



Service for the Lord's Day

May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude Hymn 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (based on The Message's translation of Psalm 29)

God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing;
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.
We fall to our knees — we call out, "Glory!"

**Above the floodwaters is God's throne
from which power flows,
from which God rules the world.**

God makes people strong. God gives people peace.
Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy
Verses 1, 2 and 4

NICAEA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

For times we embrace war when you call for peace,

Forgive us.

For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them,

Forgive us.

For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior,

Forgive us.

For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities,

Forgive us.

For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others,

Forgive us.

For seeing ourselves as less than the full person you created in beauty with delight,

Forgive us and grant us peace.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us*

Declaration of Good News (unison)

John 3:16-17

“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.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here in this safe and sacred place.

So let us greet one another as a sign of God’s peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading (responsive)

Romans 8:12-17 Contemporary English Version

My dear friends, we must not live to satisfy our desires. **If you do, you will die. But you will live, if by the help of God's Spirit, you say “No” to your desires.** Only those people who are led by God's Spirit are his children. God's Spirit doesn't make us slaves who are afraid of him. **Instead, we become his children and call him our Father.** God's Spirit makes us sure that we are his children. His Spirit lets us know that together with Christ we will be given what God has promised. **We will also share in the glory of Christ, because we have suffered with him.**

Anthem

Three in One

Collin Hand

All Stand

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17 Contemporary English Version

Jesus and Nicodemus

There was a man named Nicodemus who was a Pharisee and a Jewish leader. One night he went to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, we know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you."

Jesus replied, "I tell you for certain that you must be born from above before you can see God's kingdom!"

Nicodemus asked, "How can a grown man ever be born a second time?"

Jesus answered: "I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit. Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God. Don't be surprised when I say that you must be born from above. Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

Jesus replied: "How can you be a teacher of Israel and not know these things? I tell you for certain we know what we are talking about because we have seen it ourselves. But none of you will accept what we say. If you don't believe when I talk to you about things on earth, how can you possibly believe if I talk to you about things in heaven? No one has gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from there. And the Son of Man must be lifted up, just as the metal snake was lifted up by Moses in the desert. Then everyone who has faith in the Son of Man will have eternal life."

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!

All Sit

Sermon

A Triune God

Jonathan Sutphin

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 490

Wash, O God Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Today's Buck in a Basket will help to support the Montreat Conference Center.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN

Doxology

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

DOXOLOGY

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Teach us to give our whole lives to you. May the treasure become not the money gathered here but the mission of your love in the world all our gifts co-create with you. For the giver, the gift, and the soon gifted, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 300

We Are One in Spirit
Verses 1 and 4

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Benediction (unison)

Putting aside our certainties and give room this day for mystery. Make space for the holy to grow our faith around, within, and perhaps in spite of the assumptions we have always had. Allow the Spirit space to be born again in our life in the days ahead. And may God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer who we also call Father, Son and Holy Spirit be and abide with us all this day and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy

John B. Dykes/arr. Jack Huff

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

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Announcements

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, June 2: 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20); Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; 2 Corinthians 4:5–12; Mark 2:23–3:6

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Teri Polen and Susan Thomison. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

A WELCOME -- JONATHAN SUTPHIN IS OUR GUEST PREACHER this morning. A graduate of WKU, Jonathan majored in Theatre and Political Science. He grew up attending Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church in Louisville and realized his call to ministry during high school. He sometimes led his church's youth services back in high school, and since then has also preached at different churches in the Presbytery, predominantly Ebenezer Presbyterian in Greensburg. Jonathan has plans to attend seminary in the next year or so. We are glad to have him with us this morning, and know our congregation will give him warm welcome.

TODAY

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will not meet during June, July, and August. We will resume our lunch gatherings in September.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

COMING UP:

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:15am. Learning can be anytime, and we appreciate ideas for what you would like to learn, how you would prefer to learn, and when that learning would best work for you. Sunday School will meet through the last Sunday in June, and classes will resume after the Pig Pickin' (which is August 18). Classes include:

- Preschool taught by Jimmy and Betsy Tyrie
- Godly Play taught by Mary Evans – Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Middle and high school taught by David Clarke
- The Coffee and Conversation Class is reading *Holy Envy; Finding God in the Face of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor.
- A Bible study class is studying the book of Mark

Stay involved in our church. The need is mutual!

Calendar

Sunday, May 26

8:30am	Fellowship
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Children's Music
10:30am	Worship
3:00pm	PLC end-of-yr. event

Monday, May 27

9:00am	GOD/DOG Is Love
	Office Closed
	Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

9:30am	Chair Yoga
11:00am	Special Care
1:00pm	CUICHM

Wednesday, May 29

7:00am	Breakfast Group
11:30am	BGRefuge group/meeting
5:00pm	Chancel Choir

Friday, May 31

7:30 a.m.	Mens' Breakfast Group
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN We have the date for the **PW Spring Gathering** - Wednesday, June 5th! We will be meeting at the Baker Arboretum/Downing Museum in Bowling Green. Please plan to join us! Heavenly Ham Boxed lunches will be available for purchase (Lunch at 12 noon). You may reach out to Donna Meredith for more info (270-791-9888 / donnawmeredith53@gmail.com). Please RSVP to her or to the church office if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS! Vacation Bible School will be June 9-12. We are partnering with the Episcopal and First Christian Church for this year's Wild Wonder Camp curriculum. Dinner will begin at 5:00pm and activities start at 5:30. We will be needing volunteers to help prepare dinner, work as group leaders, head craft stations and set up. If you are able to help, please contact Susan Howard at sfyusk@gmail.com or 270-303-1767.

Links: for [Registration for participants](#) and [Volunteer Registration](#)

MISSIONS - JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST on June 23. The meal will be served throughout the Sunday School hour 9:15 to 10:15 in the fellowship hall. If you do not want to miss your class, just take a plate with you! This will be a great time to honor those men in your life as a late Father's Day gift. There is no charge, but donations received will go toward our Habitat for Humanity benevolence.

SAVE THIS DATE: This year's **Pig Pickin'** church picnic will take place on Sunday August 18. Plan to join us for outdoor worship and fellowship, with good food and fun!

OTHER NEWS

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR JUNE A signup page is online for upcoming lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49acac23a7ff2-layreader> Thank you!

OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER has now finished classes for this term. Registration is currently open for next year's classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. Spaces remain in all classes, so if you or someone you know are interested in a quality preschool for a child, please visit our website or contact Kimberly Watkins at plcdirector@bgpres.org .

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