

Grace Presbyterian Church  
Fort Wayne, IN – May 31, 2026  
Trinity Sunday



*And remember, I am with you always.  
Matthew 28: 20*

Service Notes: Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. You can give them to Sandy Garcia. We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **BOLD**. \*Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.

Worship Volunteers: Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Garcia – Lay Leader: Jill Werling – Ushers Nancy Current, Rachel Lilly, & Bill Werling – Video & Sound: Stacey & Tom Monnier – Counters: Cathy German & Stacy Monnier – Pianist: Sue Creager – Choir Director: Tom Callahan.

Prelude

*Morning Prayer* arr. by Bergquist

Welcome

**\*Call to Worship –**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**We gather to praise the God who created us in love.**

In the beginning, God spoke creation into being.

**Christ came among us full of grace and truth.**

The Spirit still breathes life into weary hearts today.

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—we worship the living God together.**

Come, let us worship the God who lives in community and calls us into community.

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn – #4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

**\*Call to Confession –**

In the presence of a gracious God, let us confess the ways we have rushed past love, neglected community, and missed signs of God’s presence among us.

**\*Prayer of Confession –**

**Holy and gracious God, you created us for relationship—with You, with one another, and with all creation. Yet we often rush through life distracted, disconnected, and anxious. We confess that we struggle to slow down long enough to notice Your presence. We forget that Your Spirit is still moving among us. Forgive us for the ways we choose isolation over community, noise over listening, and fear over trust. By Your mercy, renew us. Teach us again to walk gently with You and faithfully with one another. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*Time for silent confession*

**\*Assurance of Pardon —**

Friends, hear the good news: The God who created you, redeemed you, and sustains you in love does not abandon you. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and invited again into abundant life and holy community.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Song of Assurance #583 “Glory to God”**

**\*Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

**Time for Music & Meditation**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Living God, through Your Spirit open our hearts and minds today. Slow us down enough to hear Your voice, to recognize Your presence, and to receive Your grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Epistle Lesson: Psalm 8**

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O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky,

and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. 9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:16-20**

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16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Message**

*The God Who Lives in Community*

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The 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.

**\*Hymn of Response – #20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

Gracious and loving God, in this season of Sacred Slowdown, teach us again how to notice Your presence. In a world that moves quickly and demands much from us, help us rest in the truth that we are held by Your grace.

We pray for Your Church throughout the world. Shape us into communities

of compassion, humility, and welcome. Slow us down enough to truly listen to one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to reflect the love of Christ in our neighborhoods and daily lives.

We pray for all who are weary today—those carrying anxiety, grief, loneliness, illness, or uncertainty. Bring comfort to those who feel overwhelmed, strength to those who are exhausted, and hope to those who struggle to see light ahead.

We pray for our community here in Fort Wayne and beyond. Bless families beginning summer routines, children enjoying freedom and play, teachers and school staff recovering from long seasons of work, and all who long for rest and renewal.

We pray for those who serve others—healthcare workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, volunteers, and community leaders. Give them wisdom, patience, and peace.

We pray for our world experiencing violence, division, fear, and injustice. Teach us to become peacemakers who value human dignity and seek the good of our neighbors.

Where hearts are hardened, bring compassion. Where people are isolated, bring connection. Where there is despair, plant hope.

And God, help us not to miss You in ordinary life—in conversations, meals, walks, quiet moments, laughter, and rest. Open our eyes to Your Spirit moving among us every day.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, who taught us to pray...

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.

### Call to Offering

God has given us life, community, beauty, and grace beyond measure. As we enter this season of Sacred Slowdown, may we offer ourselves—not only our resources, but our presence, compassion, and attention—to God’s work in the world.

Offertory                    *Fantasia on Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* arr. by Thygerson

\*Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray: Holy God, receive these gifts and use them for Your purposes. Teach us to live generously, love deeply, and serve faithfully. May our lives reflect the communion and grace we see in You. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

### Announcements

\*Closing Hymn — #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

\*Charge & Benediction

Postlude                    *Built on a Rock* by Lindeman

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Everyone Who Participated in the Joint Service: In particular, for everyone who helped in any way, including behind the scenes.

**Wellspring Day Camp @ Grace:** The day camp officially kicks off next week with kids in the building! Our shared community project with Wellspring runs through July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Spanish Club on Vacation for the Summer:**

**NHNA Garage Sale:** The annual neighborhood garage sale is June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. We're opening our doors (to the fellowship hall) to anyone who'd like to take have a space in this event. If you'd like a table to sell you items from home, we're asking for a \$10 donation. If you're interested, contact the church office of Tammy.

Additionally, we will be selling baked items during the garage sale. We are looking for donations from our members. Money from the bake sale will go to Missions.

**Pace of Grace Running & Walking Club:** Sundays, 4:00 PM (new start time), here at Grace. The club is open to the community. The run/walk starts at door #5.

**Associated Churches 5K Run/Walk:** Attention all walkers and runners! The Associated Churches are hosting their Annual Father's Day 5K on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Ran time is set at 8:30 AM, with a Free Kids Fun Run starting at 8:15AM. Grace has been set up to get a discounted price (\$20 donation) to participate. You can sign up through their homepage or the link that was included in our weekly email. For more information, you can also corner Sandy.

**Grace Office Will Be Closed June 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**Communion Service Next Sunday:**

**Prayer Requests**

- Prayers for Martin, as he and his doctor's look into his condition.
- Prayers of peace and comfort for Butch, as he deals with his cancer.
- Prayers for You to be with us, our country, and the world during these troubling times.

**Birthdays**

**Anniversaries**

Worship Volunteers for June 7 – Joint Worship

Lay Leader – Pam Callahan

Ushers – Nancy Current, Rachel Lilly, & Bill Werling

Video & Sound – Kevin Mahoney & Bob Bausser

Counters – Pam Callahan & Tyler Bowers

THE TRIUNE GOD

# 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

TEXT: Atte. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonus Walworth, 1856, alt.

MUSIC: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

# 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,  
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1840, alt.  
 MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955  
 Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

ROYAL OAK  
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.  
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. Carŷadaw y Cyssegr, 1839

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