

**When the Spirit of truth
comes, he will guide you
into all the truth.
John 16:13**

May 31, 2026

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Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — “Down Ampney” (“Come Down, O Love Divine”) — Jan Bender

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Friends, this is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PRELUDE — “Nicaea” (“Holy, Holy, Holy!”) — Healey Willan

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set your glory above the heavens. You have created human beings and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Leader: O God, you come to us as the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom.

People: **The Spirit rejoices in God's inhabited world and delights in the human race.**

Leader: O Lord, you come to us in human form, as the Son of God.

People: **The Son takes all that belongs to God, and declares it to us.**

All: **O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #1 — “Holy, Holy, Holy!” (8:30 vv. 1 and 4)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are majestic, yet we put aside your majesty, seeking our own power and gain. Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good, we seek our own benefit. Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect, we construct systems that are unjust. We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others. We confess that disrespectful thoughts, words, and actions emerge from us. We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness. Holy God, forgive us. Restore in us, and in our life together, the divine truth you intend. Make us one with you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #575

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA — #583 “Glory to God”**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (10:30 only)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:30 only) — “Let the Word of Christ” — arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 — pg. 590 in OT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — John 16:12-15 — pg. 110 in NT

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE — “Some True Thoughts” — Gregg Van Sickle

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN #282 — “Come Down, O Love Divine” (10:30 only)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (pg. 35 in *Glory to God* Hymnal)

OFFERING

Offertory (8:30) — “Come Down, O Love Divine” — Charles Callahan

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(10:30) — “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” — arr. Mark Hayes

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***Doxology — #607**

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**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN (8:30) #282— “Come Down, O Love Divine”**

(10:30) #174— “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Alleluia, Praise Ye the Lord” (excerpt) — Thomas Matthews**

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***POSTLUDE — “Nicaea” (“Holy, Holy, Holy!”) — Christopher Tambling**

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The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Jim Owen (10:30)

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