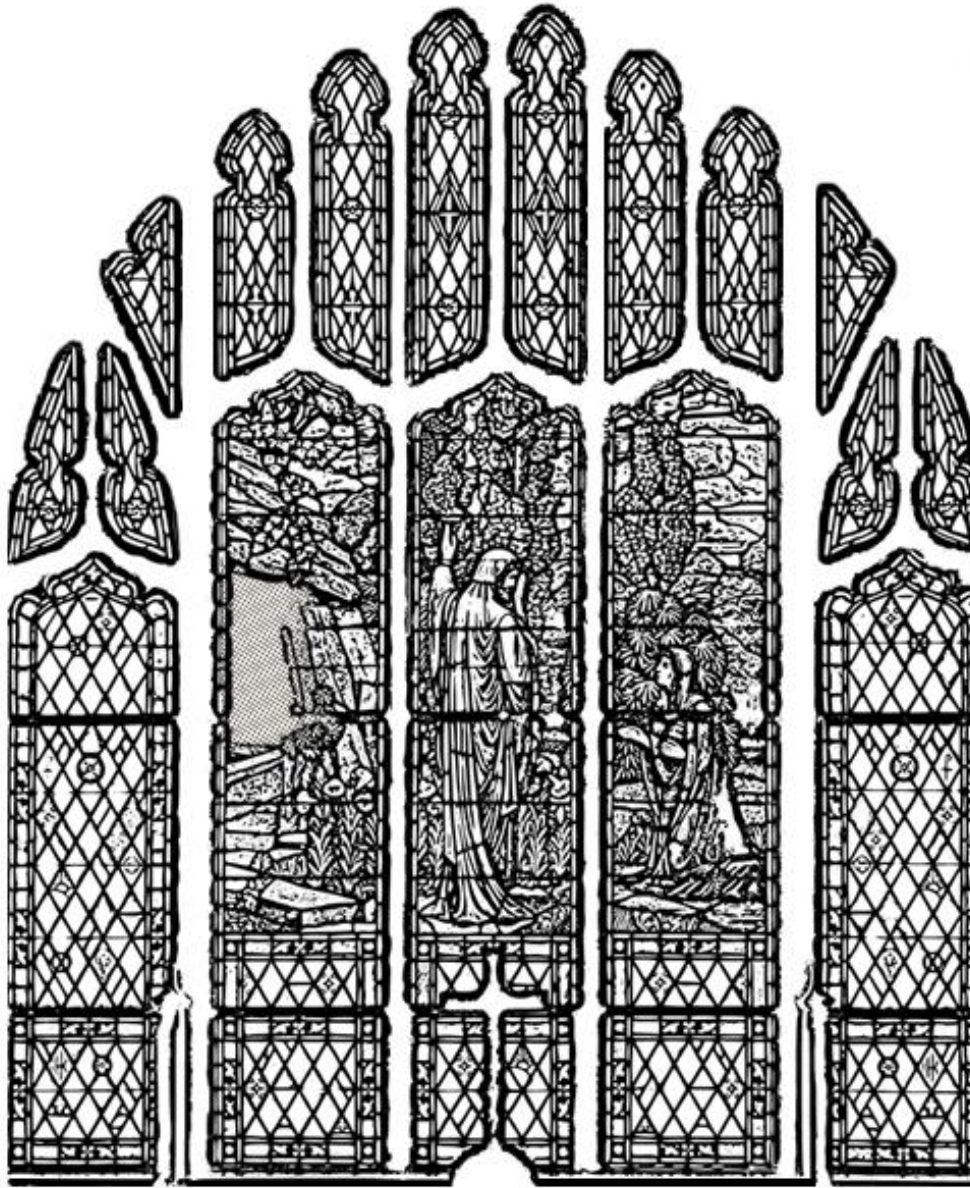


MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, May 31, 2026, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

Trinity Sunday

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It may be way past the seventh day and He has long rested from all the work He has done but creation is just beginning. Let us continue to praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

**Indicates an invitation to stand in spirit or posture, as able.*

The Prelude

Prelude in G (Op.37no.1)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Introit (10:45)

Introit for Trinity Sunday

Healey Willan

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity!

Let us give glory to God because He hath shown his mercy to us.

∇. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

℞. Glory be...

All rise, in body or spirit, at the sound of the chimes.

***Opening Hymn**

"Holy, holy, holy!"

UMH 64

*** The Greeting & Call to Worship**

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ **And also with you.**

∇ On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

℞ **We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

∇ We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God,
the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

℞ **We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

∇ We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God,
to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

℞ **We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

∇ Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

℞ **Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

***Opening Prayer**

Said by all, with one voice.

Out of our ordinary, everyday lives, you have gathered us here, Holy God, to this time of worship, to this time of praise.

Open our hearts and our minds to your presence with us.

Take the chaos of the world that has found its way into our hearts— speak your Word and give us order and form and new creation. Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Response**

“Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place”

UMH 328

A Message for Young Disciples (10:45 am)

As the young disciples gather at the front of the church, all sing:

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

The young disciples (school-age children) then depart the sanctuary for Kids Praise. Teachers will lead them back to the sanctuary prior to the conclusion of the service. Nursery is available for younger children; please see an usher for directions.

The First Lesson

A Reading from Genesis

GEN. 1:1-2:4A

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on

earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"Let there be light"

UMH 440

***The Second Lesson**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

MT. 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Said by all, with one voice.

**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, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

The Sermon

"From Creation to Commission"

Mr. Seitz

***The Affirmation of Faith**

UMH 882

All are invited to stand, in spirit or in posture, and to face the altar as the affirmation of faith is recited.

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***The Sign of Peace**

☩. The peace of Christ be with you.

℞. And also with you.

Announcements

At the Offertory

The Offertory Hymn (8:30 am) "I love to tell the story"

UMH 156

The Anthem (10:45 am) *Day by Day*

Martin How

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

***The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

UMH 94

***The Sending Hymn**

"Go make of all disciples"

UMH 571

***The Dismissal & Recessional**

∇. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain in place until the altar party has retired.

The Postlude

Fuga in Es-dur

Joh. Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Prayer Concerns

Fred Leasure, *recovering from a surgical procedure received this week.*

Gayle Radnich, *who received a recent diagnosis of a health condition.*

Chris Dooley, *relative of Louanne Baily, and his family, as he undergoes treatment for cancer.*

David Barber, *son of Gloria Barber, suffering from cancer and recovering from a recent stroke.*

Gary Henry, *undergoing cancer treatment.*

Norma Buhrman, *enduring serious illness.*

For those serving their country or community as first responders or in the armed forces, especially:

SPC **Russell Dale** - CPT **Shaun Hay** - LTC **Azizi Wesmiller** - LTC **Matthew Wesmiller**

2LT **Keith Cable** - LTC **Zachary Allen Finch** - CPL **Wyatt Hoover**

We pray for victims of violence in our nation and around the world.

*This week, we remember and pray for Christ's body throughout the world, especially remembering this week the church in **Angola and Mozambique.*** (Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches).

Please remember the special concerns of those in our community and throughout our world in your personal prayer life throughout the week. If you wish to solicit prayers from the congregation for any matter (health, travel, special concerns, etc.), please contact the church office to have your concern added to the prayer list.

Leaders in Worship this Morning

EMMA PURTILL AND EMILY SCHMIDT, ACOLYTES

JOHN ESAIAS, CROSS BEARER

MARCY PICARDI (8:30AM), LECTOR

THE CHOIR OF THE MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MR. A. MITCHELL V. STECKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

MR. DAVID SEITZ, PREACHER & PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

THE REV'D THOMAS Q. STRANDBURG, SENIOR PASTOR

*The altar flowers this morning given by
Erma Henry
to the Glory of God and in in loving memory of
Erma M. Kleylein,
her mother.*

*To provide flowers for a future service of worship,
please call the church office at 412-531-7131,
or use the form linked through the QR code below.*

