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An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday
10:15 a.m.

Welcome to our guests! Thank you for being here. It is such a joy to worship with you. Please speak to any member of the Pastoral Team if you would like to explore how our church may become your spiritual home. As an **Open and Affirming** congregation we seek to extend the extravagant welcome of God to all people, all the time. Regardless of your race, class, ancestry, gender identity, marital status, ability, age, immigration status, or sexual orientation, you are always welcome at First Church. We affirm your inherent dignity as a child of God. God created you just as you are and loves you just as you are.
We do, too!

Children's Ministries: Babies are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. We also have a nursery (accessible through the "baby breezeway" in the back of the Sanctuary). First Church offers child care (for ages 3 months to 3 years) with professional nursery staff on Sundays @ 9:45am-11:45am. Sunday School classes are known as "Disciple Road" (age 4 through 5th grade) and "Middle Road" (6th grade and up). We also have a children's choir. Reach out to our Minister of Children and Families Kim Feeney (kfeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org) for more information about our children's ministries & faith formation programs.

We have a **hearing assist system** for those with Bluetooth enabled hearing aids available and also have receivers with earpieces available. Please speak to an usher for assistance.

Leading Us in Worship

The Rev. Jake Joseph, Preacher in Residence
The Rev. Kathy Williamson, Liturgist
Kim Feeney, Minister of Children & Families
Dr. Frank Martignetti, Director of Music & Organist
Krista Lindell, flute
Chancel Choir
Jermaine Charles, Audio & Video
Deacons: Michelle Nolan & Rita Skog

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type.
All the People of God speak the text in boldface.

Italic Text provides explanation or instruction.

* Please stand if you are able.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Triptych on "Holy, Holy, Holy" Jeffrey Blersch
I. "Our song shall rise to Thee"

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

O God In Heaven

Elena G. Maquiso

Call to Worship

One: We gather to sing of hope, justice, and freedom.

All: We gather to remember God's truth marching through history.

One: From generation to generation, faithful people have lifted their voices for liberation and peace.

All: We come to add our voices to that song.

One: Let us worship the God who calls us to courage, compassion, and witness.

All: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Let us worship God.

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

277 New Century Hymnal

*Prayer of Invocation and the 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 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. Amen

Children's Sermon

***Passing the Peace**

One: May the peace of God be with you!

All: And also with you!

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

The children may go with their friends and teachers to Disciple Road and Middle Road.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

***Hymn of Praise**

Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Sermon

The Battle Hymn of the Republic: Reclaiming an Anthem

The Rev. Jake Joseph

***Hymn**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

443 *Pilgrim Hymnal*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Joys and Concerns

Today's flowers are given by Cathy Kane in appreciation of the many volunteers who help the congregation offer fellowship hour after this service each week.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

arr. Richard Hopp

Come, join the dance of Trinity
Before all worlds begun
The interweaving of the Three
The Father, Spirit, Son
The universe of space and time
Did not arise by chance
But as the Three, in love and
hope
Made room within their dance

Come, see the face of Trinity
Newborn in Bethlehem
Then bloodied by a crown of
thorns
Outside Jerusalem

The dance of Trinity is meant
For human flesh and bone
When fear confines the dance
in death
God rolls away the stone

Come, speak aloud of Trinity
As wind and tongues of flame
Set people free at Pentecost
To tell the Savior's name
We know the yoke of sin and
death
Our necks have worn it smooth
Go tell the world of weight and
woe

That we are free to move!

Within the dance of Trinity
Before all worlds begun
We sing the praises of the
Three

The Father, Spirit, Son
Let voices rise and interweave
By love and hope set free
To shape in song this joy, this
life

The dance of Trinity

—Richard Leach

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God, for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

Praise With Joy the World's Creator

273 New Century Hymnal

***Benediction and Response**

God Be With You



God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,



With a shep-herd's care en - fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain. A - men.

Postlude

"Lauda Anima"

arr. Lani Smith

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Rev. Vanessa Rose and her family are away this weekend in Boston for her niece's wedding. Please hold the happy couple, Vanessa Rose Ferrara and Colin Finbar Donovan in your prayers!

Congregants: LaNeil Brown, Sr.; Pertrinea Cash; Cheryl Camarota; Dan Christianson; Betsy Dalling; Fernando Destruge; Gloria Evans; Charlotte Jefremow; Christy Jefremow; Nancy Jones and family; Cathy Kane, her brother Scott and great niece Amelia; Adelaide Kitchen; Jerry Krenke; Elizabeth Saint; Penny Stevens; Andrea Wakeman; Elinor Wilber. and all those living with memory loss and Alzheimer's disease and we pray for their caregivers.

Family and Friends: Ed Allen (friend of Patty Bilotto); Alison Babycos (friend of Kim Henry); Hal Burdick (Friend of David McKinnis); Bob Buyiteck (friend of Bill Sargent); Tracy Bloom (sister of Michael Traum); Art Christiani (friend of Bill Sargent); Diane Studwell Crawley; Donna, her husband and daughter (friends of David McKinnis), Brandon Deedon (Pertrinea Cash's son); Lynelle Dupuis (sister of Bethany); Mary Lou Earnshaw, (sister of Nancy Weber); Janet Faller (sister-in-law to Michael Traum); Carter Faustini; Kimberly Fetteri (friend of the Gindek family); Jeff Fischer (friend of Charlotte Dyslin); Marianne and Larry Gaddy (Connie Sargent's cousins); The Grover Family; Greenawalt and Darnall Families (Gindek family); Bill Fry (Penny Stevens' brother-in-law); Nancy Hamlin (sister of Charlotte Dyslin); Walter Haenn (brother of Madeline Lee); Jimi Han (friend of the choir); Yochai Harel; Melanie Rainbow-Harel and family (friends of Michelle Walker); Henry (friend of Laura Gniddek); Christina Holms (Connie and Bill Sargent's niece); K.B. (friend of Robin Griskus); William Kennedy (friend of David McKinnis); Michael Kelly; Scott Kimmel; John Mastropietro; Lila (friend of Beth McKinnis); Diane Marble (sister-in-law of Charlotte Dyslin); Debra McLeod; Dorothy Michalowski (friend of Connie and Bill Sargent); Mike Palmer; Rosie Perera (friend of David McKinnis); Barbara Peterson (friend of Ted and Judy Andre); Jean Rita Powers, Artie Quinn; Helen Ranholm (cousin of Connie Sargent); Dick Reese (father in law of Melissa Stanhewicz); Nasir Reid (friend of Rita Skog); Patty Roberts (cousin of Connie and Bill Sargent); Rosalie Rutkauskas (Jessie's Grandmother); Darlene Scaia (Pat Bilotto's cousin); David Skog (son of Rita Skog); Sandy Suarez, Cleo Vernon (the Rev. Kathy Williamson's mother); Dr. Abraham Yale; and Marshall (friend of Jon Skog.)

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Fellowship Volunteer Appreciation



Sunday, May 31

Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service

We invite the many congregation members who have so generously helped us offer Sunday fellowship each week this worship season to join us for some well-deserved appreciation.

Celebration Sunday & All-Church Meeting Sunday, June 7

Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service



We celebrate the season of worship with delicious pizzas baked for us in a vintage fire truck by the Fire Engine Pizza Company. Salads, Italian ices, soft drinks and gluten-free pizza options included.

Feel free to bring extra desserts!

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