

First Congregational United Church of Christ
“Where No One Is a Stranger”
Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

RECOGNITION of MAHANA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: God, whose imagination saw all that is good, beautiful, and loving,
Many: continues to see us as beloved children in the divine family.

One: The Word which called forth the stars in every universe,

Many: speaks to us of giving ourselves through the baptismal life.

One: The Spirit, which moved over creation, breathing life into all things,

Many: fills us with peace and patience, with hope and healing to share.

Everyone: Let's Worship God!

*OPENING SONG

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

#23

*OPENING PRAYER

(prayed together)

Great Creator, who are we that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us?
We don't know what we have done to deserve your love; maybe nothing at all. And yet
you freely give it to us, open and enthusiastically, asking only that we receive it, hoping
only that we share it. Come and help us receive it! Come and help us share it! Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(prayed together)

Gracious God, you have given us the world. Yet too often, we have taken it for granted,
and failed to respect your great gift. We have received authority but thought it power.
We have received responsibility but decided it belonged to someone else. We have
received your calling but considered it control. It's easy, God, to take power and leave
the responsibility. It is easy to forget that disciples are made in many ways, not just our
own. We have not always remembered that you entrusted your cherished creation to
us. We have not always remembered that “entrusted” includes “trust.” We have not
always believed that you have trusted us and that you trust us still. Remind us, God, that

we are part of creation, not separate from it; that we are part of your people, not separate
from them. Forgive us when we take your gifts and your people for granted. Help us to
start again! Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: When we forget our blessings, we have only to look to God to find them again; we have
only to remember that God already blesses us, already loves us and already cares for us.

Many: God is with us to the end of the age. God's presence will be made full again. And
so will our hearts. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (inside the front cover of the hymnal) (read together)

*GLORIA PATRI

#734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A-men.

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

read from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE

“Out of Order”

Pastor Chris

TRINITY SUNDAY SONG

“Sing Praise to the Father”

#142

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (with debts/debtors)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Words #44

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(prayed together)

You have given us more than we ever could repay, God of Abundant Blessings! Take
our gifts, our lives, and our hearts and use them to care for your family and for your
world. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

#136

GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted) and Call to Confession are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession (adapted), and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are by Kristen Linford from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2023* edited by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu. Our Affirmation of Faith is our own 1st Congregational United Church of Christ Statement of Purpose

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Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Burtnett

Lector:

Organist: Vicki Merchlewitz

May Radio Sponsor: Marilyn Deal

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Birthdays: June: 5-Becky Bibler; 7-Ashley Grindberg; 8-Anita Secrease; 10-Timothy Boyd

Today, June 4: 10:00 am. – Worship

Coffee

Mahana Scholarship Reception

Tuesday, June 6: 9:30-11am. -Pastor at Feed Mill

7pm. – Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 7: 5:30-7pm. – Mobile Mission Party in the Park

Thursday, June 8: 7pm. – ASK Meeting by Zoom

Sunday, June 11: 10:00 am. – Worship with Communion

Coffee

Food Pantry

Mission & Memorial Meeting

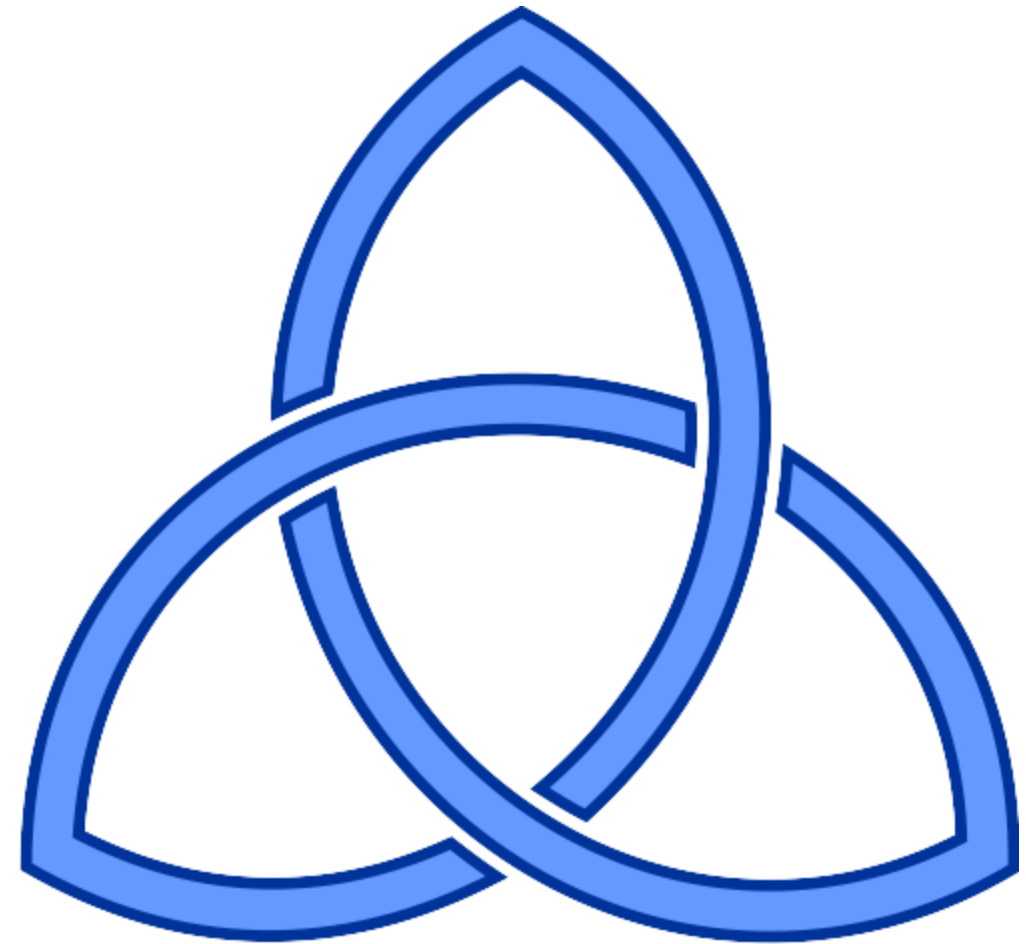
Our sympathies go to the Family of John Scuffham. John Passed away on May 24 and the funeral services were at our church on May 30. Helen, Matt, Emily, Mark, Aileen, Parker and Taylor, you are all in our prayers.

We are celebrating our 165th Anniversary of our Church. There will be a Barbeque Pork meal as a Fundraiser for the Care Team on Wednesday, June 21 from 5-7pm. There will be a free will offering.

Our Daily Bread June/July/August devotional is available on the cart in the entry way to the Education/Office/Fellowship Hall building.

We welcome the 2023 Mahana Scholars: 2023 Graduates: Madalyn Kahler, Carlos Gomez, Allison Casey, Sydney Casey, Ava Henry, Vanessa Vasquez, Caleb Omdahl

Past Graduates - * repeat recipient: Dana Haverkamp*, Megan Kriepps, Emily Deal*, Ashley Steenhoek, Kylie Weier, Brock Brandt*, Carter Casey*, Olivia Rochleau, Brandon Harris, Baylyn Johnson*



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