

St. John United Church of Christ
“In Christ We Live, Celebrate, & Serve”

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday (A)

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9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship

9:30 Sunday School for Children

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Bold italic denotes congregation reads or sings.

*Denotes all who are able, please stand.

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND BELLS CALLING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH A SMILE AND WAVE

*RESPONSE¹

“Worthy of Worship”

Vs. 3 #137

Almighty Father, Master and Lord,

King of all kings and Redeemer,

Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,

Savior, and source of our life without end.

You are worthy, Father, Creator.

You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer,

You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;

worthy of worship and praise.

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; 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.

[And also with you.]

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER²

In the beginning:

God created mortals, and asked us to care for all creation.

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus:

Jesus showed us how to love as God loves.

In our time, and throughout eternity:

Jesus commands us to lead others to follow in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us unite in prayer:

Loving God, in that first spark of creativity, you set the cosmos in motion. Time after time, your creative presence brings new life and hope. We experience your love, as we see the marvels of nature. We experience your love as we study the ethics and compassion of Christ. We experience your love through the ever-presence of your Holy Spirit, who was with you in the beginning, was with Christ throughout his ministry, and is with us to the end of the age. For your loving presence in all your infinite ways, we give you thanks. Amen.

*HYMN **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”** #136

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 4th Century Apostles' Creed as Adapted Centuries Later

Let us declare our faith together:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 Spirit; the one Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:1-5, 26-2:4 pg. 1

SPECIAL MUSIC *Do Lord* David and Nathan Ekstrand

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 pg. 32

MEDITATION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

“God of Creation, All-Powerful”

#27

PASTORAL PRAYER & UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY

For Beauty of Meadows

*RESPONSE ***“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*** #34

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

We offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts of time and resources, our service and our witness, O God. We are grateful to join in your creative acts to bring love and peace and hope to the world. Amen.

*HYMN

“This Is My Father's World”

#21

*POSTLUDE

For the Fruit of All Creation

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We thank Greg Young for serving as liturgist, and Justin Gibson for serving as greeter.

The **altar centerpiece** is to my one in a million, Shara Young, in celebration of her June 3rd birthday from her husband.