

June 15, 2025 Trinity Sunday Service of Word & Table

+ Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude Holy, Holy, Holy arr Edward Broughton

Greeting

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service. **Thanks be to God!**

† Call to Worship

Let us worship the Triune God.

Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.

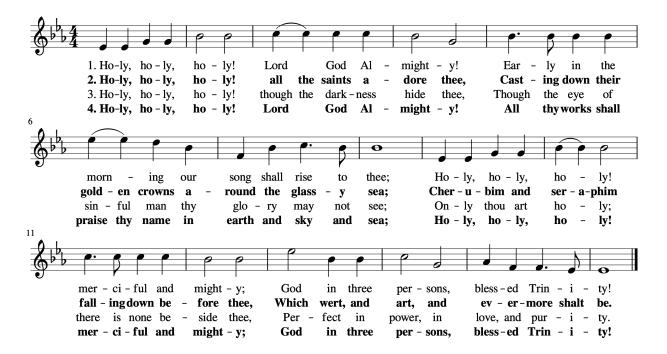
Let us worship the Triune God.

Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.

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Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.

Let us worship God!

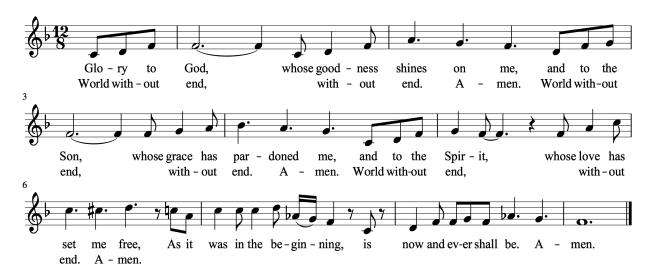


† Invocation

We gather to meet with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit to be aware of your presence in our day for you, Lord, are here now; your Spirit dwells within us to bring you our worship and offer you our praise to be conscious that you walk beside us and we do not make the journey alone Father, Son and Holy Spirit, draw near to us as we draw near to you. **Amen.**

Let us sing praise to God.

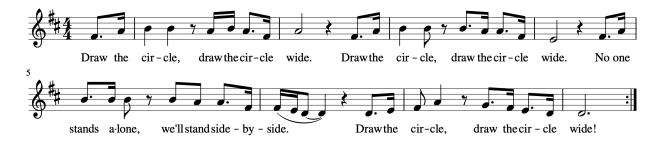
We will continually praise God's holy name.



Reception Of New Member

We invite to come forward the ones who wishes to affirm their baptism by uniting with us in this household of faith.

Neoma & Richard Brooks



Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These persons have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

God's message is near you, on your lips and in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we preach. If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved.

Neoma & Rick, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ? **I do.**

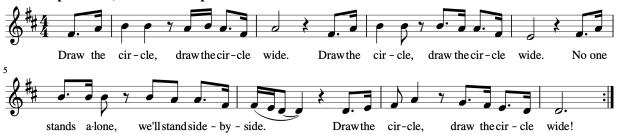
Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? **I do.**

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the United Church of Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

I promise, with the help of God.



Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God? I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

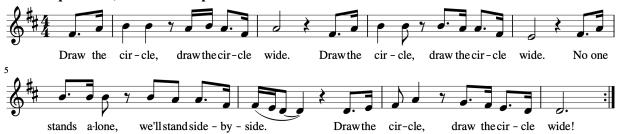
I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit

By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

I promise, with the help of God.



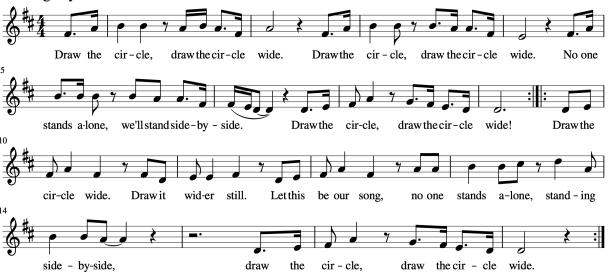
Let us, the members of, Enfield United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of, Enfield United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be your servant people and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for sending to us these believers that we may work together in serving the needs of others. Confirm in us the power of your covenant that we may live in your Spirit, share regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have among us the same mind which was in Christ Jesus, to whom be all honor and glory. **Amen.**

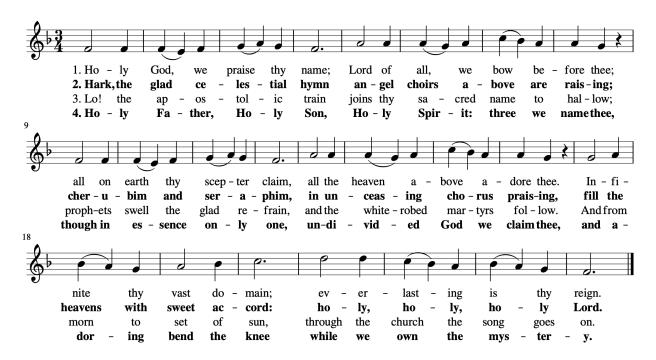


Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.



Epistle Lesson Romans 5:1-5

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.



† Gospel Lesson

John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Greg Gray

Sharing our Concerns

For all these persons and all who are in need.

Hold your people near, O God.

Sharing our Joys

We give thanks to God for these blessings.

Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer



Call to Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession

Holy and triune God, You alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity. You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resenting. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you. Forgive us and restore us, draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, may we strive toward gratitude and grace in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, by the working power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.



Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

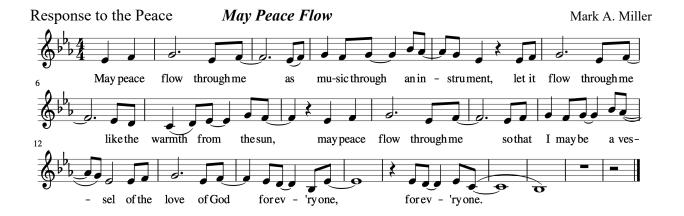
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

† Passing of the Peace

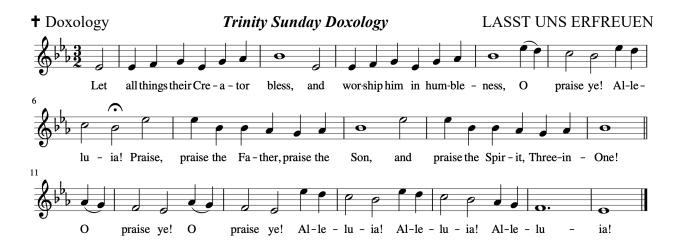
The peace of Christ be with you **And also with you.**



Invitation to the Offering

Out of the abundance of God's own life, we have received the abundance of God's creation, God's word, and God's love. Why, then, should we live as though we are threatened with scarcity? Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given, with joyous and glad abandon.

Offertory Faith of Our Fathers arr Christina Becket



† Prayer of Dedication

We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us. Pour out your blessing on these tithes and offerings, that they might be a source of blessing in our church, in our community, and in our world. Through this act of sharing, may we counter fear with hope and transform scarcity through generosity. We offer this prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Holy Communion



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, the Lord. All that you reveal of your glory, the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality. We, your holy Church acclaim you, Father of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Three persons we adore, one in being and equal in majesty.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When he supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it. in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them to be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction

We break this bread remembering the brokenness of our world and declaring our hope of wholeness and shalom is in Christ.

We pour this wine, remembering the pain and bloodshed of our world and declaring our hope in the overflowing love of Christ.

Giving of the Bread and Cup

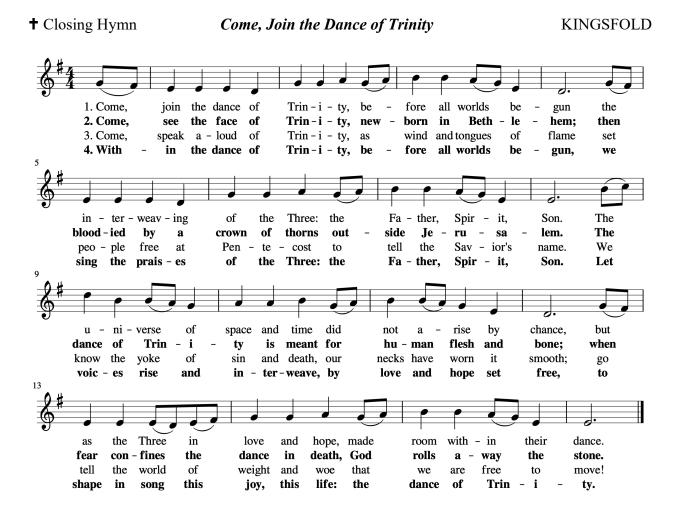
An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are all guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ and the community of God's people. This is a joyful feast for all the people of God.

We will receive communion at stations by intinction. Please come forward to one of the communion stations by the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the chalice, partake, and

return to your seat by the outside aisles. All cups have *non-alcoholic grape juice*.

Prayer after Receiving

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.



† Benediction

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr Emma Louise Ashford

WISE FOR MENTAL HEALTH COVENANT

We, Enfield UCC, commit ourselves to providing and promoting education, activities, and resources for individuals and families, as well as advocating for legislative action and collaborating with other mental health organizations. To that end, we joyously extend our church's compassionate welcome and love to members and non-members alike who experience mental illnesses or are touched by them.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We covenant with God and each other to live as Jesus has taught. Following God's example, we strive to be a Christian Community welcoming you no matter who you are. No matter your physical or mental ability, race, ethnicity, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, marital status, or economic status, you are truly welcome. We acknowledge past hurts individuals may have experienced and look to offer a safe, non- judgmental space for all who want to know God in Christ. This covenant includes the right to participate equally and fully in all aspects of the life and ministry of this congregation. In a spirit of understanding, we strive for collaboration as we seek to become the fully inclusive community of faith that God calls us to be.

ENFIELD UCC GUN POLICY

Gun violence continues to exist in the United States as a public health issue, one that requires reform in policy and culture. Enfield UCC is a gun-free zone, and no one may bring a firearm on the premises unless explicitly authorized by the pastor and/or moderator.

The United Church of Christ is a proponent of gun safety and gun control and supports policies including:

- strengthen the licensing and registration of handgun transfers
- restrict firearm possession by persons convicted of violent crimes and by juveniles
- limit handgun purchases to one per month
- strengthen regulation of gun dealers
- increase civil and criminal liability for misuse of firearms
- prohibit semiautomatic assault weapons, Saturday night specials, explosive ammunition and large capacity magazines
- require gun safety devices
- require training in the safe use of firearms as a condition of licensing

We encourage everyone to be in touch with legislators, urging them to pass legislation that restricts the sale of firearms.