

# The Church in the Wildwood

An Open & Affirming Community Church  
in the United Church of Christ

June 15, 2025

## Holy Trinity Sunday



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Wherever you are on life's journey,  
If you come in peace, you are welcome here.

# June 15, 2025 Holy Trinity Sunday

*Lyrics to all songs and scriptures will be projected on the wall.*

*A triangle [▲] indicates times when the congregation is invited to stand as able.*

**Call to Worship**  
**Prelude**

Wildwood Church Bell  
Chancel Choir

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♪♪ **The Majesty and Glory of Your Name** ♪♪  
By Tom Fettke and Linda Lee Johnson  
*Based on Psalm 8*

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**Welcome**

Rev. Darlene Avery

**▲ Opening Hymn**

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♪♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!** ♪♪  
Singing Church Hymnal #193  
Organ intro and accompaniment by Robert Benson  
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## **Prayer of Praise & Confession**

Based on a prayer in *Words for Worship*, posted on <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/>.

Triune God, even as we celebrate your unity, we know that we often live contrary to Your harmony in diversity; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, distinct and yet one. We can hold to your transcendent life as Creator but keep at a distance the challenges of Christ. We bow before your glory, but keep your humanness away from the reality of our own lives.

Forgive us, Christ Jesus, when we think we know it all about God; when we neglect to be open to new revelations, to search for even deeper truths. Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit, into deeper union with You and each other, through the sacred relationships you call us deeper into. We pray this in joyful faith. Amen.

## **Passing Christ's Peace**

**Reflection Scripture** Colossians 1: 15-20a and Job 11: 5-9  
**Reflection**

Rev. Derek Krehbiel  
Pastor Darlene

Today we reflected on how, when the world feels like it's unraveling—through political division, social distrust, and personal loss—we often reach for control as a survival instinct. But Scripture and the Trinity reveal a different way: not certainty or domination, but connection. The Triune God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit—is not a solitary ruler but a

relational community. Christ, as Colossians declares, is the center holding all things together—not by force, but through love that reconciles, heals, and binds.

Job's story embodies this invitation to relational trust amid suffering. When everything falls apart and explanations fail, Job doesn't retreat into false certainty or shallow answers—he leans into raw, honest relationship with God. And God responds—not with simple solutions, but with presence and perspective. In the same way, the Trinity shows us that the deepest transformation happens not through control but through mutual love, shared suffering, and enduring connection.

Yet history holds a painful irony: the Church, seeking to define the nature of God's being, was torn apart for over a century—sometimes violently—over a single Greek letter in the Trinity debate, “one iota's difference.” But the very mystery that sparked division was meant to draw us into unity. Today, more than ever, we are called back to that original truth: that we are held together not by agreement, but by turning together to the God's co-creating, co-suffering, mutual love: of each other, our neighbors, and our enemies. In this divine pattern of self-giving relationship, we find a way forward—not by fixing the world, but by staying faithfully connected within it. Even in the unraveling, God is holding us—together.

### ▲ Song of Response

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#### ♪♪ The Church's One Foundation ♪♪

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### Prayer Scripture

Romans 5: 1-5

Rev. Derek

### Prayers of Joy & Concern - Prayer Journal

#### Joys

- Green Mountain Falls Firefighter Appreciation day
- The arrival of summer community members

#### Concerns

- Rebecca and Greg, who have been missing worship because they have COVID
- Our country in this time of conflict, division and violence and division over policies, processes and protests that are shaping our identity and our future. As debates intensify around immigration, national values, and our responsibilities to the vulnerable, we recognize the pain and fear felt by many— within our country , within this congregation, within our own families. We know and love good people on all sides of these issues. Some grieve what they see as a loss of compassion and justice; others worry for security and national unity.

Let us remember that our faith is made for times like this. So let's look to God to hold us in our differences. God, Help us seek Your wisdom, reflect Your mercy, and remain faithful to Your call to love our neighbors and our enemies as you love us.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Holy and Triune God—

Creator, Christ, and Spirit—

You are the One who brought order from chaos,

who entered our humanity in Jesus,

and who still breathes life and love into the world.

When it feels like everything is unraveling— remind us:

we are not held together by our certainty, but by your love.

Not sustained by our control, but by your presence.

So we come to you not with answers,

but with open hearts.

We come not to fix everything,

but to be held in your embrace,

and to remember that, even now,

you are holding all things together.

God of connection, hear our prayers for our own lives—

for the burdens we carry, for the joy that surprises us,

for healing, for wisdom, for peace...

Christ who reconciles, we lift up the life of this community—

for our church family, our ministries, our leaders,

for those in grief or struggle,

and for the glimpses of grace that draw us together...

Spirit who moves through all creation, we pray for the world—

for leaders and nations, for those in danger or need,

for places of war, and for those working for peace...

Loving God, Draw us deeper into your eternal communion—

Creator, Christ, and Spirit—

so that even in the unraveling,

we would know:

we are not alone, we are not forsaken,

and something more whole is being born.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus,

the One who holds us, heals us, leads us into life,

And taught us to pray, saying:

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Creator, 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 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.

## Offertory

Organ: Teresa Allen

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### ♪♪ O heilige Dreifaltigkeit ♪♪

"O Trinity, O Blessed Light"

By Robert Buckley Farlee

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## ▲ Offering Response:

## Doxology

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## Offering Dedication Prayer

Rev. Derek

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## Announcements

Pastor Darlene

See This Week at Church in the Wildwood section of this order of worship

## ▲ Sending Hymn

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### ♪♪ Holy God, We Praise Your Name ♪♪

New Century Hymnal #276

Organ intro and accompaniment by Douglas Franks

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## Blessing/Benediction

Pastor Darlene

May the love that flows from the Creator,  
the grace that holds us in Christ,  
and the communion that binds us through the Spirit  
go with you and guide you—  
now and always. Amen.

## Postlude

Organ: Teresa Allen

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### 🎵 **Finale and Hymn from Nicaea** 🎵

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

By Piet Post

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# This Week at Church in the Wildwood

**Sun. June 15**

8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship /Fellowship**

Turning Point AA Group in Rockwell Room  
Worship in the Sanctuary  
Fellowship in Tatter Hall

**Mon. June 16****Office Hours 10:00am-2:00pm****Tues. June 17**

9:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
  
7:00 p.m.

**Office Hours 10:00am - 2:00pm**

Yoga w/ Beth Knox in Tatter Hall  
faith book study group in the Chapman Room  
*Love Matters More* by Jared Byas  
Yoga with Lanie

**Wed. June 1****June 18 Church Closed****Thurs. June 19**

9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.

**Office Hours 10:00am-2:00pm**

Yoga w/ Beth Knox  
T.O.P.S. in the Polly Lamb Room Rockwell Room  
Handbell Choir rehearsal  
Turning Point AA Group, Rockwell Room  
Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Fri. June 20****Church Closed****Sat. June 21****Church Closed****Sun. June 22**

8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship with the Celtic Worship Band**

Turning Point AA Group in Rockwell Room  
Worship in the Sanctuary  
Fellowship in Tatter Hall

## SAVE THE DATES:

**June 22: Music for Worship by CWW's Celtic Worship Team**

**June 27-  
July 12**

**Green Box Arts Festival:** For information and tickets, see  
<https://greenboxarts.org/arts-festival/schedule-of-events/>