

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Kat Nic

PRELUDE

Can't Help Falling in Love

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING of the PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

All: **For God has done wondrous things for us.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

All: **For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

All: **Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.**

*HYMN #1

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

Nicaea

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION

Clement of Rome

What shall I render to you, my Creator, for all your blessings to me? You will accept only my whole self, all that I have and all that I am. But I cannot shake off the fear which tempts me to hoard my life. So, I ask only for your mercy. Fill me with such pure and heavenly love that all my narrow selfishness may be done away, lost in the expanse of your love.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

One: In Christ you were marked with the Holy Spirit, a seal of our redemption in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we become dead in sin and alive anew in Christ. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you may have hope of new life, may grow in your knowledge of the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may experience the incomparable power of God that raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymnal Page #366

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us, with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:22-26

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:8-17

SERMON

"Love: The Trinity (Finally?) Understood"

SPECIAL MUSIC

All You Need is Love!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #703

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

St. Catherine

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Star Trek Voyager Theme



Venmo

Today we thank Ted Goldman for being our guest musician while Heather is enjoying some time off.

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the residents at JDC & JRC, Jan McLaughlin; Geoff Stephenson; Chris Williams; Amanda Pirooz (friend of Elyn Stout); Dave Hyslop & Sharon; Miranda Douglas; Anna Beeker's parents; Mahmoud & family; the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

There are no closed doors here.
Christ Welcomes All Here!



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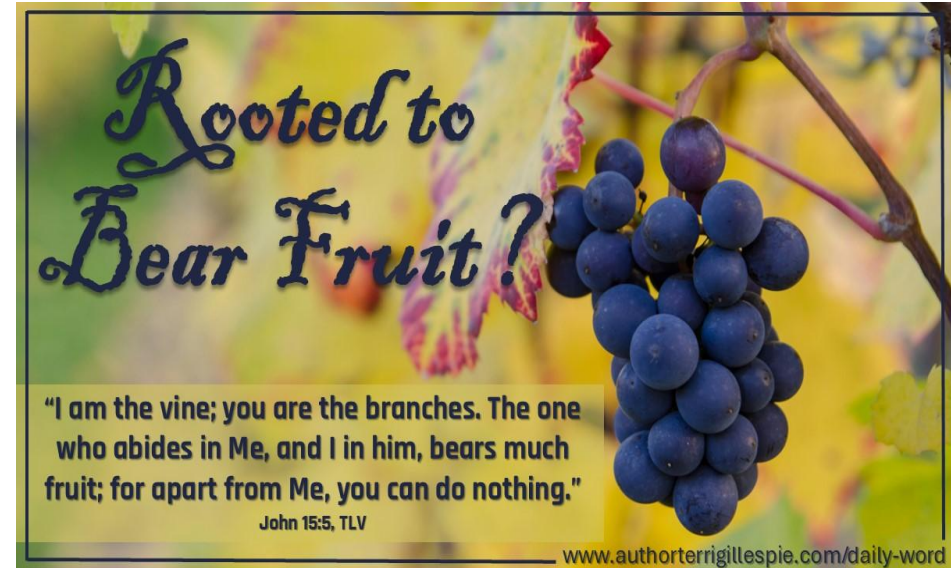
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Following the worship service today there will be a Dessert Auction in the Fellowship Hall. Come and bid on mouth-watering, delicious tasting sweets and treats while helping to raise funds to help upgrade and revitalize the church's nursery! This space is in need of a refresh enabling the children to have a safe, clean, and welcoming place to play and grow.

Last Sunday, May 24th, the flowers in the sanctuary were from the visitation and meal from the Jim Novotny family. The entire family thanks the congregation for their love and support during this time of loss.

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1. 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!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. 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!

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1. Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without arrival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.
2. O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.
3. Love, how gracious in thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er thy healing beams arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.



Liturgists Needed (a small way to help Chris): One of Chris Williams' many acts of service to this church is securing liturgists for each Sunday. The office staff is kindly requesting that you consider stepping up and signing up to serve in this way. There is a sign-up sheet for every Sunday through the end of September located in Fellowship Hall and it is Jeff's sincere hope

that every spot will be filled after Fellowship Hour today. If you're open to serving, but nervous about what is entailed, Pastor Jeff is more than happy to walk you through all that's expected and even give a few tips and tricks he's picked up along the way. **Thank you for this. Chris will be glad to know his community is rallying together in both prayer and participation.**

Week of May 31 thru June 7

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship & refreshments (FH)
	1:30 p.m.	Guitar Lessons (GL)
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (GL)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (GL)
MONDAY		Church office is Closed on Monday
TUESDAY	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (GL)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to public
FRIDAY	6:15 p.m.	First Friday at The Whitehouse Inn
SATURDAY	1:00 p.m.	Calla Higgins graduation party at Simpsons Garden Park
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/communion



Helping Hands: Hygiene and Cleaning Supplies:

The next distribution date is June 12th. Your donations are appreciated and will be picked up from the box located in the church lobby on Sunday, June 7th and taken to the First Christian Church for distribution. **Needed items are children's pull-ups sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; adult bladder-control disposable underwear unisex sizes medium and large; toilet paper; tissues; paper towels; dish soap; laundry detergent; body wash; shampoo and deodorant.**

If you don't have time to shop, a monetary donation can be made by check, Venmo or Pay Pal. The Deacons will do the shopping for you. Helping Hands continues to be a BG community resource for providing food and hygiene items on the second Friday of each month. **Thank you for your generous support. For questions, contact Terri McNamara at tmcnamara62@icloud.com.**

June's First Friday - First Friday will be June 5th, at 6:15 (note time change) at The Whitehouse Inn, 10835 Waterville St in Whitehouse. Please **RSVP to Nettie by June 3rd, nettierose@aol.com, 419-262-7889.**



Do you love baseball? Congregational Care is planning a church outing to the **Toledo Mud Hens** baseball game for **Sunday, July 19th at 4pm**. More details will be coming in the future!