

First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

May 31, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday



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*"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### PRELUDE

*Andante*  
*Invocation*

*Giacomo Cervetto*  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and bodies  
to the worship of God as the light of Christ  
is brought forward.*

### PRELUDE

*O Lord Most Holy*

*Franz Abt*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

Our gracious God has created us and called us his own.

**Let us worship the triune God.**

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.

**Let us worship the triune God.**

The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.

**In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!**

### \*HYMN 267

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God's path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God's mercy to forgive and renew us.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to your will. We focus on things of**

**the self and give little thought or care to others. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and set us again on the path of your righteousness. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned, **It is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (*Unison; Hymn 579*)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

**Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. By your Spirit, we ask that you would speak, as we, your people, are listening. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

*Genesis 1:1-2:3*

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food." <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let His praises ring:  
“Glory in the highest,” I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.  
Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

I’m standing on the promises of God, my Savior!  
I’m standing on the promises, I cannot fall,  
list’ning ev’ry moment to the Spirit’s call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
I’m standing on the promise, standing on the promise,  
I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.  
I’m standing on the promises of God, my Savior!  
I’m standing on the promises, the promises of God,  
the promises of God!

THE GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 28:16-20*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said

to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*“The Everywhere and Every Time God”*

*Rev. Annie Parker*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 429

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; The Nicene Creed, 381 C.E. \**)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken**

**through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

*Lynn Zocolo*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

*Arr. Johnny Carter*

\*RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**Holy God, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from you. We dedicate these gifts given this day to your work of making disciples in this time and place. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION/LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 2130 (*Sing the Faith*)

*The Summons*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 432, Song of Hope*)

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.  
Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me – King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me – never to part.

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ  
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

*Arr. Marianne Kim*

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**Liturgist:** Lynn Zocolo

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Light-Bearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins and a Vase of Flowers** have been given by Tim and Melissa Costa in reflection of D-Day 1944 – “Upon the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, remember them with pride. Men from many nations fighting together side by side. Let us never forget their bravery and sacrifice. We may have our freedom, but they paid the price. By John F. Connor”

**A Vase of Flowers** has been given by Sam and Julie Johnson in memory of Hayden Johnson.

**Office Hours** for Rev. Annie Parker are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds** are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Scholarship Applications are available in the Church Office and can also be sent out via e-mail. Please return Applications to the Church Office by Tuesday, June 30.

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## Compassion Has No Bounds

### JEWAN RAKSHA KENDRA (LIFE SAVING CENTER)

**Sita's Story:** Sita lives in a remote village in Far Western Nepal. She became pregnant as a teenager, her lack of protein and health knowledge put her baby's life at risk. Now because of *Jeewan Raksha Kendra*, her family now uses better seeds to grow more potatoes, providing more food and extra income. A new greenhouse in her village ensures they have fresh vegetables all year long. Soon, her child will eat healthy meals and eggs at school to stay strong and focused in class. This will help Sita's child to learn better in school, her family to have a better income, and for her children to have a brighter future.

**The Problem:** In Sudurpashchim Nepal, the statistics tell a devastating story. The region currently records the highest child mortality rates in Nepal: In Dadelhdhura and Baitadi, inadequate nutrition and low crop yields lead to chronic hunger, creating barriers to children's growth and development. Geographic isolation with a nearby clinic, often being a several-hour trek, as well as low maternal literacy and adolescent pregnancy can result in illness and death of infants and young children.

**How You Can Help:** Your support allows them to expand their greenhouse initiatives, provide more protein-rich meals, and reach the most isolated families in Far Western Nepal. This is your opportunity to share God's love with a broken world! Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and write 'Nepal' on memo line.

***"By improving nutrition today, we are securing the leadership and health of the community tomorrow."***

Monday, June 1

**1:00 Board of Deacons** (Library)

Tuesday, June 2

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, June 4

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

**6:00 Christian Education** (Library) / **Mission I and S** (Parlor)

**7:00 Property** (Library) / **Worship, Music, Arts** (Parlor)

Saturday, June 6

1:00-4:00 Haueter Graduation Party (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, June 7

9:00 Church School for Adults (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) – *Christian Education*

10:30 Service of Worship (S) – *Communion*

Tuesday, June 9

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, June 10

**7:00 Finance and Administration Committee** *via Zoom*

Thursday, June 11

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

**5:30 Preschool Board** (Library)

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