



Trinity United Church of Christ

Deerfield, Illinois

Father's Day/Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

A wholeheartedly inclusive Christian community
called by a challenging and progressive faith
to live lives of love and justice

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

PARTNERS IN BELIEVING

With Music

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Arr Lloyd Larson

With Meditation

*“...you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.”*

Isaiah 58:12b

*Please stand in body or spirit

INVOKING THE SPIRIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds

Prayer for Father's Day

(adapted) Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Loving God, who Jesus called Father, we thank you for your fatherly love. You have made this earth a home for us, and in love you have made your home with us. You have given us life, claimed and embraced us as your children, and provided for us. You have been present for us, and sheltered us in safety and belonging. You have delighted in us, carried us in your arms, walked alongside us, and taught us.

You have seen us through our hard times, wept with us in our hurts, believed in us in our challenges, and guided us in our journeys. You have showed us things, and filled us with wonder, with wisdom and courage for this life.

In love you have made us one family, all of us siblings, all of us your children. In love you have given your life for us. We thank you. And we pray for all fathers, that they may share in your spirit, act with your love, and know your delight. We pray in the name of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, that makes us one family in your love. Amen.

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy #277

(see insert)

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

We share “happenings” in the community, and lift up concerns for prayer.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING THE WORD FOR OUR LIVES

Reading from the Prophets	Isaiah 58:1-12
Reading from the New Testament	Romans 5:1-5
Reading from the Gospels	John 16:12-15

Sermon	A Whole New World (<i>Alladin</i>)	Rev. Edmonds
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Hymn	<i>Praise with Joy the World’s Creator #273</i>	(see insert)
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Glory (adapted) Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*“The glory that you have given me
I have given them.”*

—John 17.22

Beneath the grime of our judgments, the slop
and crud of our feelings, invisible even
to the person themselves, is a great magnificence,
humble, often lonely, yearning to be seen.

**God has given us the same glory God gives Christ.
We are not created in error or failure, but in glory.
God’s glory shines in us. God is not served
when we dismiss God’s work, or dishonor the light.**

God's glory shines in everyone, in every child,
in the demented curmudgeon, the strung-out addict,
the convict and the executioner, and most of all
in the person you meet next. Do you see it?

**Like an antique dealer looking past the dust,
a father loving his child beneath the stains,
learn to see as God, with eyes for glory.
Seeing so will make our own eyes brighter.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(see insert)

A Whole New World (from Aladdin)
Performed by Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

(An offering plate is available by the door in the Narthex or you may mail your gift.)

WELCOME!

We're glad you've chosen to worship with Trinity this summer. If you're new, please introduce yourself, we'd love to get acquainted. We hope you find this a welcoming community for people of all ages and stages of life.

If you have any questions about the church, feel free to ask the Pastor!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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Prayer Concerns

Prissy Wilson, recovering from a fall

Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, collapsed in a tornado, one member killed

Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, major tornado damage disrupting community food and service ministries

Carol Wells, upon the death of her husband Fred

The Family of Adrianne Mazura, friend of Lucy, who succumbed to breast cancer

Peter & Barbie Reynolds, friends of Lucy Dorenfeld who were captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan

Bill and Roseann Stenzel

Sarah Hughes as she recovers

Levi Chisholm, continuing slow & steady recovery from drowning accident

Don Inman

Mary Ferrante

Skip Hahn

Nancy Rose, Barbara Struthers' sister

Irene Santos and Family on the sudden passing of her brother

Carmen Ruiz & Fernando Rodriguez, Barbara Struthers' daughter-in-law's parents in Puerto Rico

The People of Ukraine and Leaders of all nations

For youth who feel alienated or without hope

For all whose lives are torn by disasters of human making

For those suffering devastation in the Middle East

***Please let Heather know when there should be changes to the prayer list. We don't want to remove anyone prematurely or omit anyone that should be held in all of our hearts.**

June 15, 2025

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Wisdom Calls

I had a seminary professor who would start each class reading from his dogeared copy of *Aesop's Fables*, regaling us with lessons from Greek antiquity such as slow and steady always wins the race. (Thank you wise tortoise for showing us how to outsmart the hare.)

After closing the book he would sit for a moment, seemingly lost in thought, before letting out deep sigh and remarking, "Wisdom is a precious gift many seek yet so few find."

The quest for wisdom has been around since the dawn of time, even before the classic, ageless tales Aesop told. For Christians, we have wisdom come to us in the person of Jesus Christ, who models for us through word and deed the smart choices we all need to make in life if love is to prevail and justice is to reign.

Before God sent Jesus into the world, though, wisdom was often personified in literature as a woman crying out to be heard as we have here in today's reading from Proverbs.

It is here that personified wisdom is found standing beside the gates at the entrance of a town, calling out to those who would dare to stop and listen. This location of the town's gate wasn't random. In ancient society it was that spot where the town's elders would conduct business and settle legal matters.

Now many of us don't live in a gated community, which leads me to wonder where then can we find wisdom and hear her call in our lives, especially amid the noise of too many people via too many venues chattering incessantly? What is it going to take for wisdom's life-changing and life-saving lessons to reach our ears?

Perhaps for wisdom to be heard we need to first hold our tongues from so quickly spewing out the answers we think we have. Maybe that is what Socrates was getting at when he said that "wisdom is in the knowing that we don't know anything."

Admitting we don't know something is often seen as being uneducated and that is often viewed as being inferior or powerless. But in a world where a slow tortoise can win a race against a speedy hare, perhaps it is time for us to start listening more to the cries of wisdom who stands by our proverbial gates in lives, urging us to drop the pretenses of knowing everything and to finally listen to the One who does indeed have the answers: God.

All-knowing God, we admit we don't have the answers that are needed in this world today. We turn to you now for wisdom from above, which will guide us in the right direction always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today's Sunday Bulletin.)



8 1/2" x 14" UCC SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Rev. 4:8-11; Isa. 6:1-8

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Though we know but dim - ly,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

This hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England. Nicaea, one of nearly 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.

Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
 John B. Dykes, 1861
 Descant David McK. Williams, 1948

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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The Iona Community, 1985; alt.

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and - cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

The Iona Community works and worships in a tenth-century abbey on the remote island of Iona, Scotland. Their output of hymns and songs includes this one written for the anniversary gathering of the World Student Christian Federation in Edinburgh in 1985.

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL)

8.7.8.7.8.7.

John Goss, 1869

A Whole New World

Sung by Mena Massoud and Naomi Scott · 2019

I can show you the world
Shining, shimmering, splendid
Tell me, princess
Now, when did you last let your heart decide?
I can open your eyes
Take you wonder by wonder
Over, sideways and under
On a magic carpet ride

A whole new world
A new fantastic point of view
No one to tell us, "No"
Or where to go
Or say we're only dreaming

A whole new world
A dazzling place I never knew
But when I'm way up here
It's crystal clear
That now I'm in a whole new world with you
(Now I'm in a whole new world with you)

Unbelievable sights
Indescribable feeling
Soaring, tumbling, freewheeling
Through an endless diamond sky

A whole new world
(Don't you dare close your eyes)
A hundred thousand things to see
(Hold your breath, it gets better)
I'm like a shooting star
I've come so far
I can't go back to where I used to be

A whole new world
(Every turn, a surprise)
With new horizons to pursue
(Every moment, red-letter)
I'll chase them anywhere
There's time to spare
Let me share this whole new world with you

A whole new world
A whole new world
That's where we'll be
That's where we'll be
A thrilling chase
A wondrous place
For you and me

Songwriters: Alan Menken / Tim Rice

A Whole New World lyrics © Walt Disney Music Company