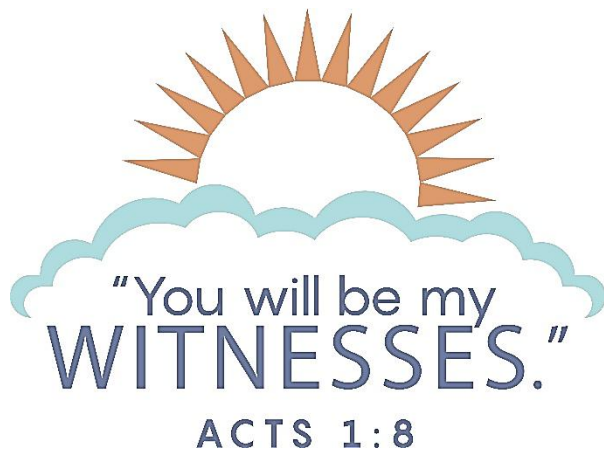


Trinity Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2026



GATHERING

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

Gathering Music

"Holy Spirit, Rain Down" (screens)

"Help Us Accept Each Other" Hymn No. 754 vv. 1, 2, 4

Carol Thomas
Jaron Marcus, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Vicky Walters

Call to Worship

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

for God reigns over all the earth!

God has gone up with a shout!

sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Call to Confession

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected savior. Amen. (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

Kay Deever

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11
NRSVUE

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“A Song of Joy”
Allen Pote
Trinity Heritage Choir

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation: “Do We Dare to Dream?”

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Reflection

Randall Scott, Stewardship Chair

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

*Hymn (screens)

“Dare to Live the Dream God Gives You”

*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.**

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

Brad Stipcak, organ

*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. 301 (vv. 1 & 4)

“Let Us Build a House”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn No. 589 (sung twice)

“Alleluia”

*Postlude

Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Vicky Walters, Liturgist

Kay Deever, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, Director of Music, Organist

Jaron Marcus, piano

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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Matt Blum, Audio/Visual

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