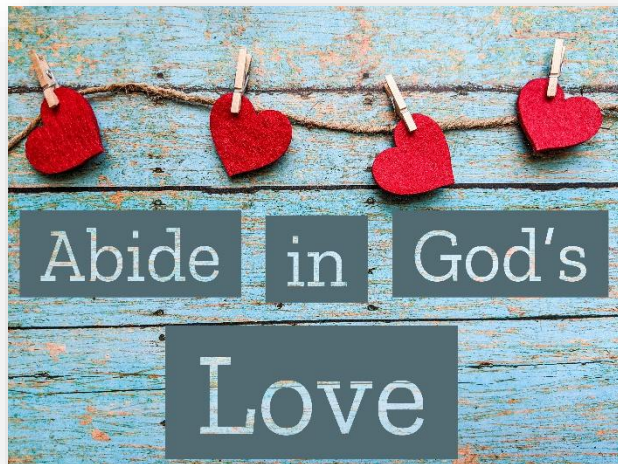


# Trinity Presbyterian Church

## May 10, 2026



### GATHERING

*We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship.*

Prelude

Jaron Marcus, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Marvin Burris

Introit

Trinity Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

**Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

**Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.**

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

**Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.**

We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

**God is with us and will never let us go.**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 363

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Call to Confession

**Holy One,  
We love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your  
commandments.**

**We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love  
through our actions and our inaction.**

**We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly  
your children, made in your image.**

**Forgive us.  
By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live  
as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace. (*Time for silent  
confession.*)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

\*Sung Response Hymn No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of  
worship.*

Sermon on the Steps

Bev Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Acts 17: 22-31  
NRSVUE

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far

from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"Lift High the Cross"  
Arr. Larry Shackley  
Trinity Handbell Choir

Second Reading

John 14: 15-21  
NRSVUE

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "Abide In God's Love"

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.*

Hymn No. 286 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

## Reception of New Members

### Affirmation of Faith

### 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 by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Welcome

### Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

Jaron Marcus, piano

\*Doxology Hymn No. 609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.*

\*Hymn No. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response Hymn No. 589 (sung twice)

“Alleluia”

\*Postlude

Jaron Marcus, piano

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Marvin Burris, Liturgist

Bev Thompson, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, Director of Music, Organist

Jaron Marcus, piano

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

Peter Blum, Audio/Visual

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