory, 1902. Music: Netherlands melody, 1626, harmonized Edward Kremser, 1877. Words, Music, and Harmonization in the Public Domain.

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

Remind us, Gracious God, as we offer our gifts to you, remind us that we are called to serve in all the places where you are to be found – at the entrances to war zones and in neighbourhoods that have been sites of mass shootings, in the depths of despair, at the heights of injustice, at the crossroads of poverty and hunger. In all those places, may we offer not only our treasure, but our lives as well. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer

Glory to you, Almighty God. You spoke, and light came out of darkness, order rose from confusion. Glory to you, O Christ. You met us as a refugee, a threatened child, the Word made flesh, born in a forgotten place.

Glory to you, most Holy Spirit. You brooded over chaos, mothering and shaping God’s new creation.

Glory to you, O God, three-in-one. You are surrounded by the song of the saints in heaven and yet you also hear our prayers which we lift to you now.

We pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service.

We pray for your church, rescue it from stagnation, indifference, and despair. Breathe new life into your church that it may once again be a beacon of hope in a world of anger and despair.

We pray for the peoples and the leaders of the nations that they may be reconciled to one another in pursuit of your justice and peace, this week we remember especially the people of Botswana and Zimbabwe.

We pray for those who mourn, that their mourning may be turned into dancing, especially the friends and family of Gail Moir (nee Coleman).

We pray for those who are ill or dying, recovering from treatment or awaiting medical intervention, that they may find healing and wholeness especially we think of Annette, Clara, Jack, Ken, and their loved ones and caregivers, and those known only in the silence of our own hearts.....

We pray for all in need due to natural disaster, drought or war that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others.

We pray for the land, the sea and the sky, and that we may learn to live with respect in creation.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and who taught us to pray, saying:

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 312 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" Words: The Iona Community, 1985. Music: John Goss, 1868.
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Praise with joy the world's Creator,
 God of justice, love, and peace,
 source and end of human knowledge,
 God whose grace shall never cease.
 Celebrate the Maker's glory,
 power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
 frees the captive, finds the lost,
 heals the sick, upsets religion,
 fearless of both fate and cost.
 Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
 friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
 liberating truth from pride,
 forging bonds where race or gender,
 age or nation dare divide.
 Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
 foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
 one God in community,
 calling Christians to embody
 oneness and diversity.
 This the world shall see reflected:
 God is One and One in Three.

Commissioning and Benediction

May the One who gives us life,
stand by us throughout life, and beyond.

May the One who seeks us,
walk by our side on the winding road of life.

May the One who sends us out,
**give us the courage and wisdom to offer
 healing and reconciliation to all whom we meet on the way.**

May the blessing of the most Holy Trinity,
 God unbegotten, God incarnate, God among us,
 keep us this day and always.

May it be so. Amen.

Sung Response: VU 424 vs. 1 “May the God of Hope Go with Us” Words: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984.
Music: Argentine folk melody. Words and Music in the Public Domain.

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

Postlude: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Words: Cecil Frances Alexander.
Melody: 17th century English. Arrangement: Martin Shaw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Central Board meets June 18th at 7:00 p.m.

UCW Summer Event is July 19 at Siloam United Church, London, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The guest speakers and musical performers are Colleen Jamieson, Danielle Hill and Jolene Jamieson-Nethcott. They are members of Oneida First Nation and are known collectively as “Sisters in Spirit.”

Lectionary Readings for next week: June 22, Second after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

