



Welcome to Christ Church!

A Lighthouse Congregation of the United Methodist Church

1221 Quarrier Street † Charleston, WV 25301

www.ccumwv.org

*Christ Church United Methodist is a Welcoming Community of
Faith, Hope and Love Serving our Neighbors and the World
as the Hands of Christ.*

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You have chosen to be a part of the Body of Christ that has been worshipping together for over 220 years. Welcome! We are glad you are here.

The 11:00am service is broadcast on 1240AM and 95.7FM. The livestream of our service can be found on the Christ Church Facebook page, which is also accessible from our church website: www.ccumwv.org.

All songbooks are located between the seats. Song texts will also be projected on the screens.

Congregational responses are in ***bold italic***. Please see an usher if you need a hearing assist.

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Today is Trinity Sunday. It is a day the church focuses on the mystery, power, and beauty of the triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The liturgical colors for Trinity Sunday are white and gold.

The text to "Holy, Holy, Holy" was written in 1826 by prize-winning British poet Reginald Heber, who was heavily influenced by the vital congregational singing of the Methodists and Baptists. At the time, it marked a move away from the evangelical hymn style prevalent at the time.
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Sunday, May 31, 2026

11:00am

Trinity Sunday

† - Those who are able, please stand

VOLUNTARY

"Variation on GROSSER GOTT"Daniel Burton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

"Lord, Be Glorified"Bob Kilpatrick

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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† CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, who created us in love,

create us anew in love as we worship you.

O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,

move within us as we worship you. Amen.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE #64

UM Hymnal

"Holy, Holy, Holy"NICAIA

† GATHERING PRAYER

***Almighty God, dwelling in majesty and mystery,
renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit,
and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ:
cleanse us from doubt and fear
and enable us to worship you,
with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God,
living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.***

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share in signs of reconciliation and peace.

WORSHIP NOTES

Since the text mentions the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) the composer of the tune, John Dykes, who composed it in 1861, named the tune NICAEA after the Council of Nicaea, 325AD, who formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. The opening notes, D-F#-A, are known as a triad in music theory and is therefore a musical acknowledgement of the Trinity.

The text to the Gloria Patri is Trinitarian in nature, praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The late Kevin Mayhew was a well-known publisher of worship materials who was a strong advocate for peace and social justice issues. The tune is an early American folk tune first printed in The Sacred Harp Songbook, 1844. It is attributed to Benjamin Franklin White, the compiler of the Sacred Harp.

Please see the back page for information about the Preparation for Prayer.

The text and the music to the anthem were written and composed by British composer, teacher and organist, Antony Baldwin. The text to this hymn-anthem was also created by Lori Baldwin. The tune is a Southern folk melody.

† SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

† GLORIA PATRI

BEACH SPRING

***Glory be to God in heaven, songs of joy and peace we bring.
Thankful hearts and voices raising, to creations' Lord we sing.
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you, let the heav'nly voices sing
With the Father and the Spirit, glory be to Christ, our King!***

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MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Ashley Wood

SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

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"There Is a Redeemer".....Melody Green

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

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.***

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*"The Heart's Offering".....Folk Melody/arr. Antony Baldwin
As I rise with the dawn, may my soul be reborn; take this heart all forlorn, and refresh me in the morn. Alleluia! In the warmth of the day I consider thy way. May thy love ever stay in my heart, O Lord I pray. Alleluia! In the still of the night, as I think on the light in my heart burning bright, keep me precious in thy sight. Alleluia! God of each living thing, bless the gift that we bring. Take our hearts' offering while in joyful praise we sing. Alleluia!*

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - *The Creation Story*

Genesis 1

Responsive Reading

(Congregational responses will be on the screens in bold italic type.)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP NOTES

A Doxology is a short hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God, which is also Trinitarian in nature praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The text, "praise God, from whom all blessings flow," was first written in 1674 by Rev. Thomas Ken, a priest in the Church of England. The text we sing today is an altered version of the original 1674 text, written in 1974 by Rev. Dr. Gilbert Vieira, United Methodist minister in the San Francisco Bay area of California. The tune is a German Catholic tune dating from 1623. The harmony was created in 1906 by the great British composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The text to *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* was written in 1747 by Charles Wesley. It is a spiritual text based on a secular poem by John Dryden entitled, "Fairest Isle, All Isles Excelling." The tune, BEECHER, was composed in 1870 by German-born organist, John Zundel, who moved to the US in 1847. The tune is named after Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, who was the pastor at Plymouth Congregational Church in Brooklyn, NY were Zundel was serving as the organist.

† GOSPEL LESSON - *The Commissioning of the Disciples*
Matthew 28: 16-20

Bible, pg. 34

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON - "*Incarnational Living*"

Rev. Dr. Randy Flanagan
Pastor Emeritus

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS, GIFTS, SERVICE AND WITNESS

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OFFERTORY

"Siciliano on HYFRYDOL".....arr. Michael Burkhardt

† DOXOLOGY #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!***

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† OFFERTORY PRAYER

† HYMN OF RESPONSE #384

UM Hymnal

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling".....BEECHER

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Go Now in Peace".....arr. Dale Wood
May the grace of Christ be with you; go now in peace. May the love that now surrounds you ever increase. May God's tender care defend you, strengthen, nurture and attend you. Serve where God ordains to send you; go now in peace.*

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† POSTLUDE

"Variation on NICAEA".....Piet Post

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The Preparation for Prayer was written and composed in 1977 by songwriter Melody Green. It was originally included as part of a solo album entitled, *Songs for the Shepherd*, 1982, which was recorded by her late husband, Keith Green. Today, Keith Green is known as an early pioneer of the contemporary Christian movement. Melody currently lives in Kansas City, Missouri where she continues the minister she and her husband started decades ago.

There Is a Redeemer

by Melody Green



There is a Re-deem - er, Je-sus, God's own Son,



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly One.

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son, and

leav - ing your Spir-it till the work on earth is done.

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