

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All people:** *Holy God, teach us to give our whole lives to you. May the treasure become not the money offered in this moment, but the mission of your love in the world – that all our gifts given together, co-create with you. For the giver, the gift, and the soon gifted, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.*

**HYMN** *Here I am, Lord* **Blue Hymnal, #452**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** Beloved children of God,  
Go now, into the week ahead,  
inspired by the creative love of God,  
clothed in the nature of Jesus the Son,  
filled with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

**All people:** *Amen.*

**CANDLE EXTINGUISHING** **Acolyte**

**POSTLUDE** **Mr. Kevin Crone**

References

- All liturgy unless otherwise noted is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*.
- Call to Worship from seasonofcreation.com. Posted on *Third Space* blog. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>.
- Offering Invitation and Prayer of Dedication were written by Rev. Kyle Walker for *Presbyterian Outlook*: May 26, 2024.
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May 26, 2024  
Holy Trinity Sunday

**PREWORSHIP MUSIC** **Mr. Kevin Crone**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CANDLELIGHTING** **Acolyte**

**PRELUDE**

*(Please stand in body and/or spirit)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** We gather this morning in the name of the Creator -  
**Congregation:** **who creates time and space, galaxies, stars, and planets.**  
**Pastor:** We gather this morning in the name of Jesus Christ,  
**Congregation:** **born on planet Earth.**  
**Pastor:** We gather this morning in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
**Congregation:** **whose presence fills the Earth.**  
**All people:** *Creator God, in this time we call “now”  
and in this space, we call “here,” we worship you.  
Triune God, make your presence felt amongst us.*

**HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy* **Blue Hymnal, #4**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Preacher:** In the beauty of this space, in this sacred moment, in the fellowship we have with one another, we speak with God about our lives, about how we have followed and how we have faltered. Trusting in God’s grace and mercy, let us make our confession.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All people:** *Merciful God: we claim that you sent Jesus to take away the sin of the world, and to say that is to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that all sins are equal, and one is as hurtful as another. Help us to stop comparing our sin to the sin of others, in order to make ourselves feel “better than” or “more*

*holy.” Shift our attention that we might look within - at our own sinful thoughts, words, and actions. Move us to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, creation, ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, Lord, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (John 3:16-17)**

Pastor: 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.

*All people: Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Gloria Patri*

**Blue Hymnal, #35**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)*

**JESUS SAID, “LET THE CHILDREN COME”**

**HYMN**

*To God be the Glory*

**Blue Hymnal, #72**

**HEBREW READING**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

**EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 8:12-17**

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 3:1-17**

**SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Rev. Laura C. Baker**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*All people: 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 sins, as*

*we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*All people:*

*“I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there, He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist:

This is a time to pray and discern how God may be asking you to use the blessings of your life to build up God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Those blessings may be your money, your time, or a skill you have worked to gain over time. God gave us all these blessings. Would you consider sharing some part these blessings for God’s purpose in this world? Let us pray. Let us discern.

Please rise and stand as you are able. With songs of joy and hearts of love, let us bring our offerings and gifts to God in gratitude.

*(Please stand in body and/or spirit)*

**DOXOLOGY** *Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow* **Blue Hymnal, #46**