

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 21, 2026

No. 25

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

### CHAPEL SERVICE

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT  
"Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ,  
we exist to worship, grow, and serve."

PRELUDE J.S. Bach  
"Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ"  
Douglas Chaplow

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #415  
"Take Up Thy Cross"

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #881  
The Apostles' Creed

† GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

† HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers" Hymnal #710

† SCRIPTURE READINGS  
Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:39  
"...So we too might walk in newness of life."  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
"Once for All"

† RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #141  
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

† BENEDICTION AND BLESSING  
Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

† POSTLUDE Deitrich Buxtehude  
"Toccata"  
Douglas Chaplow

### CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

† WORSHIP SONG "Because He Lives (Amen)"

† WORSHIP SONG "There Was Jesus"

† WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM  
Benjamin David Campion

† PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "In Christ Alone"


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† WORSHIP SONG "Good Good Father"

† WORSHIP SONG "Holy Forever"

† BENEDICTION

 We celebrate the baptism of Benjamin David Campion,  
son of Timothy and Kristin Campion,  
this day, Sunday, June 21, 2026.

*During the worship songs, you are invited to utilize the Prayer Station  
by the stained-glass window and light a candle as you pray.*

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

LITURGICAL SERVICE  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT Rev. E. Wayne Curry  
“**Because of God’s love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve.**”

PRELUDE "Sonata Con Tromba: II" Arcangelo Corelli  
Bryan Goff, trumpet

INTROIT "The Lord of Hosts Is With Us" Daniel Gawthrop

†CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 86 Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Take Up Thy Cross" Hymnal #415

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Hymnal #881

†GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71  
**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.**

†OPENING PRAYER  
O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE  
The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

†SONG OF PEACE "The First Song of Isaiah" TFWS #2030  
**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

*Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to Kids' Praise in Room 205.*

ANTHEM "The Fruit of the Vine" Mark Patterson  
Chancel Choir

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**Crucifer** | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | John Koehler, Karen Russell, Melanie Eppers, Rev. Patty Daniels, Rebecca Plagens, Rob Wicker, James Hunt | **Altar Guild** | Jamie Trulock, Valerie Dowell, Mary Ann Moore, Ann Melder | **Club Car Drivers** | Edward Young, Ben Gilleland, Jimmy Henderson, Ed Dowell

*Call the church office at 850-222-1120 to reserve altar flowers for the Sunday services in the sanctuary.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
Rev. E. Wayne Curry

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"  
Chancel Choir

Daniel Gawthrop

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Alleluia"  
Trinity Ringers

Brian Tervo

†DOXOLOGY

**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!**

Hymnal #94

†HYMN

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†POSTLUDE

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Deitrich Buxtehude

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*Happy Father's Day!*

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Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith, Associate Pastor  
Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Minister of Pastoral Care  
Alex Taylor, Director of Contemporary Music | Gregory Hilliard, Director of Traditional Music  
Douglas Chaplow, Organist



# *Once for All*

A Personal Bible Study

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

June 21, 2026

## A Bible Study

Romans 6:1b-11 / Matthew 10:39

The Apostle Paul writes to a congregation he has never visited. He makes an argument he knows has the possibility of being misread. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to disciples who are about to be sent into a world that will not always welcome them. Both texts arrive at the same place: the life you surrender is the life you keep.

### The Texts

Read Romans 6:1b-11 twice. Then read Matthew 10:39.

On your second reading of Romans 6, notice where Paul shifts from we to he in verse 10. Hold it in mind as you work.

### Reflections

#### *Romans 6:1b-2*

Paul opens with a question he attributes to an imaginary objector: if grace covers sin, why not sin freely? He doesn't answer with a rule. He answers with a reality.

What does it tell you about Paul's understanding of grace that his first response to this question is not moral but ontological. It is not "you shouldn't" but "you can't, because of what has already happened to you"?

#### *Romans 6:3-5*

Paul anchors his argument in baptism. Being baptized into Christ means being baptized into his death. The image is going under and then coming up. This is burial and resurrection as lived experience, not metaphor.

Where in your own life have you experienced something that felt like a genuine ending that made way for something new? What did that teach you about what Paul means here?

#### *Romans 6:6-7*

The "old self" was crucified with Christ so that the body of sin might be destroyed and we might no longer be enslaved. Paul uses the language of slavery deliberately. Sin, in his framework, is not just a habit or a failing. It is a power that holds.

What is the difference between approaching sin as a habit to manage and approaching it as a power you have already been freed from? How does that difference change the way you live day to day?

#### *Romans 6:8-10*

In verse 10, without announcement, Paul speaks only of Christ. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all.

Why does Paul isolate Christ in this verse? What is he protecting by insisting that this death was singular and unrepeatable? What would be lost if it were not?

### *Romans 6:11*

The entire passage arrives here with an imperative. Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word consider carries the weight of careful accounting by adding up what is actually true and acting from that truth. Paul is not asking you to feel a certain way. He is asking you to reckon with what is real.

What would it look like, in a specific and practical sense, to live this week from the reality of verse 11 rather than from the reality you inhabited before it?

### *Matthew 10:39*

Jesus speaks this verse in the context of cost. Following him will create division, demand loyalty, and require something the disciples are not sure they have. And then he says: those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Where do Romans 6 and Matthew 10:39 touch each other? Paul says the old self has already been crucified. Jesus says the life you release is the life you receive. What does it mean to hold both of those truths at the same time?

### **Going Deeper**

Proverbs 31:2-9 is the passage Lemuel's mother addresses to her son. It speaks of wisdom, restraint, courage, and the defense of those who cannot defend themselves. These are not peripheral virtues. They are the shape of a life surrendered to something larger than itself.

Read those verses alongside Romans 6:11 and Matthew 10:39. What picture of the considered, surrendered life begins to emerge across all three texts?

### **Closing Prayer**

Spend a few minutes in silence before you pray. Name, honestly, whatever it is you are still gripping in whatever version of the old life that has not yet gone under the water. Then pray from Romans 6:11, not as aspiration but as declaration: I am dead to sin. I am alive to God in Christ Jesus. Sit with what that costs. Sit with what it frees. Reflect and let your reflection be offered as prayer.

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers and father figures!

