



*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

31 May 2026 – 10:30 AM
TRINITY SUNDAY

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE *The Best Is Yet To Come* Cy Coleman
JAZZ ON HIGH • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano & vocals
Chris Charman, bass; Zack Olsen, drums

WELCOME Jolien Wade Gatlin

*PREFACE Suzanne McLean, liturgist

One: God of creation,

All: Help us to be creative in our works of justice and love.

One: God of diversity,

All: Help us to create environments that celebrate and invite our differences and the telling of our stories.

One: God of a diverse universe,

All: Help us to know and love your world in all its differences.

One: God of everything,

All: Help us to know we are part of something greater than ourselves—a web of relationship that is your love.

*HYMN #28 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

*GREETING OF PEACE

ANTHEM *Let Your Love Flow* Larry Williams

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26 – 2:3 (“The Message”)

Suzanne McLean

God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature
So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle,
And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of the earth.”

God created human beings; created them godlike, reflecting God’s nature,
created them male and female.

God blessed them: “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill the earth! Take charge!

Be responsible for the fish in the sea and the birds in the air,
for every living thing that moves on the face of the Earth.”

Then God said, “I’ve given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth
and every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food.

To all animals and all birds, everything that moves and breathes,
I give whatever grows out of the ground for food.”

And there it was.

God looked over everything made; it was good, so very good!

It was evening, it was morning – Day Six.

Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail.

On the seventh day God rested.

God blessed the seventh day and made it a Holy Day

Because on that day God rested from work and all the creating God had done.

SERMON

Creating Life

Joliene Gatlin

RESPONSE #793

Argentinian traditional

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Dios.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy God.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Why I Give

Offertory Music

I’m Beginning to See the Light

Jim Weller

Ellington/Hodges/James

*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:

to walk together in all God’s ways as the Holy is revealed to us;

to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus’ ministry in this church;

to celebrate through worship God’s amazing gifts of unity and diversity;

to take up Christ’s mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;

to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;

for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

*HYMN 556

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Everybody Rejoice

Luther Vandross

Immediately following this worship service there will be a gathering next door in our fellowship hall to consider the church’s likely financial outlook with the delay of Peace Village Housing, and to review different options for supporting our mission and ministry with a balanced budget. Church leaders want you to see the numbers and to have opportunity for prayerful reflection as we move toward the congregation’s annual meeting, June 28, and the possibility of difficult budget decisions.

For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, *Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.*St. 4, *Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,

For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain

*Conrad Kocher, 1838**Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861*

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens 556

Catherine Cameron, 1967

Gen. 5:1-2; Isa. 42:5-9

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 3 As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,

Flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
 Known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

We, your chil - dren, in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
 Probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or, well be - gun;

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.
 Fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Catherine Cameron, a professor of social psychology in California, wrote this text in 1967 with Haydn's Austrian Hymn in mind. This tune, Holy Manna, appeared in The Columbian Harmony (1825), and was attributed to the compiler of that volume, William Moore.

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.
 William Moore, 1825