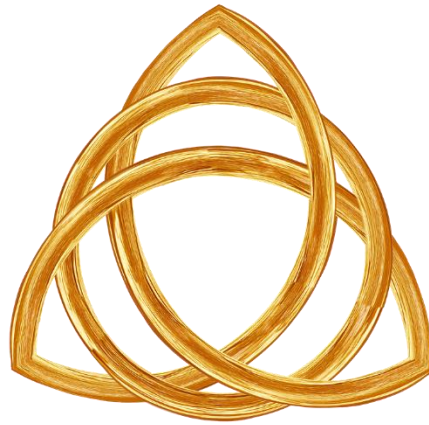


**Westminster United Church
Trinity Sunday
May 26, 2024**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Carlson
Music Director: Chris White**



“We are a faith community building relationships with God, all people, and our world.”

✠ You are invited to stand as you are able

Announcements/Life and Work of the Church

✠ **Introit: (MV 23) “Come O Holy Spirit”**

✠ **Procession of Christ Candle**

Land Acknowledgement
Affirming Statement
Lighting of Peace Candle

✠ **Call to Worship**

One: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

All: we gather to worship.

One: Drawn by the love of our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

All: we rejoice in our salvation.

One: God beyond us, God with us, God within us,

All: Holy Trinity, Three in One, we come to worship!

✠Opening Hymn: “To God Be the Glory” (lyrics on PP)

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

One: Holy and loving God, you reveal yourself to us as three-in-one.

All: Thank you for making the world a home for us, for coming in Jesus to save us, and for the gift of your Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us.

One: Help us to know you in all your ways and rejoice in your glory.

All: God of grace and mercy, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

One: We ignore your commandments, stray from your way and follow other gods.

All: Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honour to your holy name. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (VU 959)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Romans 8:12-17 NLT

¹²Therefore, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. ¹³For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature,^[b] you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children^[c] of God.

¹⁵So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.^[d] Now we call him, “Abba, Father.”^[e] ¹⁶For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. ¹⁷And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

One: This is the witness of Israel.

ALL: Thanks be to God for the Word.

ANTHEM: “God So Loved the World”

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-8, 16-17 NLT

3 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

3 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again,^[a] you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

4 “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

5 Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.^[b] 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.^[c] 7 So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You^[d] must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ, the Living Word.

SERMON: Trinity

✠**HYMN: (VU 315) “Hoy, Holy, Holy”**

Invitation to the Offering

✠**Doxology (VU 538) “For the Gift of Creation”**

✠**Offertory Prayer**

One: Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit.

All: Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread you blessing in a world of hurt and need: in Christ’s name. Amen.

Hymn: “I Will Remember You” (Sung by Choir)

✠**Invitation to the Lord’s Supper**

✠**The Apostles Creed (VU918)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of the earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended to heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: ...we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: ...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: ... Amen!

All: Amen!

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

CLOSING HYMN (VU 559) "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

✠BENEDICTION/COMMISSIONING

✠CHORAL AMEN (VU 969)

✠SENDING FORTH HYMN (VU 582) "There's a Spirit in the Air" (vss 1&4)

POSTLUDE: