

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

✚ **June WestFed Food Pantry needs:** Toilet Paper, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Fruit.

✚ **This Week's Flowers are Given:**

- ♥ By Diane Heilmann in memory of Marion Heilmann.
- ♥ To the Glory of God.

✚ **Prayers are requested for:**

- ♥ Carla Barlow, who is under hospice care in Baltimore, and her family.
- ♥ Christopher O'Connell's Aunt Kathy, who remains paralyzed, and requires a feeding tube after suffering from a stroke.
- ♥ For Heather, a friend of Marty Grote's daughter-in-law Sarah, who is recovering from a serious accident. Mart is Susan Greenlee's sister.
- ♥ Rudy Bruno, a friend of Barb Nieman, with health issues.
- ♥ Emily, Linda Gardener's daughter
- ♥ Yuran, Linda's sister's, daughter-in-law who has postpartum depression
- ♥ Inge Lapp, recovering from surgery after a fall.
- ♥ Pet Schroeder, in hospice at Artis.
- ♥ DJ Hines, Sandy Morris' brother-in-law, with balance and speech issues.
- ♥ Walt Albers, Linda Gardner's brother, has started chemotherapy.
- ♥ Diane Ringshauser, who is now in remission.
- ♥ Diana Jackson, Rhonda's sister-in-law, undergoing chemotherapy.
- ♥ Kristine Von Holle, a friend of Sandy Morris.
- ♥ Linda Kugele who continues to deal with breathing issues.
- ♥ Our homebound members and friends.
- ♥ Our Scouting units, their families and leaders.
- ♥ Our Session, our committees, and the discernment team.
- ♥ Our partnership with City Gospel Mission's Princesses Ballet.



OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP, JUNE 4, 2023



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Welcome and Announcements

[Please take a moment to silence all mobile devices and prepare for worship.]

Prelude: "Prelude to 'Te Deum'"—Charpentier

Andrew Jeng, trumpet and Heather MacPhail, organ

[Where indicated (*), those who are able are invited to stand.]*

Ringing of the Tower Bell

Choral Introit: "Make A Joyful Noise"—Douglas E. Wagner

* **Call to Worship** (*Based on Psalm 8—Responsive*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

What are humans that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us?

Yet you have made us a little lower than angels, crowning us with glory and honor.

You have given us dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under our feet, all sheep and oxen;

And also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Opening Prayer (*Leader only*)

* **Hymn No. 138 (vv. 1, 3-4): “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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Invitation/Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One, you live in perfect relationship, three persons, ever seeking reconciliation and unity. We confess that our own relationships are imperfect and that we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy, anxious and resenting. 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, striving always toward gratitude and grace. We pray in Jesus’ name, by the working of your Spirit.

Moment of Silent, Personal Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Based on 1 Timothy 1:15—Responsive)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear then the Good News of the Gospel and Christ's word of grace to us: Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

May the power of Christ’s peace be with you this day and every day.

And also with you.

* **Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison)**

**Glorify 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.**

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION: TRINITY

“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, 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]

The Trinity is an icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. It is his most famous work and the most famous of all Russian icons, and is regarded as one of the highest achievements of Russian art. The Trinity depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Gen. 18:1–8), but the painting is full of symbolism and is interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility. [Wikipedia]

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 1:1-2:4—The Story of Creation*

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.



Trinity, Andrei Rublev

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Anthem: “*O How I Love Jesus*”—Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Choir

Sermon: “*The Divine Dance*”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Invitation to Stewardship/Offertory Prayer (*Unison*)

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, to you we give thanks this day, and to you we bring the gifts that you first gave us for the living of our lives and for doing the works of your eternal Kingdom. Bless all that we offer in your service and so move among us that we hold back nothing from you, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Offertory Anthem: “*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*”—Craig Courtney
Andrew Jeng, trumpet and Chancel Choir

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table/Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer after Communion and the Lord’s Prayer (*Unison*)

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.

BEARING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **Closing Hymn No. 264:** “*When In Our Music God Is Glorified*”

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Amen.

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response: “*Sevenfold Amen*”—John Stainer

Postlude: “*Allegro*” from *Concerto in D Major*—J. S. Bach
Andrew Jeng, trumpet

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Jeff Colarossi, *Pastor*

Heather MacPhail, *Organist/Director of Music Ministries*

Jason Dennison, *Videographer/Director of Technology*

Erin and Dayo Olakanmi, *Asst. Videographers*

Kent Kochheiser, *Lay Leader*

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