



## Main Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ-

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

Come, experience God's love.

Go, serve God's world.

The Congregation  
The Reverend Josh Lunde-Whitler  
Danny Smith

Ministers  
Pastor and Teacher  
Music Minister

**Trinity Sunday**

**10:00 AM**

**May 31, 2026**

Prelude

Introit

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Thom Shuman, adapt. +

One: God, your imagination saw all that is good, beautiful, and loving,

**Many: And you continue to see us as beloved children in the divine family.**

One: The Word which called forth the stars in every universe,

**Many: Continues to speak to us, inviting us to give ourselves in covenantal life.**

One: The Spirit, which moved over creation, breathing life into all things,

**Many: Still fills us with peace and patience, with hope and healing to share.**

\*Hymn

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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\*Opening Litany & Lord's Prayer

Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson, adapt., w/ add.++

One: Holy One, When we laugh, you laugh with us. When we weep, your tears wash over the earth. You know the joys and sorrows of our hearts, our efforts for change and our resistance to change.

**Many: We seek a time when Your ways become our ways, a time when our hopes for reconciliation, when peace and justice become reality.**

One: Spirit of Life, today we ask for enough: that the food we have may be enough that the money and possessions we have may be enough, that our achievements and successes may be enough—that we may be enough.

**Many: Lead us from the temptations of wanting more, to the contentment of having and being enough.**

One: Even as you sow the seeds of discontent that move us to change systems that give some too much and others too little. Help us to forgive others and ourselves when we disappoint, neglect, or harm.

**Many: For your grace is enough for all of us. by your creativity, the universe was born, And in your love, we are sustained.**

One: Walk with us and lead us along the path of simplicity and faith, being ever-created anew, and sustained by the joy of your holy communion in and with us. And so we pray:

*\*\*please use the address to God that feels right for you*

**Our Father/Mother/Creator\*\*, 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.**

\*Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Story for All Ages

Anthem

Joys, Concerns, Prayers for the World

- *Family & Friends of Hawley Lawliss, Marie Arrendale, Debbie, Erin Bass, Michael Fino, Cindy Hoyt, Tim Hoyt, Kaarin, Gay Main, Joseph McBride, Jim Smith, Judy Smith, M, Kay Weiner, Sally Zagaja;*
- *All living with chronic disease (Lori Belleville, Ryan Boothroyd, Irene Finnegan, Al Mackie, Rachel Monroe, Sue Ranshaw, Barbara Taylor, Theresa Trick);*
- *All living with cancer (Paul Bareford, Steve Belmonte, Robbie Canales, Lucille Cynewski, Teri Gouin, Jeanne Judson, Karena Morse, Joanna, Bruce Rogge, Felicia Ryan, Dave Simoneau);*
- *The mental health of youth, all feeling threatened or unsafe, and all who feel the impact of war, poverty, disaster, and oppression around the world (Cuba, Iran, Lebanon, the Arabian Peninsula, Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, US)*

\*Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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Words From our Sacred Story

Matthew 28:16-20

Message:

Making the Road by Walking  
(Beginning a New Series on Discipleship)

Offering

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*Baskets are passed to all in worship. Your offering can be a prayer, a financial gift, a drawing, etc. Other options for financial gifts include mailing a check to the church, using your financial institution's online bill pay, and the Venmo mobile app (Venmo ID @mainstreetchurch). Donations go to the general ministry of the church, unless specified otherwise by donor(s).*

Offertory

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heav'nly host / Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine (adapt.)

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God, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Heal your world with the fire glowing in us  
Shine on us, shine on us

*Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Maker's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light*

## Commissioning and Benediction

### Benediction Response

*Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle, for all to see it  
Take your candle, go light your world  
Take your candle, go light your world.*

### Today's Worship Support Team:

**Deacon** Cathy Young **Technology** Anne Bourbeau **Prayground Team:** Connie Weieneth and Others!

\* All who are able please stand

+ <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/> (5/24/26)

++ <https://worshipwords.co.uk/disciples-prayer-thandiwe-dale-ferguson-usa-2/>

## Announcements

For a quick look of what's coming, pick up a "What's Happening" calendar from the back 😊

See ALL our upcoming announcements in the "Happenings" weekly newsletter

Prayers for Peace 🙏

June 10th and 24th – 6 pm at the Sanctuary.

Jesus and Java ☕ (no-prep Bible Study)

June 3rd and 17th – 2 - 3:30 pm at Ovedia.

**Today!** Epilepsy Foundation of New England is hosting their annual Walk for Epilepsy Today, and Team FFREE (Family and Friends of Rachel Ending Epilepsy) are walking again! Our church family at MSCC has been staunch supporters these past three years, and we're hoping for another great team this year. Team FFREE has complementary bus service to and from the event. To donate, click here: <https://efne.epilepsynewengland.org/Team-FFREE>. Proceeds from the May Communion offering will go towards the Epilepsy Foundation of New England.

The Communion offering for June and July will go towards the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

There is still time to donate to the Missions Collection for the month of May - **Women's hygiene products** - These items are taxed and not covered by food stamps. Please help support our mothers, daughters, and sisters. There is a donation box on the porch of the Parish House. The donations will be distributed to food banks in our community.

**Spring Yoga - There are still places available in the Yoga Class - May 3 - June 14, 6:00pm** at the Parish House/Webster Room. Hosted by Sandy Jennings, class will meet for 6 weeks. The classes are free, but voluntary donations will be given to the MSCC Social Justice Team. [Click here to register.](#)

**NEXT WEEK: Craft Fair, Saturday, June 6th, 9:00-3:00** - There are still tables available, if you are interested please contact Heidi - [shfram@gmail.com](mailto:shfram@gmail.com) or 978-457-0208.

**Please sign up soon for** 🧑 **MILESTONE Sunday** 🧑 (June 21st): We will take time to 🎉 celebrate the end of the church and school year and the beginning of the summer, **by giving thanks to God and celebrating any important "Milestones" of the past year!** Beyond the usual "graduation Sunday," everyone from age 3 to 103 is invited to **SUBMIT** their own (or a family member's) name and celebration moment: Just use the QR Code! 🎉



Milestone  
Sunday Signup!

## Upcoming Outreach/Social Justice Opportunities:

Gun Violence Vigil (with Friends Peace Center) June 6th, Market Square, 10-11a  
Newburyport Pride Parade (join MSCC) – June 6th, noon (meet 11am, Bartlett Mall)  
Merrimack Valley Project Regional Gathering – June 7th  
Amesbury/Newburyport Juneteenth – June 19th  
Amesbury Pride Celebration — June 28th, 1-3pm



**Main Street Church**  
Venmo: @mainstreetchurch  
QR code →



*Your gifts (as you feel led, and are financially able) are deeply appreciated and help support a variety of ministries at Main Street, as we strive to shine God's light of love and justice in the world.*

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"Traveler, your footprints  
are the only road, nothing else.  
Traveler, there is no road;  
you make your own path as you walk.  
As you walk, you make your own road,  
and when you look back  
you see the path  
you will never travel again.  
Traveler, there is no road;  
only a ship's wake on the sea."

- Antonio Machado



## 57 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

D A D A G D G D G A

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 - at - ing  
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com -

Bm Em A F# Bm B7 E7sus4 Fdim7

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 Chris - tians to em - bod - y

F#m E A D Bm E A D G A

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

Bm A7 Bm A G Em D A D

Mak - er's glo - ry, pow'r to res - cue and re - lease.  
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Stran - ger, Guest and Host.  
 Spir - it's treas - ure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.  
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant u - ni - ty.

# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

*Unison, brightly*

*Refrain*

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D *Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

\*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 } to Refrain

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.*

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978.  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

# Sunday Scripture and Scrawlings

Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026

Passage: Matthew 28:16-20 (Common English))

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted.

Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Notes, Thoughts, & Questions:

People I want to pray for this week:

One thing I'd like to "take with me" from today for the week ahead is:

