

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

**Prelude** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (arr. Douglas) Rita Harmon

**Call to Worship** Johnny Wyatt

Let us worship our God, One-in-Three.

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

In mystery and grandeur

**we see the face of God.**

Let us worship our God, One-in-Three.

**Let us worship the One who became human to set us free, who made the lame walk, the blind see, and all of us raised to new life.**

In earthiness and the ordinary

**we know the love of Christ.**

Let us worship our God, One-in-Three.

**Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests upon us, but also draws us forward, going with us into the life God has given us.**

In heights and depths and life and death.

we know the Spirit of God is moving among us.

**\*Hymn of Praise #32** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**\*Call to Confession** Johnny Wyatt

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God the creator, we are amazed by the beauty of your world; And astonished that such a God would have anything to do with us.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we damage your creation, and take for granted our relationship with you.**

**God the Son, you have walked our streets and lifted our children; you have sat in our churches and wept with those who mourn.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we do not follow your example, and we distance ourselves from others and ignore their need.**

**God, the Spirit of Life, we are thankful for your constant presence; for the healing of your love and the challenge of your Word;**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we do not listen for your leading and would rather do things the way we’ve always done them.**

**Holy God, One in Three, Three in One, forgive us, renew us, that we may serve you faithfully**

**and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*Assurance of Pardon Response #447**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon on the Steps** Carrie Wyatt

**Anthem** “Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God” (Handel) Chancel Choir

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God come.

Thy truth unseal. Thy love reveal, truth unseal, Thy love reveal.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee,

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.

Holy Son of God, Come in Thy might.

Send forth Thy light, come in might, Come send forth Thy light.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy, our prayer to Thee. Come, Jesus, O holy Son of God.

For Thee we long. Hear Thou our prayer.

For Thee we long. O hear Thou our prayer. To Thee be glory now and evermore.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.

Come, Jesus Holy Son of God. To Thee by glory, To Thee by glory evermore.

**First Reading** Genesis 1:1-2:4a (Pew Bible OT p.1)

**Second Reading** Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible NT p.34)

The Word of God, for us, the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon from the Pulpit** “Relationships” Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (based on *A Declaration of Faith*, 5.8)

**We believe with the church through the centuries**

**that God’s true self is shown**

**in the story of God and God’s people:**

**One God who is the Creator and Sustainer,**

**the Savior and Lord,**

**the Giver of life within, among, and beyond us.**

**We affirm the unity of God’s being and work.**

**We may not separate the work of God as Creator**

**from the work of God as Redeemer.**

**We may not set the Son’s love against the Father’s justice.**

**We may not value the Holy Spirit’s work**

**above the work of the Creator and Redeemer.**

**All three persons of the Trinity are one God.**

**We affirm richness and variety in God’s being and work.**

**We may not deny the real distinctions in God’s unity.**

**In God’s eternal being and in all God’s activity,**

**the one God is always and at the same time**

**Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith Response #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,**

**whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen”**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues concluding with the Lord’s Prayer [p. 35 in hymnal])

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.

Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.

Creator God, you have fed us with your grace.

Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life,

your love, your grace with all.

Blessing and honor and glory to you,

holy, holy, holy Lord Amen.

**Service of Giving**

**Offertory** “Wonderful Words of Life” (Wolaver) David Thompson

**\*Doxology #606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #393** “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

**\*Charge and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**\*Postlude** “Rise Up and Serve the Lord” (Harris) Rita Harmon

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*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The floral arrangement in worship today is given for the glory of God.

**Please remember in prayer:**

Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Peggy Wyatt; Buck Jolley; Emma June; DeAnna Tock, Justina Eddy; the family of Sandra Woodlief; Alex Copeland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week’s lectionary readings are:**

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13,18-26.

**Sunday School Offering**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Sunday School offering will go to the Imagination Library.

**Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting at the conclusion of worship today for the purpose of electing the Congregational Nominating Committee.

**Cherokee Pregnancy Center Fundraiser**

Pick up your bottle for the Cherokee Pregnancy Center’s Baby Bottle Fundraiser in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The fundraiser continues through Father’s Day.

### Ready! Set! Go!

On Wednesday, June 7, we will kick off our Youth Summer Ministry with a pool party at Carrie Wyatt's house from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Please bring a towel and sunscreen. Make sure you eat lunch before you come.

### Picturing God

We'll start our creative summer with the image of God as light. If you can use scissors and apply glue, you can participate in this summer activity. Come share your vision of God as light. All ages welcome. Monday, June 5, 1:00 - 2:30, Family Life Center.

### Summer Reading

If you've been reading Ross King's *The Bookseller of Florence* and want to discuss it sometime on Tuesday, see Lynn.

### THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**June 5, 1965:** Death in London, England, of Eleanor Farjeon. She authored the popular hymn "Morning Has Broken."

**June 6, 1900:** Li Chouzi, an ardent Christian girl, and all the other Chinese Christians of her village are hacked to death by revolutionaries known as Boxers.

**June 7, 1683:** The *Concord* sets sail, carrying the first German settlers (Quakers and Mennonites fleeing persecution) toward their new home in Pennsylvania.

**June 9, 597:** Death of Columba of Iona, influential Irish missionary to England. He had founded several monasteries which served as centers of faith and learning.

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, June 4

9:45 AM Sunday School - Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice - Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
4:00 PM Yoga - FLC

### Monday, June 5

1:00 PM Picturing God - FLC

### Tuesday, June 6

Summer Reading - R. King

### Wednesday, June 7

1:00 PM - Ready! Set! Go! Pool Party

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### Upcoming

June 12 - Picturing God  
June 13 - Circle 1  
June 13 - Summer Reading  
June 14 - Ready! Set! Go! Pool Party  
June 18 - Father's Day  
June 24 - Soup Kitchen

### NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- Contribute to our hymnbook loan program  
(see 3/26 LimeLight for more information)
- Pick up a hard copy of the Summer Calendar

### Praying for Our Congregation

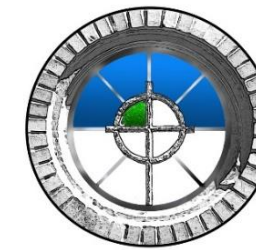
We are praying for every member of our church family.  
Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.  
This week we are praying for:

Becky Wheeler  
Lyn Paschal  
Michelle Jolly



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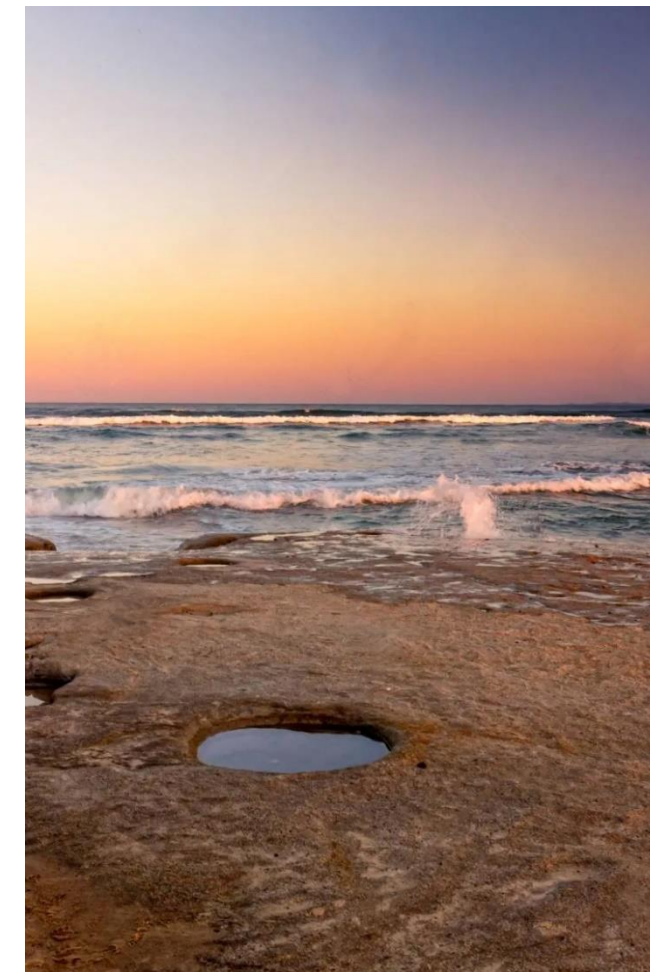
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# LIMESTONE

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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Undertaking to explain the Trinity can be a daunting task. A legend (based on nothing written by Augustine) says that while Augustine was wrestling with the writing called *De Trinitate (About The Trinity)* he had a vision. Augustine was by the seashore when he saw a child with a seashell (some sources say a spoon). The child had dug a hole in the sand and was running between the ocean and a pool of water that had gathered in a hole. When asked by Augustine what was happening, the child replied, "I am emptying the ocean into this pool."

"Impossible!" Augustine pronounced.

The child, apparently unawed by the learned theologian, replied, "I'll empty the ocean into this pool before you manage to understand and explain the mystery of the Trinity!"

The legend concludes with Augustine turning around, only to find the child had disappeared. So Augustine was left alone with the mystery of the Trinity. And in many ways, so are we.