



*May 31, 2026*

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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

Trinity Sunday

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*This Is My Father's World*

arr., D. Alexander

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Come to worship, all you who have seen a vision for God's right-ordered world.  
Come to worship, all who have heard whispers of joy: hear and share God's words!

**We have heard of God's vision for justice, generosity, mercy, and peace, among people and all Creation.**

Gathering today in this house of praise and prayer, we center our spirits in God's goodness.

**Still us in our false confidence, soften our hardened hearts, open our eyes to the Holy Spirit, and embolden us to embrace new truths.**

We come into this space seeking a community of trust and true friendship.

**In worship, open us to new truths and transformation. Grow us as servants of peace, following the way of Christ.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God who moves amid all mystery and knowledge, you have made us fearfully and wonderfully. You have created us to worship all that is holy, to marvel at all that is good, to uplift all that is beautiful, and to nurture all that is wounded, broken, and bound. Yet we confess that we resent what we do not understand, and we reject what we cannot control. We are like someone “blind-sighted” – we resist the way of wisdom and peace and instead seek our own understanding and objectives. We cause harm to those we love, to those we fear, and often to ourselves. Call us by our names, Holy One. Grip our attention and rivet us with passionate love to serve you. Grant us an irresistible urge to soften our hearts, reconsider our pre-judgments, and take the hands of wise helpers around us. Let us fully consider what we are called to do next. Then let us go and do it, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. [*Silent prayers of confession*]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

God has formed and created you for goodness and love.

**When we follow the ways of God, we move in grace and joy and mercy and peace.**

Jesus has called you by name and surrounded you with sojourners and witnesses who accompany you on the way.

**When we follow the ways of Christ, we move in grace and joy and mercy and peace.**

The Holy Spirit makes a way for us to move in a new direction – towards life, love, and hope.

**When we follow the ways of the Holy Spirit, we move in grace and joy and mercy and peace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE 591	“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”	HALLE, HALLE
( <i>singing 2 X'S</i> )	Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!	
	Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p.566) Psalm 139: 1-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 1002) Acts 9: 1-9

PROCLAMATION

*Blind-sighted*

Rev. Bonnie Osei-Frimpong

\*HYMN 307

“God of Grace, God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) **We believe in God, who searches us and knows us, who formed us in love, and whose presence holds us even in darkness. We believe in Jesus Christ, who meets us on the road, calls us by name, and shows us mercy before we know how to ask for it. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who unsettles false confidence, softens hardened hearts, opens our eyes to truth, and gives us courage to walk in a new way. We believe that faith is not mere certainty, but trust in the living God, who is still speaking, still revealing, still leading us from blindness into light. With the church in every age, we seek the grace to listen, the humility to be changed, and the strength to follow Christ wherever his love may lead. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### OFFERING

*There Is a Redeemer*

arr., B. Inman

**\*DOXOLOGY 609** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Wren/Hopson  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### \*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"

AMEN

**Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

### \*POSTLUDE

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\* denotes standing as able.

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