



Central Congregational United Church of Christ

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 26, 2024

Ministers / **All of us**
Pastor / **Rev. Gage Church**
Worship Leader / **Janice Ayers**
Music Director and Accompanist / **Linda Smith**
Song Leaders / **Gayle Hassler and Janice Ayers**

Prelude

“Shall We Gather at the River”

***Opening Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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Call to Worship

We gather this morning in the name of the Creator,
 who fashions time and space, galaxies and stars and planets.
In the name of Jesus Christ, born on planet Earth,
 and in the name of the Spirit, who fills Earth with her presence.
Creator God, in this time we call “now,”
in this space we call “here,” we worship you.

Greetings and Announcements

Passing the Peace

Prayer of Trust

Infinite Love, heart of all life,
 you loved this world into being with such love
 as to birth yourself among us — Love begotten as the Beloved.

**Opening ourselves to your love, we live beyond
 our mortal selves and join your eternal Oneness.**

Your presence does not separate but unites;
 love does not push away, but embraces;
 you do not condemn, but save.

Trusting this we know we are loved, never rejected. Amen.

The Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, goodbye. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace — and the God of love and peace will be with you. Say hello to each other with a holy kiss. All of God’s people say hello to you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Special Music

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Central Bell Choir

Message

“It’s Trinity Sunday! (Who Cares?)”

Rev. Gage Church

*Congregational Hymn

“Be Now My Vision”

Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart —
You my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
now and forever your child I will be.

Riches I need not, nor life’s empty praise,
you, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure, may we never part.

Joys and Concerns

We respond with “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Time of Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

Our Mother, 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

God is good! **All the time!**
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Let us share the goodness of our God.
We are “centralchurchtopeka” on Venmo.

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Gather the gifts of our hands and hearts, living Spirit.
Use these gifts to build not monuments to your distant glory,
but testaments to your intimate love. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.**

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.**

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Amen”

Worship notes: Call to Worship by Third Space; Prayer of Trust by Steve Garnaas-Holmes; Dedication by Katherine Hawker.

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