



## Trinitarian: God and Relationship

**Trinitarian | Trinity Sunday**  
**May 26, 2024 | 9:00 am**

**+ Please Stand**

**Bold Text = Congregation speak or sing**

### Chancel Flowers

*Ted Elson-Canfield gives flowers in  
loving memory of Rachel Elson-Canfield.*

### Congratulations High School Seniors

*Abigail Arbore, Odella Bizumuremyi, Brooke Dunkel,  
Remington Haynes, Oreyia Igiraneza, Gerard Irakoze,  
Kyle Langston, Jenna Moore, Dezire Niyimbabazi, and Anna Reisen*

### Worship Attendants

*Rev. Jonathan Heifner, Lead Pastor*  
*Rev. Ryan Roth-Klinck, Associate Pastor of Discipleship*  
*Rev. Daniel Niyonzima, Associate Pastor, African Nationals*  
*Dr. Mark Baumann, CAGO, Coordinator of Music Ministries*  
*Dr. Michael Sauer, Director of Sanctuary Choir*  
*Brian Azelborn, trumpet*  
*Becca Nims, Liturgist*  
*Doolittle Family, Gospel Reading*  
*Brian Azelborn, Slide Presenter*  
*Ryan Dove, Videographer*  
*Craig Dove, Audio*  
*Keith Williams, Video Streaming*

### The Roundtable Team

*Cynde Clymer*  
*Carol Curry*  
*Bill Daylong*  
*Cindy Edge*  
*Stan Vandersall*

## GATHERING

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Like a River Glorious*  
Christine Anderson  
Lilah Clymer, handbell solo

Like a river glorious  
is God's perfect peace,  
over all victorious  
in its bright increase:  
perfect, yet still flowing  
fuller every day;  
perfect, yet still growing  
deeper all the way.  
Trusting in the Father,  
hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as he promised,  
perfect peace and rest.

### Call to Worship

Jonathan: Today is Trinity Sunday!

Becca: Yes! And I have found  
the perfect meme to  
explain the Holy Trinity!

Jonathan: Well, now  
I've got to see this.

Jonathan: Um, while this is  
endearing, the Trinity is just one  
person, not three different people.

Becca: Okay, that's alright.  
How about this one

Jonathan: Oh, sorry, Becca,  
well, while that's closer,  
the Trinity isn't different ages.

Becca: Ugh, Jonathan, okay, fine, let  
me try again. How about this one?

Jonathan: This one's pretty good!  
It's just missing the Holy Spirit.

Becca: Argh! Okay, if you are so  
bright, you should explain  
the Trinity through an  
image to everyone because  
I need clarification.

Jonathan: Okay, you got me; the Trinity can be hard to explain because it is so strange and mysterious. This is how I feel every time I try to explain the Trinity.

Becca: It's okay, Jonathan; I have good news for you.

**All: We are called to be a church that wrestles with the mysteries of God, the Holy Trinity!**

Jonathan: Whether you are confused by the Trinity, think you have a grasp on its holy mystery, or don't know what to think about all of this, you are welcome here.

**All: You are embraced, loved, and called by God. Let's worship God together! Amen!**

Ute: Please rise in body or spirit as we sing our first hymn,  
*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
*Lord God Almighty!*

**+ Hymn of Praise to the Triune God**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
*Lord God Almighty!*  
UMH 64

**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!**  
**All the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns**  
**around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim**  
**falling down before thee,**  
**which wert, and art,**  
**and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy!**  
**Though the darkness hide thee,**  
**though the eye of sinful man 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.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

We believe God truly desires peace for all creation, so we take time as a congregation to bless each other with the peace of Christ.

A blessing is a way to wish for wholeness in someone's life, so please ensure everyone has peace passed to them, regardless of their generation.

We also encourage you to venture out, meet someone you don't know well, and learn their name.

If you are online, you can pass peace to each other in the comment section.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## **FORMING**

### **Life of the Community**

## Presentation of Graduates and Scholarships

Abigail Arbore  
Odella Bizumuremyi  
Brooke Dunkel  
Remington Haynes  
Oreya Igiraneza  
Gerard Irakoze  
Kyle Langston  
Jenna Moore  
Dezire Niyimbabazi  
Anna Reisenn

## Scripture Lesson

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died,  
I saw the Lord sitting on a throne,  
high and lofty, and the hem of his  
robe filled the temple. Seraphs were  
in attendance above him; each  
had six wings: with two they  
covered their faces, and with  
two they covered their feet, and  
with two they flew. And one  
called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of  
hosts; the whole earth is  
full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds  
shook at the voices of those  
who called, and the house filled  
with smoke. And I said,

“Woe is me! I am lost, for I am  
a man of unclean lips, and I live  
among a people of unclean lips,  
yet my eyes have seen the King,  
the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me,  
holding a live coal that had been  
taken from the altar with a pair  
of tongs. The seraph touched my  
mouth with it and said,

“Now that this has touched your  
lips, your guilt has departed and  
your sin is blotted out.”

Then I heard the  
voice of the Lord saying,  
“Whom shall I send,  
and who will go for us?”

And I said,  
“Here am I; send me!”

### **The Greatest Commandment**

*The Greatest Commandment*

Paul Zach

Michael Sauer, song leader

Song leader: Love the Lord your  
God with all your heart and soul  
and mind, and love your  
neighbor as yourself.

**All: Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart and soul  
and mind, and love your  
neighbor as yourself.**

Song leader: Let us be known, let us  
be known, by the way we love.


**All: Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart and soul  
and mind, and love your  
neighbor as yourself.**

Song leader: Love, Love, love, the  
greatest commandment is love, love,  
love, the greatest commandment  
is love, love, love, the greatest  
commandment is love.

**All: Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart and soul  
and mind, and love your  
neighbor as yourself.**

### **Prayers of the People**

This Sunday, we thank Becca, the  
family ministries leadership, and  
all who have journeyed alongside  
our students from childhood into  
adulthood. Raising children takes a  
whole community working together;  
it is holy and sacred work.



So, we celebrate the relationships we have built, the moments of discovery and growth, and we pray God's spirit may continue to work in the lives of all who participate in our family ministry programming.

And the people said,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

We also thank God for our staff, who work behind the scenes to make our worship services and events happen. We specifically lift Holli, our Director of Communications, and Celeste, our Hospitality Coordinator. Holli interprets our pastor's thoughts, ensures our slides and bulletins are ready to go, and does much work to keep our website and social media current. Celeste prints the bulletins, makes sure all our events and room reservations are on the calendar, and juggles many tasks that keep things moving forward in our church. So, we celebrate the gifts, work, and love that Holli and Celeste give to our community.

And the people said,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Finally, we celebrate the many and varied ways God connects with us. The Holy Trinity shows us how God desires to be in a relationship with us. God meets us on a personal level through Jesus. Jesus gives us the imagery of a parent we can call out to, and the Spirit moves among and through us, guiding us toward a more significant connection. So, we thank God for fostering a relationship that creates love, care, and joy in our lives.

And the people said,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

God in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass 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.**

### **+ Hymn of Preparation**

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*  
(see slides)

Text: Richard Leach

Tune: KINGSFOLD (See UMH 179, 285, 606)

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**Come, join the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun-  
the interweaving of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time  
did not arise by chance,  
but as the Three, in love and hope,  
made room within their dance**

**Come, see the face of Trinity,  
newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns  
outside Jerusalem.**

**The dance of Trinity is meant  
For human flesh and bone  
When fear confines  
the dance in death  
God rolls away the stone**

**Come, speak aloud of Trinity  
As wind and tongues of flame  
Set people free at Pentecost  
To tell the Savior's name  
We know the yoke of sin and death  
Our necks have worn it smooth  
Go tell the world  
of weight and woe  
That we are free to move!**

## + Gospel Lesson

*John 3:16-17 NRSV*

For God so loved the world that  
he gave his only Son, so that  
everyone who believes in him may  
not perish but may have eternal life.  
“Indeed, God did not send the Son  
into the world to condemn the  
world but in order that the world  
might be saved through him.

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## Sermon

### Act of Praise

*Here I Am Lord*

arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
If you need me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
If you need me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.



I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
If you need me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
In my heart.

### Offering Invitation

## SENDING

### + Sending Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*  
UMH 159 (stanzas 1, 2, & 4)

**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world  
adore his sacred name.**


**Come, Christians, follow this  
triumphant sign. The hosts  
of God in unity combine.**

**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world  
adore his sacred name.**

**Each newborn servant of the  
Crucified bears on the brow the  
seal of him who died.**

**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world  
adore his sacred name.**

**So shall our song of triumph  
ever be: Praise to the  
Crucified for victory!**



**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world  
adore his sacred name.**

**Invitation to Gather**

**Blessing**

**Going Forth**

**Postlude**

*Lift High the Cross*

Carolyn Hamlin

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# welcome

## ALL

**We gather to worship God, whose nature is love.  
And because God's love knows no bounds,  
All are welcome here.**

**All**

**ages**

**races**

**abilities**

**ethnicities**

**life circumstances**

**gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations.**

**We joyfully celebrate the diversity of All God's children  
as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to love as Jesus loves.**

**Welcome to God's extravagant, inclusive love!**

**Welcome to St. Paul's!**



# What's Happening

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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
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**Building & Office Closed Monday, May 27**



**June 10-13, 2024**  
**9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
Open to ages 4 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade

\$25 registration fee per family  
\*financial assistance available\*  
Extended Care available from 12:00-3:00pm  
(lunch included) \$75 per child.

To register contact Julie Hanlin  
([jhanlin@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:jhanlin@stpaulsumc.org))

**MINI GOLF** | Intergenerational Event

**June 12 | 6:00 pm | \$12/person**  
Mini Pines (3800 42nd St NE, Cedar Rapids)



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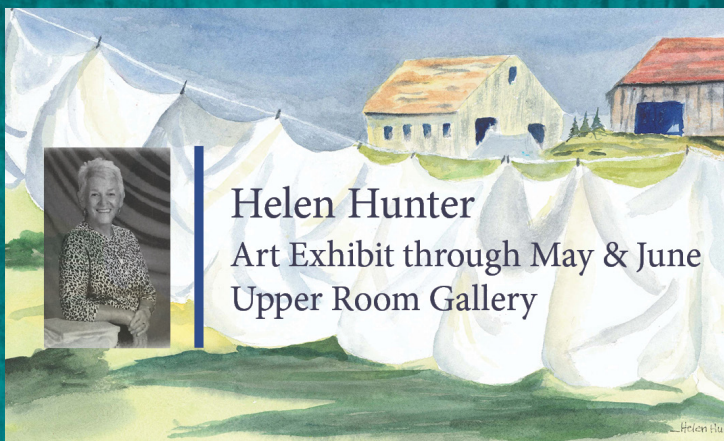



**KERNELS** | Intergenerational  
BASEBALL GAME | Event

**June 27 | 6:35 pm | \$12/person**  
Veterans Memorial Stadium (950 Rockford Rd SW, Cedar Rapids)



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 Helen Hunter  
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