



**Trinity Sunday**  
**May 31, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Barbara Dickason, BCC**

*United in Christ's love, a just world for all.*

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**Singing Prelude** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Pierpoint/Kocher

**For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Good morning, Venice United Church of Christ.

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus who welcomes each and every one of us into this sacred space. I am Pastor Barb, Barbara Allaire is our liturgist, and Wally Davis is our song leader. Many thanks to all of our staff and volunteers for all that they do so that we can come together to worship God.

Beautifying our sanctuary today, we have flowers given by Larry Chabek: "Happy Heavenly Birthday" and by Gayle and Wally Davis with Gratitude for Barbara Quinn's Work.

For those of us who are worshipping online, whether today or some point in the future, I invite you to like us, share us, and let your presence be known in the comments so that we can keep each other in prayer.

For those of us here in this space of stained glass and compassionate friendship, if you have a prayer request or a joy to share, please make sure that you let the office know. Call us, drop us an email, or follow the prayer request button in the app, as I want to make sure that we can lift up everyone's prayers as we worship.

For some of you, this is your first time joining us. I hope that you have been warmly greeted and have notated your presence either at our welcome table or through the QR codes found in the pews. We are excited to get to know you. We also have an

exciting new gift for you, so please stop by the Welcome Table if you haven't already to pick it up.

For in this holy, wonderful, ordinary space,  
as Venice United Church of Christ,  
we empower and invite everyone  
to join us in this divine place  
that we share on line and in person.

For when we gather, everyone is invited,  
no matter who you are  
or where you are on life's journey,  
and no one is turned away.

Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for coffee and fellowship across the lane in Naar Hall. Many thanks to the Church and Family Life Committee and Leadership Council who are hosting a time of recognition of Barb Quinn's administrative labors over the past four plus years.

This week, there are several events for which you will want to make sure are on your calendar. On Monday, the Zoom room will be open for those gathering for SpiritFed, a time of prayer and reflection on the week's scriptures.

Our Wednesday Bible Study meets in the conference room; this week we will be reading together the fifteenth chapter of Matthew. We use a lectio divina methodology which invites but does not require everyone's participation. Whether you consider yourself a religious scholar or a Bible illiterate, the invitation to

listen and respond to the Word of God is the same for each of us, and new members are always invited.

On Wednesday morning, our Library is also open from 9-12. And On Friday, the Men are meeting at Panera. The application deadline of June 10 for our annual college scholarship distribution is rapidly approaching, so please check the Connect or contact the office for more information.

There are many ways to get involved here at Venice UCC, whether through activities, volunteering for special projects or helping with our mission projects, or serving on a team or committee. Please check out the information table to explore new ways to become connected to the ministries of our church.

Today is Trinity Sunday, when we remember that God is holy relationship: Creator, Christ, and Spirit moving in mutual love. As we begin this year of Building a Strong Foundation, Matthew reminds us that a faithful life is not built on words alone, but on hearing Christ's teaching and living it with courage, compassion, and love.

As we conclude our study of bell hooks' book, "All about Love," she invites us to reflect on what it means to choose to love, as she writes, "the choice to love is a choice to connect — to find ourselves in the other." This morning, we come to worship so that we might once again find ourselves in God and in the worshipping community gathered in Christ's name.

So come, beautifully authentic, humbly transforming, faithfully Good-news following body of Christ, and let us Worship God!

## We Approach God's Presence

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Morning Has Broken*

Gaelic Melody

### Responsive Call to Worship

Jesus says:

Everyone who hears these words and acts on them  
is like a wise builder on rock.

**So we come to listen.**

**So we come to be shaped.**

God is not distant or alone,  
but Creator, Christ, and Spirit —  
love shared, love poured out, love still with us.

**Build us again, O God.**

**Ground us in your love.**

When the rain falls,  
when the floods rise,  
when the winds beat hard against the house,

**May we stand together  
on the strong foundation of Christ.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**\*Hymn**    *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*    Bible/Welsh  
Hymn Tune

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of humankind thy glory may not see.**

**Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

## **\*Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Let us pray:

Holy and relational God,

You create us for love,

call us through Christ,

and breathe courage into us by your Spirit.

Yet we confess that we often build on what cannot hold.

**We build on fear,**

**on control, on being right, on looking faithful  
without always becoming faithful.**

Forgive us when we hear your words but do not live them.

Forgive us when we call you Lord

but resist your way of mercy, justice, and love.

**Tear down what is false within us.**

**Strengthen what is rooted in you.**

**Teach us to build lives, a church, and a world**

**on the rock of your self-giving love.**

**Amen.**

## **\*Words of Grace**

Hear the Good News:

Christ does not abandon unfinished builders.

The Spirit still strengthens what is weak.

The Creator still restores what has cracked.

**In the name of the Triune God,**

**we are forgiven, renewed,**

**and invited to build again in love.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **\*Response**

*Rejoice!*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing..**

## We Encounter God in the Word

**Contemplative Reading** *all about love*<sup>1</sup>

bell hooks

Hear these words of contemplation:

“Love is an action, a participatory emotion. Whether we are engaged in a process of self-love or of loving others we must move beyond the realm of feeling to actualize love. This is why it is useful to see love as a practice. When we act, we need not feel inadequate or powerless; we can trust that there are concrete steps to take on love’s path. We learn to communicate, to be still and listen to the needs of our hearts, and we learn to listen to others. We learn compassion by being willing to hear the pain, as well as the joy, of those we love. The path to love is not arduous or hidden, but we must choose to take the first step. If we do not know the way, there is always a loving spirit with an enlightened, open mind able to show us how to take the path that leads to the heart of love, the path that lets us return to love.”

God is still speaking. **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**      *Go Ye, Go Ye into the World*  
Song Leader and Congregation

**Go ye, go ye, into the world, and make disciples of all the nations.  
Go ye, go ye, into the world, and I will be with you there!**

**Go ye, go ye, into the world, and take the gospel to all the people.  
Go ye, go ye, into the world, and I will be with you there!**

**Go ye, go ye, into the world, and tell the story to all believers.  
Go ye, go ye, into the world, and I will be with you there!**

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<sup>1</sup> bell hooks. *All about love*. New York: William Morrow and Company, 2001, Chapter 9; loc. 196 of 272 kindle.

<sup>24-25</sup> “These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a wise carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

<sup>26-27</sup> “But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a foolish carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

<sup>16-20</sup> The Eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words: “All authority has been given me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of Abba God, and of the Only Begotten, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, even until the end of the world!”

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Let us pray:

For the wisdom revealed through story,  
for the courage to listen deeply,  
and for the Spirit who opens our eyes to the Word of God,  
we give you thanks and praise.

Amen.

Trinity Sunday arrives quietly each year. Christmas announces itself. Palm Sunday arrives with fanfare and Easter bursts onto the scene. Even Pentecost arrives with wind and fire. But with Season over, Trinity Sunday sits quietly on the calendar, asking two deceptively simple questions: Who is this God we are building our lives upon? And just as importantly: What kind of people does God send into the world?

This year we are working to Build a Strong Foundation. And yes, a part of that work involves strengthening and sustaining our congregation’s institutional foundation. And yet, when we keep asking these two questions, our journey of discovery over the coming year will help us build lives, relationships, and communities capable of withstanding whatever storms may come.

Engineers tell us that bridge collapse rarely comes from a single dramatic event. More often it begins with small cracks, weakened connections, and hidden stressors that accumulate over time. Everything looks fine, but when a storm comes, the underlying weakness is revealed.

Like bridges, most of us do not discover what our lives are built upon during times of calm. Instead, we discover the strength of the foundation we've built when life becomes difficult. When relationships become strained. When health changes. When grief arrives. When uncertainty settles in.

Pressure reveals our foundation. And because foundations support everything built upon them, the question is not only who God is, but what kind of people do we become when we faithfully build our lives upon the teachings of Christ?

Our passages from Matthew this morning point us to two very different places in Jesus' teaching. Ironically, both of these teachings happen on mountains, not bridges, but they are still revelatory of the kind of foundation that He is helping his disciples to build.

Our passage from Matthew 7 happens at the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus began speaking to the crowds by sharing the beatitudes: Blessed are the humble. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice and right-living. Blessed are those who mourn. Blessed are the pure in heart... In his teaching, he revealed to all who had ears to hear that God's commandments are more than a list of "Thou shalt nots."

Jesus then taught all who would listen to love our enemies. To pray for those who persecute you. To forgive. To give generously. To love God. To love others as well as you love yourself. To do unto others as you would have them do unto you. To prioritize

God's ongoing 'heavenly' actions of creation above the actions of those in our 'earthly' realm who merely seek to profit from it. We can learn a lot about who our God is by paying close attention to these teachings, mindful that when we hear the word of God and apply it in our everyday life, the heart of God is revealed.

But Jesus also lets us know what will happen if we choose not to undergird our lives with his foundational teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. For as he draws to a close, Jesus tells a story about two builders. One builds upon the rock, while the other chooses sand. And when the storm comes, and the pressure builds, one life, one home gets swept away while the other remains secure.

Did you catch that? Jesus does not say that the storm came only to the foolish builder. He does not say faithfulness prevents storms. He does not say disciples avoid hardship. The storm comes to both houses. It is not the storm that causes the structural failure — it is the lack of a strong foundation.

Here along the Gulf Coast, we know something about storms. We also know something about what happens when people try to protect themselves from them. Yes, there are certain practical things that we can do to keep our homes and church as secure as possible. But the reality is that in the real world outside these doors, in order to live in this community, we are literally building on sand.

And as those closest to the gulf know, conversations about seawalls, barriers, and shoreline protection are ongoing. The

intention is understandable. We want to keep the water away. We want to protect what we love.

But sometimes a wall built to protect one stretch of shoreline simply redirects the force of the waves somewhere else. The erosion does not disappear. The damage does not stop. The suffering is merely transferred to another place.

One property becomes safer. Another becomes more vulnerable. The problem is still there — it has merely been relocated. The consequences of our self-protection ripple outward, touching lives we never intended to affect. This is what it means to build a life upon the sand.

The house built on sand is not simply poorly constructed. It represents a way of living that seeks security in things that cannot hold us at the expense of someone or something else. Fear tells us that survival comes through control. Anxiety tells us that safety comes through self-protection. But eventually the storm reveals what kind of foundation those strategies fail to provide.

And as the sand of our illusion gets swept from under our feet, we discover that building a wall to protect the earthly things we profess to love is not the same as building upon the rock of Christ's foundational teaching.

For while both the wise and the foolish builders heard the words of Jesus, only the wise builder discovered in Christ's teachings the relational, intimately love-filled relationship that our Creator seeks to share with us and then built a house where God would

dwell. Both builders believed in the wisdom offered, but only one began practicing it faithfully.

For the two builders, the difference is not information. The difference is formation. Faith is not merely what we think or say. It is what we practice. The fruit Jesus seeks is not displays of secular power but lives shaped by compassion, mercy, justice, and care for others. Foundations are built through practice. Not slogans. Not statements. Not intentions. Not Walls. Foundations are built in our practice of God's love.

Which brings us to this morning's contemplative reading from bell hooks. In *All About Love*, she writes, "Love is an action, a participatory emotion." For hooks, love becomes real when it moves beyond feeling and takes shape in practice. Love becomes real when we learn to communicate. Love becomes real when we learn to listen. Love becomes real when, through our suffering, we learn compassion. Love becomes real when we choose to take the first step on love's path.

What hooks describes is remarkably close to what Jesus is teaching. Both insist that love cannot remain an idea, an emotion, or a good intention. Love becomes real when it takes shape in practice.

Love becomes real in the daily practices that slowly shape a life. It is listening. It is forgiving. It is telling the truth. It is showing up. It is caring for someone else's well-being as deeply as our own.

It is about laying a foundation one decision at a time, for a house is not built in a single day. And over time those practices become strong enough to survive even the fiercest storm.

That is what Jesus means by building on rock. A life shaped by love does not become stormproof. But it becomes storm-ready. And resilient, storm-ready people are exactly the kind of people that Jesus sends into the world to share the Good News.

In the final chapter of Matthew, Jesus has already been betrayed, judged, mocked, crucified, buried, guarded, and has risen! Early in the morning of the third day, the women saw their Lord, clasped his feet, and worshipped him. Instructed to tell Christ's brothers to go to Galilee, where they will see him, the women have barely reached the disciples by the time the authorities are already conspiring with the guards to hide the truth of his resurrection. And now eleven disciples gather in Galilee, at the mountain where Jesus told them to meet him.

Eleven. Not twelve. The wound of Judas' betrayal remains, not just written upon Jesus' body, but within the lives and memories of the disciples.

Yet, there the eleven gather. The church has not begun. No cathedrals exist. No denominations. No seminaries. No global movement.

Just eleven disciples standing on a hillside.

And our scripture tells us that “When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.”

I love that Matthew shares the story in this way: They worshiped. And some doubted. Both are true. Faith and uncertainty stand side by side on that mountain. Worship and questions occupy the same space. Trust and trembling share the same moment.

And in that quiet faithfulness, Jesus sends them.

The disciples who have spent years witnessing and experiencing God’s mercy, forgiveness, generosity, and the immensity of Divine, Triune love, are now sent to teach others how to live in the same relational, uniting love of the Divine.

That may be the best news some of us hear today.

Because many people imagine discipleship begins when certainty arrives. But Jesus? Jesus sends doubting disciples. He commissions imperfect followers. He entrusts the future of God’s Good! News to people who still have questions. He sends out the disciples not because they are powerful or numerous or have all the answers. They are sent because, upon hearing Christ call their name, they opened their ears to hear the Word of the Lord and began building their lives upon the foundational Word of God.

And while this text is often used for Trinity Sunday because of the triune baptismal liturgy that Jesus introduces here, ultimately our question of “Who is this God we are building our lives upon?” Becomes less about what we think our God is all about and more

about who God is revealed to us to be as we build our lives upon the foundational teaching of Christ.

So that when, in our turn, we stand on our own mountaintops and ask, “What kind of people does God send into the world?” We can look both within and around us and see the image and Spirit of God revealed in our midst.

For at the heart of God’s created realm, at the heart of our reality is relationship. There, at the point where heaven and earth, and the care of each other and God’s creation meet, at that point where the two cross, the heart of God is revealed.

And when we finally understand that God is eternally relational—Source of Life, Embodied Love, and Sustaining Breath sharing life in mutual self-giving relationship—then God’s Divine power and authority as wielded by Christ looks very different than the power our society celebrates.

Jesus instructs us to go and make disciples of all nations, of all peoples. But instead of a quota, he sends us out with a promise — a promise that God is with us, even until the end of the age.

We are sent out with arms extended, with a heart filled with the love of God, and the promise that just as God was present in Christ’s suffering, so the divine is always present with us in ours.

The world may teach us to survive by redirecting suffering: protecting yourself, shielding yourself, moving the cost somewhere else.

But the God revealed in Jesus does something entirely different. God does not redirect suffering. God enters it. God bears it. God transforms it through self-giving love.

And this is the power through which, even now, as Christ's followers, we are being sent. We are being sent out with the power of love, for God is an eternal movement of love shared and received, an unending relationship of grace offered and received.

That is what Trinity Sunday celebrates.  
Not a mathematical puzzle.  
Not a doctrine to master.  
A relationship into which we are invited.

This week, as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, we are celebrating the Divine relationship revealed through our Creator. Christ. Spirit. Source of Life. Embodied Love. Sustaining Breath. The One who brings life into being. The One who walks among us in love. The Breath of God still moving through creation.

Before Jesus is born, Matthew tells us he shall be called Emmanuel—God with us.

The Gospel of Matthew ends with the same promise:

“Behold, I am with you always.”  
I am with you.  
Not I was with you.

Not remember when I was with you.

I am with you.

Always.

The God we know as Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

That God is with us.

And 'God with us' is our foundation beneath everything.

Not our strength. Not our certainty. Not our numbers. Not our success: God's presence.

The church has often survived on far less than it thought it needed because it possessed the one thing it actually needed:

The presence of God.

So what might this mean for us this week?

If Jesus could send eleven disciples formed by mercy, forgiveness, generosity, and love, he can work through us. The authority belongs to Christ. The power belongs to God. The Spirit accompanies us.

Our task is simply to keep building.

And when we are asked, "What kind of people does God send into the world?" we can respond with a simple yet glorious answer:

God sends us. God sends me. God sends you.

For we are a people who are formed by God's love.  
We are a People who seek healing rather than relocating harm.  
We are a People who know that suffering can be transfigured.  
We are a People who trust the presence of God more than the  
illusion of control.  
We are a People who have learned to build upon the rock of the  
foundational teachings of our Messiah.

We are Ordinary people.  
Sent by an extraordinary love. Amen

## We Respond to God's Grace

### Congregational Prayers

#### Joys

**Donna (Squires) is lifting up prayers of thanksgiving that following a health issue last week, she is doing great. Praise Be!**

**Joyful for the many migrating birds stopping in our area so we can see their rare beauty.**

**(Pick 6 more or add your own:)**

What a wonderful world with God in it.

Beautiful weather,

Getting up each morning,

Thankful that the Lord listens to prayers whatever they might be,

Music,

Kindness,

Our volunteers who do so much,

Those who light up our lives,

love,

playing golf,

the awe of each new day.

friends and neighbors who are like family,

being able to come to church,

being able to express ourselves to God,

diversity of the congregation,

God's new morning painting,

that we are able to celebrate our joys — for celebrating joy

reminds us that we share the same source of our joy,

the depth of human creativity and spirit,

gathering together to study God's word,

rebirth and recreation in communities that empower and hold us

as we ask tough questions of God and each other,

those who pitch in and help out,  
birthdays, anniversaries, milestones...

**When we pray for our loved ones, we have a duty of care to not spread their business without explicit permission. Instead, as we pray, we hold our loved ones close to our heart and lift them up to God, trusting that the Spirit intercedes in all of our prayers, especially those too deep for words.**

**Intercessions:**

Light a Candle for Vicki Decker... family and friends of Vicki Vicki Decker on May 18, 2026. Vicki had several careers, including one as a very successful travel agent. We knew Vicki as the Administrative Assistant and then the Publications Clerk at VUCC for many years. She published the bulletins, the annual reports, the Women's Fellowship booklets (4 separate editions each year), etc.

Vicki is survived by her son Shannon and her two granddaughters, Lindsay and Brittany. We will update you on any service plans and an address for sending cards.

Michael	Jeff.	Sue	Bob
Jenny	Wayne	Bashay	
Leslie	Donna	Ami	
Cerenity	Rev. Ryan's family		
Kip, Emily, Jimmy, Christine, Mark, Helen, Gay, Stacy, Pam, Jack, Rick, Clark, Barbara, Pastor Atilla			

**Those who are struggling with a cancer diagnosis.**

**We pray for those people who have lost their jobs and their means of supporting their families, ... pets that need homes  
We pray for everyone to be healthy,**

Memorial Day: **Everyone impacted by the decisions of governments that choose violence and war instead of diplomacy;** all essential workers and all frontline healthcare workers; everyone impacted by recent hurricanes, fires, tornadoes, and flooding;  
and

**The staff and participants of Word Made Flesh in Sierra Leone, Immokalee Farm Workers,** black and brown fathers and their sons, everyone living through domestic violence, people of all religions who are being persecuted because of their faith, all who struggle with or are affected by mental illness and depression. We also pray for law enforcement officers, service men and women, missionaries and rescue workers doing God's work in dangerous places.

(Fourth Sunday: alternative)

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People and our Lord's Prayer**

Loving God,

Triune God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we come before you as people who want our lives to stand on what is true. Shape this congregation into a house built on rock: grounded in compassion, strengthened by mercy, and open to all whom you send our way. Teach us not only to speak love, but to practice it.

As Jesus sends his disciples into all nations, send us into our own community with humility and courage. Let our teaching be embodied in our welcome, our justice, our generosity, and our care. When storms test us, may we discover that your presence is still with us — always, to the end of the age.

We pray this morning for those who are grieving, for those who are suffering, for those who are sitting in that place of waiting and not knowing. Soothe our fears, nourish our bodies, and feed our souls with the bread and cup of your compassion and mercy.

We praise you for your vision of a new heaven and a new earth, in which everyone treats each other as your beloved children, as together we sing the prayer that you have taught us:

**O Great Spirit, our loving parent from above,  
We honor your name as sacred and holy.  
Bring your good road to us,  
    where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world  
        is reflected in the earth below.  
Provide for us day by day—  
    The elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.  
    The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.  
    All the things we need for each day.  
Release us from the things we have done wrong,  
    In the same way we release others  
For the things done wrong to us.  
    Guide us away from the things that tempt us  
        to stray from your good road,**

**And set us free from the evil one  
and their worthless ways.  
Aho! May it be so!<sup>2</sup>**

**Musical Response** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* MacGregor

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.**

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<sup>2</sup> Native American Bible. Matthew 6

## We Share God's Love

### **Invitation to Generosity**

The love of God is not self-protective or closed.  
The life of the Trinity is love shared, love given, love sent.

When we give,  
we participate in that holy movement.  
We help build a foundation strong enough  
to hold compassion, justice, welcome, and hope.

Let us give with generous hearts.

*(The offering plates are found by each doorway for your use. For those of us online, please follow the QR code.)*

### **\*Song of Gratitude**

#### *Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

### **\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

#### **Triune God,**

**Receive these gifts and build with them something holy.  
Use them to strengthen this church, serve our neighbors,  
and make your love visible in the world.  
May all we give and all we do rest  
on the foundation of Christ.  
Amen.**

## **We Go to Carry the Light**

**\*Hymn**

*We Are One in Mission vs. 1,2,4*

*Tune: The Church's One Foundation*

**We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

**\*Blessing and Benediction**

Go now in the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Build your life on love, act on the words of Jesus, and trust that Christ is with you always. Amen.

Go with the Love of God. Amen.

**\*Sending Blessing**      *Go Ye, Go Ye into the World v.1*    MacGregor

**Go ye, go ye, into the world, and make disciples of all the nations.**

**Go ye, go ye, into the world, and I will be with you there!**

**\*Postlude**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Clarke

**Please remain seated in silence for the Postlude as the**

**Light of Christ is carried into the world.**

**The worship has ended; our service begins.**

## Supporting Our Service Today

**Liturgist:** ...

**Song Leader:** ...

**Greeters:** ...

**Acolyte:** Bella Clapham

**Welcome Table:** ...

**Head Usher:** Wendy Seeley

**Usher Team:** Victoria Augustine,  
Terry Calderone, Char Raitt,  
Bonnie Thistle, Lynn Weeks

### Technology Team

Gary Woodrum, Debra Mosely,  
Maria Groody, David Jack,  
Linda Newton, Wally Davis,  
Patty Fjetland

The **Lord's Table** was decorated  
by Victoria Augustine

The **Sanctuary Flowers** are  
given by ...

The **Church Sign** was changed  
by Faye Newton & Lisa Sclafani

**Sunday Librarian:**

...

**Fellowship Hosts:** ...



## Senior Minister

**Rev. Dr. Barbara Dickason, BCC**

### Staff

**Gary Leidheiser:** *Custodian*

**Barb Quinn:** *Office Assistant*

**Marguerite Long:** *Administrative  
Specialist*

### Music Staff

**Barbara Quinn:** *Music Director*

**Lynda Weston:** *Bella Handbell  
Director*

## **This Week at a Glance**

**Monday, June 1**

**Spirit Fed**

**Tuesday, May 26**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:45 PM ...

6:00 PM Girl Scouts

**Wednesday, May 27**

9:00 AM - Noon Library Hours

10:00 AM Bible Study—CR

**Thursday, May 28**

6:00 Daisies

**Friday, May 29**

8:30 AM Men's Coffee—Panera

**Sunday, June 7**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**New Series: Growing in Faith**

Brian McLaren's

*Faith after Doubt*

9:00-9:45 AM Library Hour

10:00 AM Worship

11:00-11:15 AM Library Time

**Coming Events**

The church office is open

M-Th, 9-1.

New Member Sunday: June 14

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