

First Congregational United Church of Christ
“Where No One Is A Stranger”
Trinity Sunday – First Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 A.M. – June 15, 2025

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the God of the Trinity.
Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.
Let us worship our Triune God.
Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.
Let us worship the great Three in One.
Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.

* OPENING HYMN: “Come, Thou Almighty King” #148

* OPENING PRAYER

O God, our Creator, our Messiah, our Breath of Life, accept the praise we bring you. Guide us, now and throughout our days, to live by your commands, do your work, and bring glory to your name. Amen.

BRIEF REFLECTION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Jesus Christ, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, forgive us for minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. O Holy God, Three in One, forgive our blindness to your glory

and our tepid and shallow faith. Have mercy on us, and guide us to live as the people you would have us be. Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true for us now and whenever we come to God in true confession. We know that in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

FIRST READING: John 16:12 – 15

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1 – 5

HYMN: “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” #63

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future, Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s Word of grace, and love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God’s mercy as our hope.
We believe in God’s Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again, who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life.
We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and service.

* GLORIA PATRI: “Glory Be to the Father” #734
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 with-out end. A-men, A-men.

FOCUS SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 34 – 40

MESSAGE: “Everlasting Empathy” David Burrow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Respond: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (with debts/debtors)

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