

FRIENDS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Trinity Sunday
June 15, 2025
9:00am



*An Open & Affirming
Congregation*

QUOTE FOR MEDITATION:

“You, O eternal Trinity, are a deep Sea, into which the deeper I enter the more I find, and the more I find the more I seek.”

–St. Catherine of Siena

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Brooke Dooley

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Manuel

One: Holy, Embodied, and Present God, how majestic are your many names in all creation! In you we find direction, inspiration, and encouragement.

Many: Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Creator, Christ, and Compassion, we turn to you in praise, prayer, and penitence to be made new, set free, and empowered.

Many: Does not love call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Source, Sustainer, and Spirit, your abiding presence gathers, connects, and strengthens us. You make us a community that participates in your kingdom.

Many: Does not truth call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Come, let us worship our God of majesty and mystery.

Many: Amen!

An asterisk indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit.*

*OPENING HYMN - Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

*INVOCATION

David Manuel

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Trent Williams

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Trent Williams

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brooke Dooley

Children in the sanctuary are invited to come to the front. All are invited to sing a verse of NCH #524 "This Little Light of Mine" to begin the children's message.

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-5, NRSV

Trent Williams

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **God is still speaking. Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE

Trent Williams

SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

One chime calls us into silence, and two chimes call us out of silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES FOR INTERCESSIONS

Brooke Dooley

INVITATION TO SHARE

David Manuel

OFFERTORY

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***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts,
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Brooke Dooley

Providing, Generous, and Faithful Love, we demonstrate your goodness by offering these gifts. Receive them for the kingdom and increase our impact in this community and the world in your name. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Trent Williams

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Brooke Dooley

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.

*CLOSING HYMN - No. 293 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*BENEDICTION

Trent Williams

*SUNG RESPONSE - No. 181 You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (Verse 1 only)

Bring Forth

POSTLUDE

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Instrumental Music:

Prelude: Come, Thou Almighty King - Felice de Giardini
Offertory: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name - Music from the *Katholisches Gesangbuch*
Communion: All Glory Be to God On High (*Allein Gott in der Höh*) - Nikolas Decius
Postlude: Crown Him with Many Crowns - George J. Elevey - arranged by Lloyd Larson

Scriptures for The Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 22, 2025: Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

GETTING CONNECTED AT FRIENDS

GET CONNECTED! On Fridays we email out a newsletter called “This Week at Friends” that shares important information and all of the activities and events going on at Friends. Subscribe by contacting office@friends-ucc.org.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

MENTAL HEALTH WALK WITH PASTOR BROOKE, JUNE 17: Join Pastor Brooke on Tuesdays, 4:30pm at Wolf Pen Creek Park to walk the trails, breathe some fresh air, chat or take in the silence. However you choose to be, you are welcome. Contact Pastor Brooke for more information: pastorbrooke@friends-ucc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - FROM PASTOR DAN: I am away from Friends Church June 15-21 on family vacation. If you have a pastoral need while I'm away, contact Pastor Brooke or Pastor Trent. Thank you for your prayerful support.

SUMMER SABBATH FOR 9AM SERVICE AFTER JUNE 29: Starting the first Sunday in July, the 9am service will take a six-week break. Many of our 9am attendees are out of town for various Sundays in the summer, making it difficult to secure volunteer lay leaders, greeters, and communion stewards each week. Director of Music Ministries Chris Hoffman will be on his annual one-month sabbatical starting July 1. Taking these challenges into consideration, as well as the need to provide our pastors and A/V team some respite, the 9am service will not be offered Sundays, July 6 through August 10. After June 29, the 9am service will resume on August 17. Rest well, and we'll see you at 11am on Sundays in the sanctuary or online.

FRIENDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Join our Friends Church worship team! We are in need of additional folks to help on Sunday mornings to serve as greeters, lay leaders and communion stewards to make our worship services flow smoothly. Sign up with these links.

9am Service bit.ly/0900worship 11am Service bit.ly/1100worship

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND SHARE

SUPPORT OUR PODCAST: Help us spread the good word! Share this week's sermon with those you love with our "Friends Congregational Church Sermons" podcast, available wherever you can find podcasts! Easily access and publicize our mission to follow the model of Jesus: to live faithfully, love limitlessly, and serve boldly. With over 100 episodes published (since Advent of last year) we've expanded (since Eastertide this year) our efforts to include the wider library of sermons offered before this podcast kicked off. We would love to have your support by either showing this podcast to friends and loved ones, and/or contributing your voice to introduce an episode. Volunteers can reach out to av@friends-ucc.org (Jeremy) if interested, or you might get approached after service. Recording takes less than 10 minutes and is almost entirely scripted.

Be a Greeter and Communion Steward: To help in the 9am and 11am services, please contact Worship Committee Chair Charity Stokes: worship@friends-ucc.org.

Youth Group Looking for Extra Help: We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Youth Group events for the new school year. Contact Pastor Brooke at pastorbrooke@friend-ucc.org.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Are you feeling called to teach our children or youth? Contact Pastor Dan for more information: pastor@friends-ucc.org.

Coffee Crew/Kitchen Angel: "All I need is coffee; all we need are volunteers to make it!"

Sign up via sheet on kitchen counter, at bit.ly/friendschurchcoffee or email Jan at Fellowship@friends-ucc.org.

Be a Curbside Steward: Recycling occurs once every two weeks early on Fridays and trash pick-up is weekly, early on Mondays. Bins need to be placed at the curb the afternoon or evening before the scheduled pick up day and returned to the side of the church after pick-up. Contact Property@Friends-ucc.org

Serve the Community: Help out at the Brazos Church Food Pantry, the Friday food distribution at Peace Lutheran, or Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network (BIIN) as an English or citizenship class tutor. And more! Visit the Friends Church website (Friends-ucc.org) ▶ Get **Involved** ▶ **Volunteer** or email office@friends-ucc.org for more information or to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE

PRIDE PALOOZA PICNIC, JUNE 27: A church-wide picnic on the front lawn Friends Congregational Church on June 27 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Bring a chair. Bring a cup. Bring a drink. Bring a friend. Bring a snack to share. Choose a color from the rainbow and bring a snack to match. We will provide brisket sliders, water, tea, and lemonade.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JUNE 29: Save the Date! Congregational Meeting coming up -- June 29th, after the 11:00 service. Please join us as we present the budget for fiscal year 25-26 and nominations for new leaders.

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Pastor Dan's weekday off is Friday. Pastor Trent's weekday off is Monday.