TRINITY SUNDAY
JUNE 15, 2025
10:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Eric Robinson

PRELUDE Nimrod from *Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

CALL TO WORSHIP Wells Weitekamp

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of the glory of God!

***HYMN 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

1 I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** RC Smith

Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
yours is a perfect relationship,
one God in three persons, mutual and whole.
We confess that our relationships are not that way.
We have been too selfish;
we have given too much;
we have accepted too little.
We have failed to love in the manner of Jesus.
We have let sin drive us away from one another
and from you.
We long for wholeness and peace,
but our sin pulls us in other directions.
Forgive us and restore us.
Pull us to you.
With mercy and grace, pull us to you.

(a moment for silent reflection)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY** *God of Wonders* Byrd & Hindalong
(Led by the New Song Band)

Verse 1
Lord of all creation,
Of water earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus
God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy!
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy!
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2
Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night. (Chorus)

Bridge
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!

(Chorus)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *African Canticle* Daniel Angerman
(The Chancel Choir with Matt Jarvis, soloist)

This anthem uses a call and response form inspired by African idioms. The Swahili response, Kuimba sifa kwa mungu, means Singing praises to God. The refrain, *Sifa kwa Bwana*, means Praise to the Lord.

You are the moon on a midnight lake. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the tune of the stars in space. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the truth of a waterfall. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the Maker, the Lord of All. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.

Refrain:
O sifa, sifa kwa Bwana! You are my maker and friend!
O sifa, sifa kwa Bwana! You are the journey's end.

You are the wind through the waving tree. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the call of the crashing sea. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the strength of the mountain tall. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
Your name is Yahweh, the Lord of All. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*. (Refrain)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Eric Robinson
My Lighthouse Young Disciples and Band

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-2:3

SERMON *In the Beginning…* RC Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

Refrain:
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky: (Refrain)

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. (Refrain)

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Caroline and Daniel Clissold

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Charlie Weitekamp

OFFERTORY Improvisation Aina Olonade

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *A Declaration of Faith*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Charlie Weitekamp

God made human beings along with all the other creatures
and charged them to care for the earth and all that lives on it.

We acknowledge we share in the interdependence
that binds together all God's creation.
Yet God gives us power to rule and tame,
to order and reshape the world.
We hold the earth in trust
for future generations of living things.

The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth.
The Lord expects us to produce, to consume,
to reproduce in ways that make earth's goodness
available to all people
and reflect God's love for all creatures.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 39** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** RC Smith

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Lemmens

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

Aina Olonade is an organist and music educator whose work bridges academic scholarship with vibrant performance. He earned a Bachelor and Master of Music in Piano Performance, followed by a Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance. Dr. Olonade is passionate about sacred music, organ pedagogy, and mentoring the next generation of church musicians through both traditional and innovative means.

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