

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 64
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

†CONFESSION OF SIN

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giver. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Purify us from sin; lead us to your truth; baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.

Silence for personal reflection.

†WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of life forgets the sins of all who repent. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are forgiven.
Glory to the Triune God! Amen.

†GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

TULANE

Glo - ry be to God on high, cre - a - tor of the world;

Glo - ry be to God the son, re - deem-ing grace to give;

Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Ghost, in - spir-ing us to love;

One in three, three in one for - ev - er___ more.

A - - - men.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*universal

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Send Out Thy Light by: M.A. Balakirev, ed. by: David Cherwien
Send out thy light, O send out thy truth, that they may lead me, O Lord, that they lead me to thy holy hill, lead me to thy holy hill. My soul shall trust in God the Lord, my soul shall trust in God the Lord; for I will yet give thanks to God, who is the help of my countenance, and my God. Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me, Lord, to thy dwelling place.

CHILDREN'S LESSON (11:00)

The children may be dismissed for Children's Church or may return to their seats.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

GENESIS 1-2, 4

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, 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. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

May God bless the reading, hearing, and discernment of this word.
Amen.

PSALM 8: The Majesty and Glory of Your Name by: Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man, that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

May God bless the reading, hearing, and discernment of this word.
Amen.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 463

Lord, Speak To Me

CANONBURY

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.

May God bless the reading, hearing, and discernment of this word.
Amen.

SERMON Live Your “Why”

OFFERTORY by: Denis Bédard
Variations on *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

†DOXOLOGY, NO. 94 *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, NO. 584 *V.S. 1, 2, 4, 5*
Lord, You Give the Great Commission *ABBOT'S LEIGH*

†BENEDICTION

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY by: Jerry Westenkuehler
Festival Piece on *NICAEA*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Denna Hornby, *Associate Pastor*
Liturgist: Rev. Clair Sauer, *Co-Lead Pastor*
Lectors: Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson (*8:45*)
Kali Bargiel (*11:00*)
Musicians: Josh Sumter, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Schola Cantorum
Parish Adult Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Shoppe is this Saturday, June 6. Your donations can still make a difference for over 50 families in our community. Give online at fumcor.org/shoppes, or drop your donation, marked "Shoppes", into the offering plate.

Triumphant Vacation Bible School begins next Sunday, June 8. Register your children, ages PreK - 5th grade, today!

The Holston Conference begins its Annual meeting at Lake Junaluska this afternoon. Please be in prayer for the clergy and laity who will be representing FUMC this week.

Please be in prayer for:

Wayne Houlberg
Pat Ryan
Lucretia Pack

The family and friends of:

Nancy Vath, who died on May 3. A celebration of life will be held in the Sanctuary today at 3:00 p.m. followed by a committal in the Memorial Garden. Receiving of friends begins at 2:00 p.m.

Randall Weir, who died on May 5. A celebration of life will be held at Weatherford Mortuary on June 5, at 5:00 p.m. Receiving of friends begins at 3:00 p.m. The burial service is June 6, 10:00 a.m. at Oak Ridge Memorial Garden.



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Childcare is provided (6 weeks - Pre -K) in Room 123.
A nursing room for new parents is available near the balcony in Room 301.
Ask any greeter for help locating rooms.*

*Ask an usher if you need any of these hearing or vision accommodations:
assistive listening devices, large print hymnals or bulletins, or braille hymnals.*

*Please feel free to keep your bulletin or return it after the 8:45 a.m. service so that
it may be reused.*

†Indicates congregation standing as able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Abide with Me* by: Austin Lovelace

*The Trinity Chimes represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer,
and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, sometimes we show up to worship
ready to encounter your presence.

All: We know you are always with us.

One: Sometimes we catch glimpses of you at home, work, or school—
in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.

All: We know you are always with us.

One: But God, we hesitate to encounter you in all of your glory,
afraid to be overwhelmed by your love and holiness.

**All: And yet, we know you are always with us
in the fullness of your glory.**

One: Ready our hearts today to encounter more of your glory,
Your love, your holiness, and glory that is always present with us.

**All: We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming presence
of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**