



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Trinity Sunday | May 31, 2026 | 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | NETTLETON; arr. Ron Harris

* LITANY FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Glory to you forever!

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

Glory to you forever!

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-giving Womb:

Glory to you forever!

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

Glory to you forever!

Lover, Beloved, and Love Itself:

Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, and God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

Almighty and ever-living God,

You have given us grace to acknowledge and worship
your triune name in the majesty of your unity.

**Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship,
and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.



* HYMN NO. 22

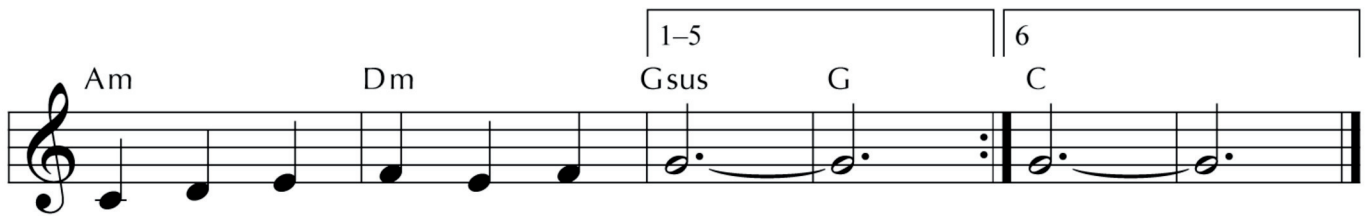
"God of the Sparrow" | ROEDER



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home



* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Presence, Life, Fire,
God who is Three in One,
we confess that we have turned away from you.
We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship.
We take your creation into our hands,
not to love, but to use and then to discard.

We pray for mercy, knowing you are merciful.
Flame of Love, purify us from sin;
Eternal Now, lead us to your truth;
Risen One, baptize us into union with you.
Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone,
God who is Trinity.

* SILENT CONFESSION


* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, God has washed away our sins
and presented us with a new life of hope and service.

We give thanks
and place our trust completely
in the God of justice, mercy, and love.

* GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver (1937-2021)



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it, as it was in the _ be - gin - ning, is _
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.



* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime

Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are humans that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON | TORAH

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

SERMON

"Connectedness" | *Brian Shivers*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"In Your Heart, O God, You Hold Us" | *PLEADING SAVIOR*



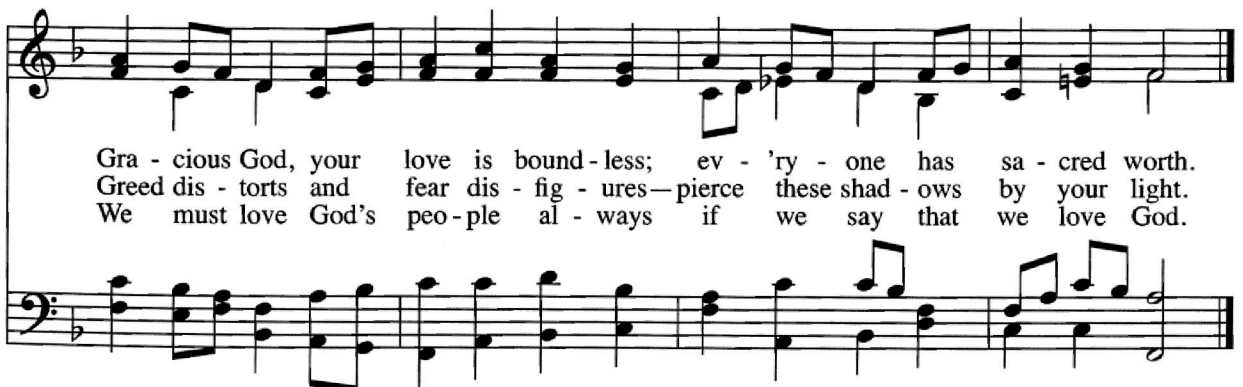
1. In your heart, O God, you hold us— ev-'ry - one, from ev - 'ry land.
2. To be - hold you in each per - son is our first and great - est task;
3. No dis - tinc - tions, no ex - cep - tions, no di - vi - sions, no more walls.



Ev - 'ry face re - flects your im - age; oh! that we would un - der - stand!
lov - ing all, as you have loved us, say - ing "yes" to all † you ask.
In your love, O God, you free us— cruel - ty crum - bles, ha - tred falls.



From the dust you shaped and formed us; by your breath you gave us birth.
Yet, O God, our vi - sion fal - ters— ha - tred dulls and dims our sight.
Free our hearts to love each oth - er, though the world may think it odd.



Gra - cious God, your love is bound - less; ev - 'ry - one has sa - cred worth.
Greed dis - torts and fear dis - fig - ures— pierce these shad - ows by your light.
We must love God's peo - ple al - ways if we say that we love God.

COMMISSIONING OF KENYA PARTNER VISIT TEAM (UMOJA PARTNERSHIP)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision" | *SLANE*; arr. Daniel Pinkston

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

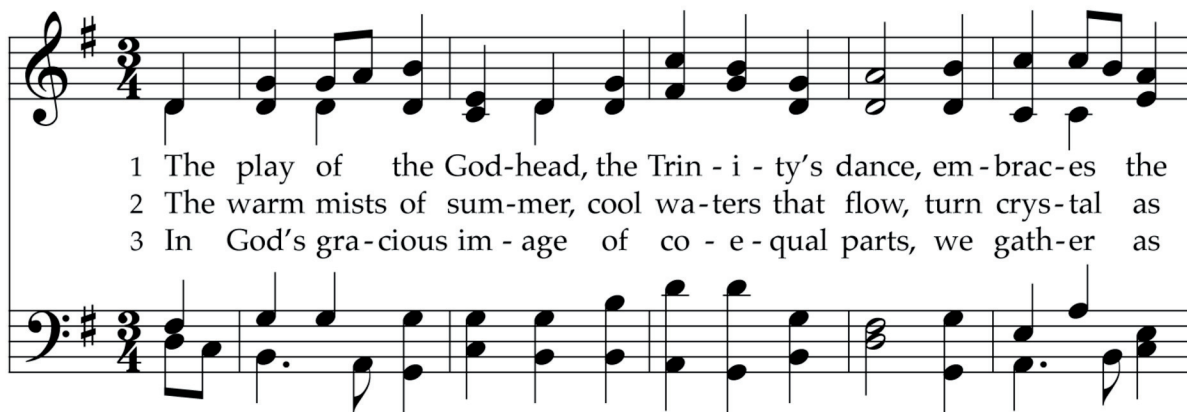
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



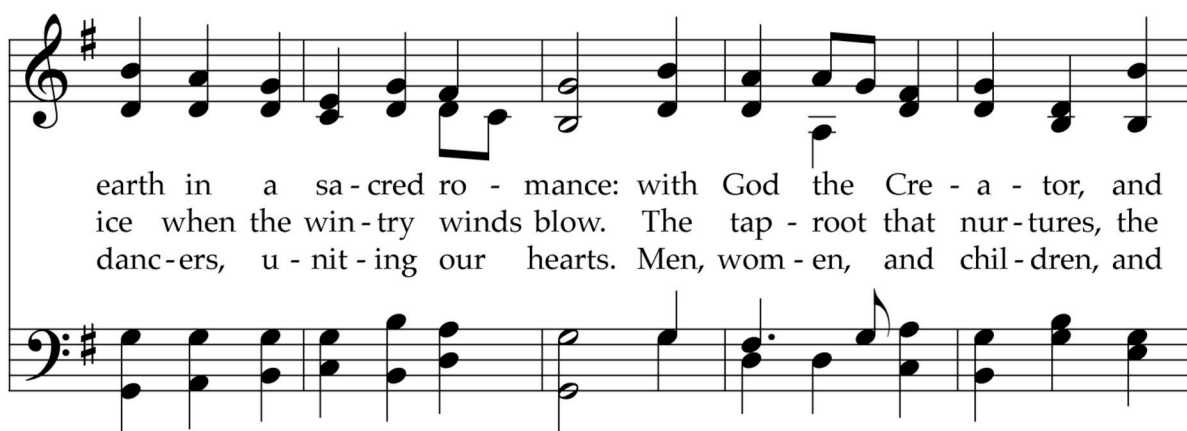
WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 9

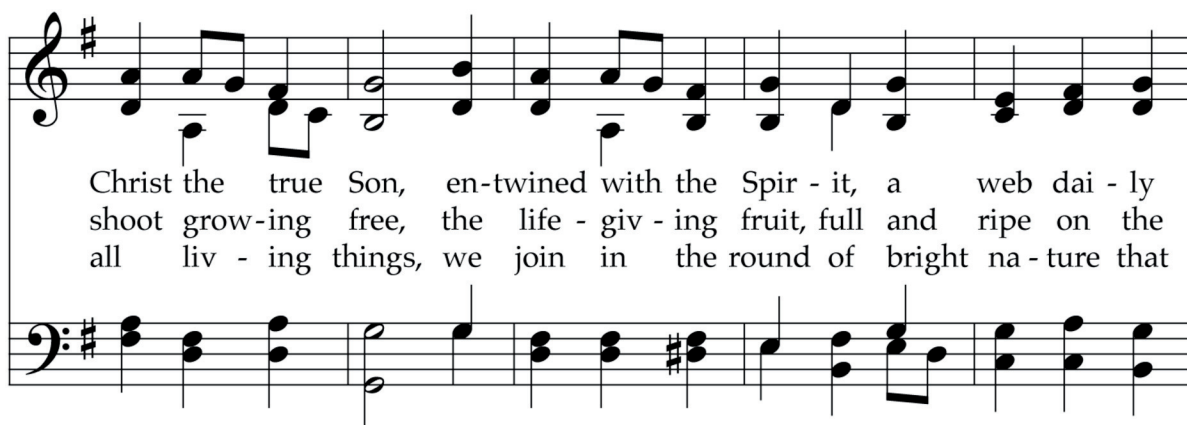
“The Play of the Godhead” | *PERICHORESIS*



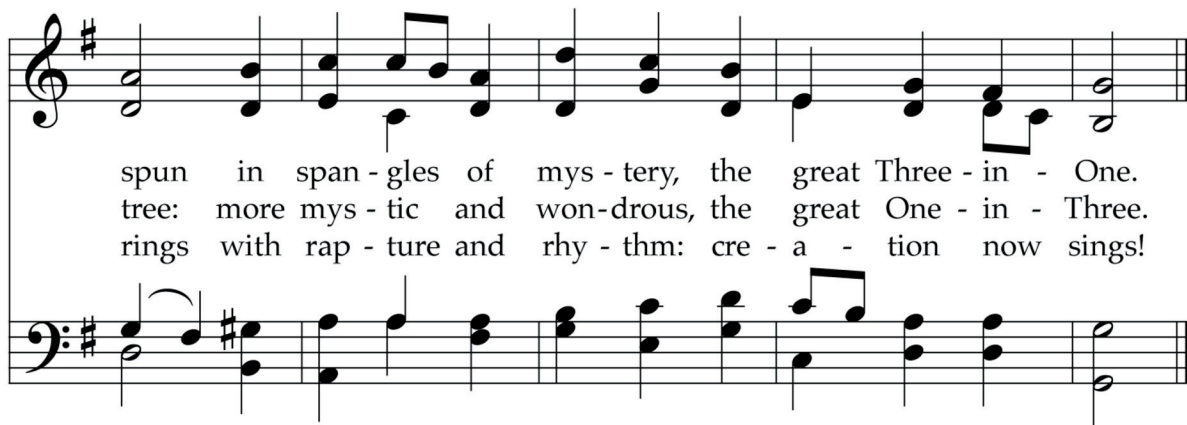
1 The play of the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em-brac-es the
2 The warm mists of sum-mer, cool wa-ters that flow, turn crys-tal as
3 In God's gra-cious im-age of co-e-qual parts, we gath-er as



earth in a sa-cred ro-mance: with God the Cre-a-tor, and
ice when the win-try winds blow. The tap-root that nur-tures, the
danc-ers, u-nit-ing our hearts. Men, wom-en, and chil-dren, and



Christ the true Son, en-twined with the Spir-it, a web dai-ly
shoot grow-ing free, the life-giv-ing fruit, full and ripe on the
all liv-ing things, we join in the round of bright na-ture that



spun in span-gles of mys-tery, the great Three-in-One.
tree: more mys-tic and won-drous, the great One-in-Three.
rings with rap-ture and rhy-thm: cre-a-tion now sings!

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Friends, may God give strength to you;
may Christ Jesus bless you with peace;
and may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,
give you assurance that you are God's children.

Friends, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Let us worship the Lord in all of life.

Let us entrust ourselves to the winds of God's Spirit.

Let us offer ourselves for God's mission in the world.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy" | *arr. Christine Anderson*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Ted Gibboney | *Keyboard*

Gregory Imboden | *Clarinet*

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IN WORSHIP

Today, churches around the world celebrate Trinity Sunday, an observance which began in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXIII in the 14th century. On this day, we celebrate the mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity, an identity and purpose we share as those who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is a day we praise and adore the infinitely complex and unfathomable mystery of God's being to which we point when we speak of the Holy Trinity. We could say every Sunday is Trinity Sunday, as on the first day of the week God began creation, Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the church.

The opening hymn, No. 22 "God of the Sparrow," was written by Jaroslav Vajda in 1983 at the request of Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, Missouri, in celebration of their 110th anniversary. Vajda claims he regarded the invitation as "an opportunity to compose a hymn text exploring why and how God's creations (and children) are to serve him." The text is interesting in that there is no punctuation, and there are twelve rhetorical questions. The composer of the hymn's music, Carl Schalk, has stated, "stanza 1 addresses God in nature's more beneficent aspects; stanza 2 addresses God in nature's more ominous dimensions; stanza 3 addresses God in the heart of the Gospel (rainbow, cross, empty grave, grace); stanzas 4 and 5 address God in the social and horizontal dimensions of the Gospel (hungry, sick, prodigal, neighbor); and the final stanza sums it all up (God of the ages and near at hand). The hymn is a good example of why one cannot pick and choose stanzas randomly. They make a complete whole."



Events and Announcements

Summer Fun: Do Justice | Wednesdays in June | 5:15 - 8:15 pm

Dig into the concept of Justice this summer with Summer Fun! This free program is open to children aged 3 through 5th grade, with childcare available for volunteers and families. Learn more and register today!



NPC Knits | June 1 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us in June for some knitting or crocheting with a dash of social justice! Bring your needles, yarn, and friends. All people and skill levels welcome! Contact Jill de las Alas for more information.



Northminster Labyrinth | Opens June 1

The Northminster Labyrinth will reopen for the summer on Monday, June 1st! Located in the Chapel, the Labyrinth will be open during regular building hours and by special arrangement. Please contact Krista Wright for more info.

Grief Support Group | Mondays Through June 15 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

This six-week group is free for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Providing a supportive, confidential, and compassionate environment, all are welcome to share as they feel comfortable. Learn more today.



Yoga Workshops | June 12 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

Join us on June 12th for the "Building Resilience (vagus nerve)" yoga workshop! These two-hour intensives focus on a different subject each month. Please note that there is no workshop for July. Register today using the QR code!



Theology on Tap | June 25 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy some conversation with pastors Karen and Brian on four Thursdays this summer! Please RSVP using the QR code so we have a general count, but feel free to join us even if you don't!



June Mission Team Collection: Pantry Items

For the month of June, the Mission Team is collecting bottles of water, boxes of Hamburger Helper, canned tuna, Ritz crackers, and GoGo pouches for our partner, IYG! Donations can be made to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place.

The Ecumenical Yogi Blog and Podcast

A new episode is now available! Episode six, "Meet Your Fitness Professional with Susan Holewinski," can be found on our website or using the QR code. A new blog post, "Impermanence and Attachment," is also available.



More information on these events and others can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Stephen Ministry Leader

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Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Matthew 25

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Covenant Network of Presbyterians

As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we seek equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people in church and society. We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.

Parenting and Sensory Rooms

Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms.

The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available! The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube.

Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

Children in Worship

We rejoice in all ages worshipping together! There are red worship bags available with activities as well as a quiet activity table and rocking chairs available on the east side of the sanctuary. We also have nursery care and church school happening simultaneously to worship if that is preferred.

Prayer Lists

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit northminster.church/prayer

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