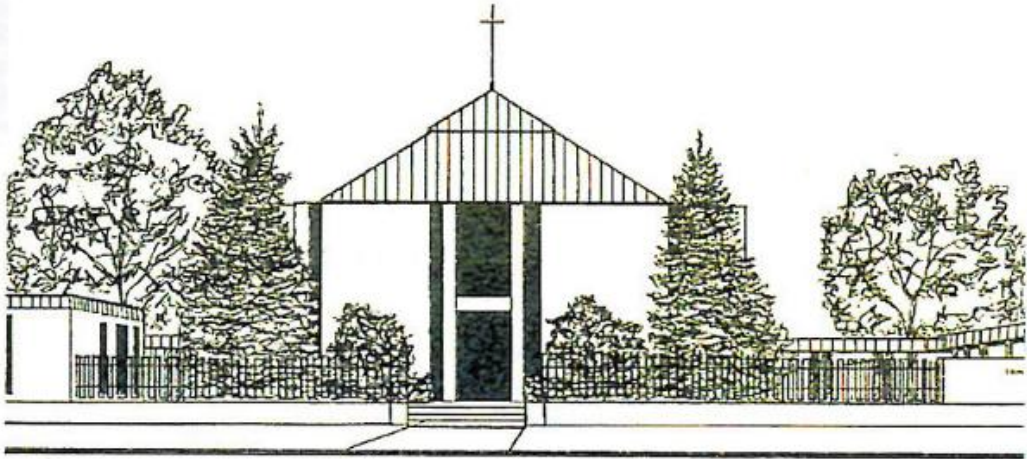


Trinity Episcopal Church



Invite. Include. Inspire.

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday after the Ascension**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
May 17, 2026**

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

We are delighted to have you with us today.
Everything that you need for the liturgy can be found in this bulletin.
If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.
Children are always welcome in the church.

The Word of God

Prelude:

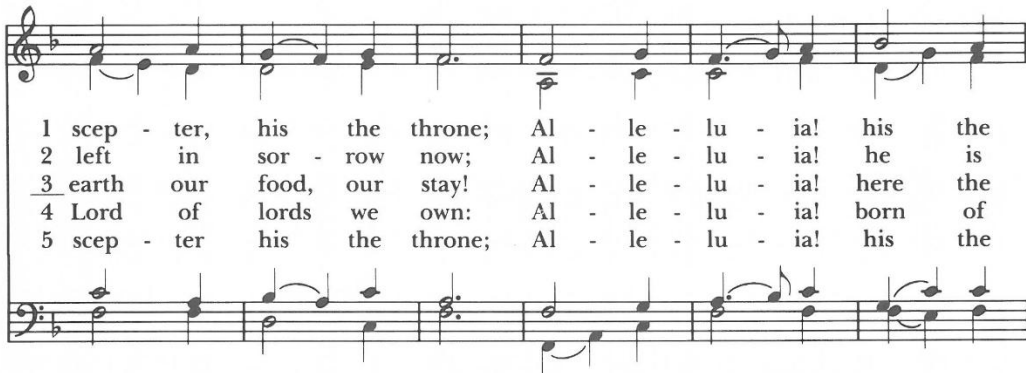
Please stand as you are able for the procession.

Processional Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus


H 460 vs. 1, 2 & 5



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
 Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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The Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God

S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

The First Lesson:

Acts 1:6-14

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm:
Exsurgat Deus

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Lector: A reading from Psalm

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish
at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

The Second Lesson:

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Lector: A reading from the book of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. **Amen.**

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

H 593

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with some lines having a 3-measure rest indicated by a '3' over the line. The lyrics are: 1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is; 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is; 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -; 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to; 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark; 1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -; 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow; 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing; 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -; 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on prayer att. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
 Music: *Dickinson College*, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)

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The Gospel:

John 17:1-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Homily Homily

Rev. Lou Hays

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Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant **and People:**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People:

Lector: God of Love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

People: **We Praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!**

Lector: God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to work for reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, and in awe of your love. Particularly for those on our diocesan prayer list; St. Mark's, Upper Arlington.

People: We Praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Lector: God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them, reflect your love for them. We pray especially for **Jo Stull, Becky Daffner, Bill Shaw, LeAnn Jonesj.**

People: We Praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Lector: God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

People: We Praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Lector: God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

People: We Praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people. And strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

You are welcome to share the sign of the peace with the people around you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: Be not Dismayed what'er behind

LEVAS II #183

The image shows a musical score for the Offertory Hymn 'Be not Dismayed what'er behind'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are provided below the notes.

1. Be not dis-mayed_ what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;—
2. Through days of toil___ when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;—
3. All you may need___ He will pro-vide, God will take care of you;—
4. No mat - ter what___ may be the test, God will take care of you;—

1. Be - neath His wings___ of love a - bid, God will take care of you.____
2. When dan - gers fierce___ your path as - sail, God will take care of you.____
3. Noth - ing you ask___ will be de - nied, God will take care of you.____
4. Lean, wea - ry one,___ up - on His breast, God will take care of you.____

God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, O'er all the way;
 He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation Hymn: Doxology

H380 v3

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and **People:**

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord

S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The people stand or kneel

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and **People:** **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and **People:**

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

S 155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You are welcome to join us at communion.
Please come forward to the rail when indicated by an usher.
You may drink from the common cup, or intinct (dip) the bread
in the second cup. Cross your arms over your chest if you prefer a blessing.
Please let the presider know if you need a gluten free wafer.*

Music During Communion:

Thou, who at the first Eucharist didn't pray

H 315

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

Words: William Harry Turton (1856-1938)
 Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625);
 harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

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The Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and **People:**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn:

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

WLP 780 vs. 1-3 & 6

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude:

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service
for a time of coffee and fellowship.

Those Serving Today

Celebrant:	Rev. Lou Hays
Organist:	Joel Hootman
Acolytes:	
Lectors:	Leslie Schwartz and Joan Swank
Usher:	Susan Beerbower
Camera:	Evanthia Owen
Altar Guild:	Sandy Ehrlich and Cheryl Jackson
Children's Sermon:	Rev. Lou Hays

This Week at Trinity: May 3 – May 9

Sunday	May		Coffee Hour
Mondays	May	1:00pm	Needlepoint, Crochet & knitting Group (meets in the workman lounge)
Wednesday	May	7:00pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer

Upcoming Sunday Services

Sunday	May 24	10:30am	Father Richard Swan celebrates Holy Communion
Sunday	May 31	10:30am	Morning Prayer with Bill Ryan

Trinity Family Celebration!

June 28 ❖ Coffee Hour

- **Carry-in (Main dish provided)**
- **Children's Fun Events!!!**

More information will be provided in upcoming weeks



Summer Camp...

Spots are open for summer camp! Flyers with details are available in the Parish Hall. Trinity Church is happy to help cover expenses.

QUESTIONS? – contact Dave Cobb, Millie Woryk or Evanhia Owen



First United Church of Christ

Spring

CONCERT

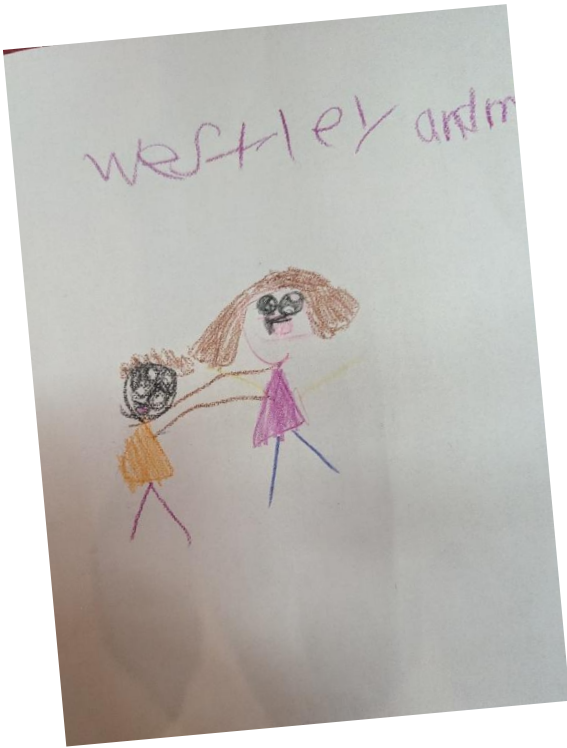
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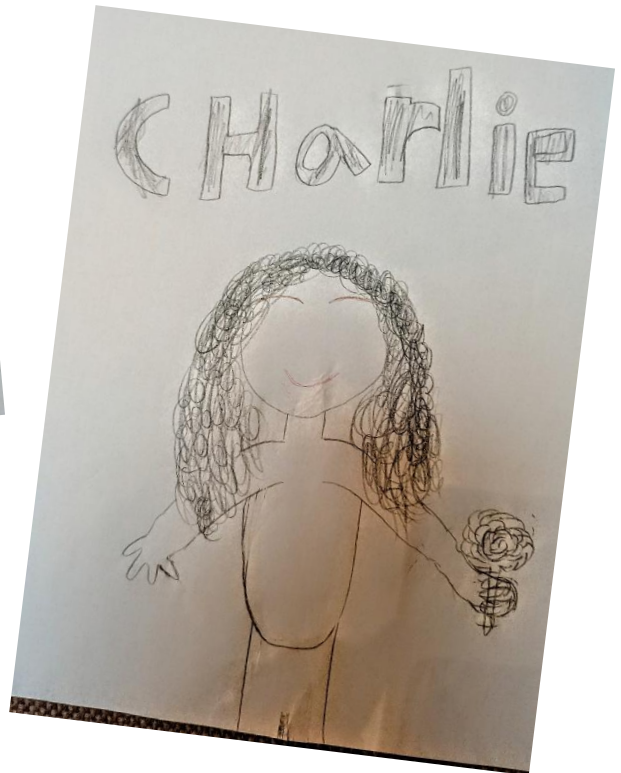
Join us for a musical collaboration
between First United Church of Christ,
St. John's United Church of Christ,
and the Musicians Club of Troy,
presenting an evening
filled with beautiful music!

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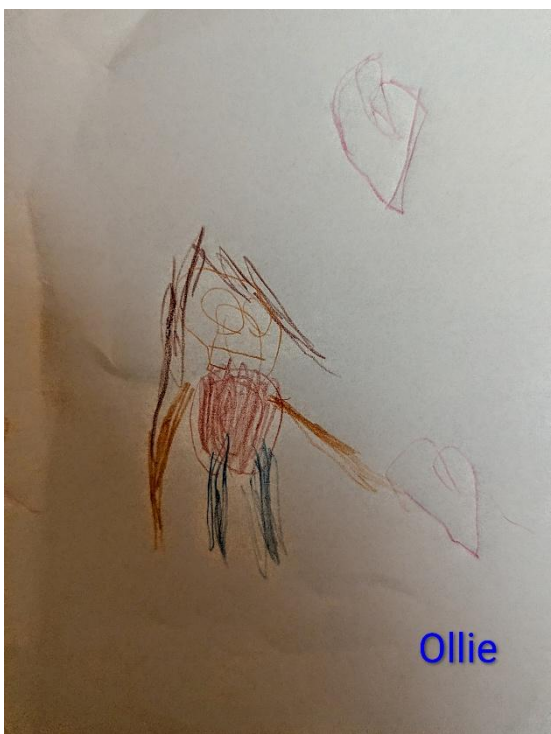
"The Beautiful Moms of our Trinity Youth"



Westley Roberts



Charlie Gibbemeyer



Ollie



Ellie



Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants **Harvey & Dale Perrault, Kevin, Sarah, Alex, Javier, Greg & Sam Pfeiler, Zach, Christina, Eleanor, Thomas & Westley Roberts** and **Bill & Linda Ryan**. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant **Mike Anticoli** as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially **Aaron Griggs, Seth Glenn, and Eean Glenn (grandchildren of Diana Bodenmiller)**. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those Recently Departed

Give to the departed eternal rest as we pray for **Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal**. Let light perpetual shine upon him. Elected as bishop in 2006, he served the Diocese of Southern Ohio until his retirement in 2020. He was a leader in the wider Episcopal Church, notably for his support and leadership in the blessing of same-sex unions, including overturning a diocesan ban in 2009. He also advanced the church's ongoing work of racial reconciliation, commissioning a Task Force on Racial Reparations in 2020 that continues today as the Commission for Reparative Justice.

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