

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 26, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 174 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* MADELEINE

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from John 3:3, 5*

One: Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

All: Glory to God forever. Amen.

One: Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit. The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit. That gift is available this day. May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine. Amen.

***HYMN 8** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear.

We confess that we have stumbled,

and we recognize our need for you to lift us up

and help us start again.

Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength,

and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other,

through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Isa. 6:7; Rom. 8:15*

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved, and free.

All: Glory to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***RESPONSE 11** *GLORIA PATRI*

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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING *ISAIAH 6:1-8*

(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (vrs.1&4) GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

SECOND READING *JOHN 3:1-17*

SERMON "Trinity" Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Ionian Creed*

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven,

to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life.

Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who love him may have life eternally.

With loving hearts,

let us bring our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 300** *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING**

HYMN 137 *He Came Down* (vrs.1) HE CAME DOWN

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!

You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form.

We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Mon., May 27-Thur., May 30 - Church Office Hours by Appointment Only (*call 606-678-5731 #2 to schedule an appointment*)

Wed., May 29 @ 6:30pm - Choir practice

Wed., May 29 @ 6:30pm - Confirmation Class

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Hannah Vaught

Ushers.....Zack Vaught, Paula Burlew, Marshall Judy, & John Wright

Audio.....Terry Randall

Video.....Richard Wright

Coffee Plus.....Laura Wright

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

First Reading—Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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.” ⁸Then 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!”

Second Reading—John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Gordon Germain; Joanne Waddle; Nina Wilhelm; Rollin Bacon, Brenda Wesley’s uncle; Tommy Brence; Georgia Chrisman, Todd Chrisman’s mother; Ed & Joyce Mick; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec’d month of April	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$21,110	\$11,985	\$60,688	\$47,941
Non-Pledged	\$4,174	\$3,289	\$18,213	\$13,154

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Lynn Cain
Next Week.....

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Laura Wright
Ushers.....Marshall Judy & Carol Wade
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Marci Randall
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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Trinity Sunday



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.