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May 26, 2024

9:45 AM

**Summer of Fun & Games**  
**Holy Trinity Sunday**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Morning Songs*

arr. Tate

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Let us worship the Triune God.

**C: Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.**

L: Let us worship the Triune God.

**C: Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.**

L: Let us worship the Triune God.

**C: Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.**

L: The Triune God is with us—so let us stand as comfortable and sing in praise of our God.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 64 UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL** (see next page)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

# Holy, Holy, Holy (Traditional)

John B. Dykes, 1861

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Piano



1. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!

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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

9



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
On - ly thou art ho - ly, there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

13



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in power, in love and pur i ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Great God of all creation, **C: who are we that you are mindful of us? You who set the stars in motion, who launched waves crashing against the shore, who knows the heights and depths of the world; Why do you bother with us?**

**You count the hairs on our heads, and call us each by name. You give us your wisdom and you uphold us by your Spirit. You tend to us and care for us, and we do not understand why. We cannot grasp your love for us, O God, for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving.**

**We become enmeshed by our own needs and wants and desires and we fail to see beyond anything but our own little circles. Turn us around, O God. Help us to see as you see, and to reach out as you reach out. Remind us once again of the sacredness of our ordinary, day-to-day lives.**

**By your Spirit, teach us to live truly as beings little lower than angels. In your mercy, O God, forgive who we are and bless who we will be. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 524 NCH (vs. 1 & 2)

*This Little Light of Mine*

**ALL SING: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE  
SERMON**

*John 3:1-17 (NRSV)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 1 NCH** (see next page)

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

CALL TO CONFESSION  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: O God,

**C: You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.**

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(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE  
SERMON**

*Acts 2:1-21*

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 2117 FWS** (see next page)

*Spirit of God*



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(10:30 AM) **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

*Dayshon Bowers  
Benjamin Scott Damon  
Sean McCracken  
Oliver Justin Morcos  
Katelyn Elizabeth Shiffer  
Avery May Shindler*

INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH IN THE FORM OF A DOXOLOGY

**ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYERS OF BLESSING

VOWS OF PARTICIPATION

PROMISES OF THE MT. ZION CHILDREN

## PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION

L: Church Family of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, you have heard that these young people desire to continue to grow in the Christian Faith with you. Let us pledge to these confirmands our continued support and care.

**C: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.**

## GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE & SENDING FORTH

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 351 NCH** (black hymnal, see below)

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

# I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker

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Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
2. When you found the won - der of the Word, I was  
3. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
4. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

4  
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the  
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

7  
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. I was  
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long. Should you  
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. When the  
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

10  
there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I'll be  
find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be  
eve - ning - gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be

14  
there in case you wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.  
there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE<sup>3</sup>

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*  
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### A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*In Christ Alone*

Getty & Getty

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 286 NCH (black hymnal, refrain, v. 4, refrain)

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**ALL SING:** Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir my from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow, the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.**

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir my from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 284 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

*Blessed Quietness*





# Blessed Quietness

Manie P. Ferguson

W. S. Marshall

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Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Joys are flow - ing like a riv - er, since the  
2. Bring - ing life and health and glad - ness all a -  
3. Like the rain that falls from heav - en, like the  
4. See, a fruit - ful field is grow - ing, bless - ed  
5. What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we

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Com - fort - er has come; Christ a - bides with us for -  
- round, this heav - en - ly Guest ban - ished un - be - lief and  
sun - light from the sky, so the Spir - it, too, is  
fruit of righ - teous - ness; and the streams of life are  
al - ways see Christ's face, what a per - fect hab - i -

7

- ev - er, makes the trust - ing heart a home. Bless - ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly  
sad - ness, changed our wea - ri - ness to rest.  
giv - en, com - ing on us from on high.  
flow - ing in the lone - ly wil - der - ness.  
- ta - tion, what a qui - et rest - ing place.

11

qui - et - ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the storm - y sea, Je - sus

15

speaks to me, and the bil - lows cease to roll.

**References**

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship and the Prayer of the Day are written by Gord Waldie on his blog Worship Offerings, <https://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2008/04/for-may-11-2008-pentecost-sunday.html> and accessed for use on 5/6/24. Church, Ashland, VA, and posted on the text this week. And accessed for use on 5/2/24.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession is written by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog. <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/> and accessed for use on 5/6/24

<sup>3</sup>The Prayers of the People are adapted from the prayers written by Rev. Joanna Harader, pastor of Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS. She blogs at SpaciousFaith.com. This prayer was posted on RevGalBlogPals. <https://revgalblogpals.org/2018/05/19/saturday-prayer-speaking-in-tongues/>

**Volunteers**

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**8 AM Welcome Team Members**—Jesse & Nancy Smith

**8 AM Liturgist**—Stella Fletcher

**8 AM Tech Team**—David Firestone

**10:30 AM Welcome Team Members**—Vanessa Bicher, Jennifer & Caitlin Damon, Barb Stebbins

**10:30 AM Liturgist**—Andrea Adams

**10:30 AM Tech Team**—Elaine Bevivino, Ron Miles

**10:30 AM Praise Team**: Hayden Dallam, Caitlin Damon, Denny Daugherty, Mike Gibbs, Catie Kiefer

**10:30 AM Handchime Choir**: Andrea Adams, Braden Bicher, Vanessa Bicher, Charlie Hull, Norma Hull, Christian Maletz, Jen Miller, Tim Rhinehart

**Worship Choir**—Andrea Adams, Tom Bair, Brenda Beyer, Braden Bicher, Debbie Butcher, Lana Fritz, Carol Hartman, Norma Hull, Michael Maletz, Jen Miller, Barb Neff, Paula Strayer