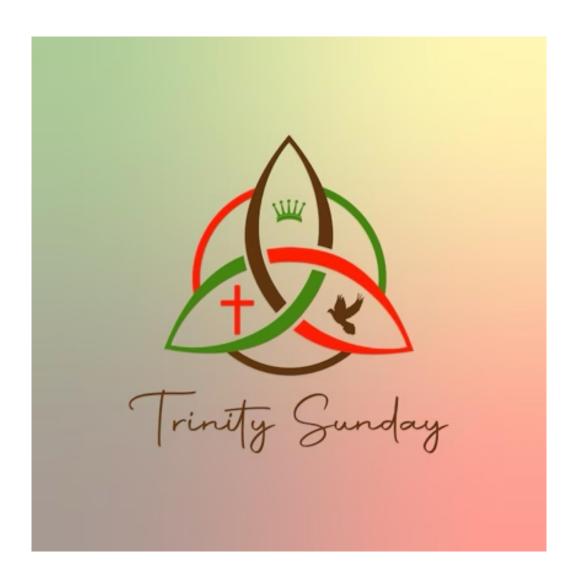
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Sunday Service Bulletin
May 26, 2024
Trinity & Memorial Day Sunday

Courage to Ask

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



P: God, sometimes we show up to worship ready to encounter your presence.

C: We know you are always with us.

P: Sometimes we catch glimpses of you at home, work, or school—in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.

C: We know you are always with us.

P: But God, we hesitate to encounter you in all of your glory, afraid to be overwhelmed by your love and holiness.

C: And yet, we know you are always with us in the fullness of your glory.

P: Ready our hearts today to encounter more of your glory, your love, holiness, and glory that is always present with us.

C: We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Statement of Faith - The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

** All to recite in unison **

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Opening Hymn -Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty p. 64 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Offering - Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 29 (CEB)

- L: 1 You, divine beings! Give to the Lord—give to the Lord glory and power!
- C: ² Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!
- L: ³ The Lord's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters.
- C: ⁴ The Lord's voice is strong; the Lord's voice is majestic.
- L: 5 The Lord's voice breaks cedar trees—yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.
- C: ⁶ He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.
- L: 7 The Lord's voice unleashes fiery flames;
- C: 8 the Lord's voice shakes the wilderness—yes, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- L: 9 The Lord's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare, but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"
- C: 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the Lord sits enthroned—king forever!
- L: ¹¹ Let the Lord give strength to his people! Let the Lord bless his people with peace! Amen!
- Congregational Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee p. 89 UMH vv. 1, 2, & 4

Gospel Reading – John 3:1-17 (CEB)

¹There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. ² He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom." 4 Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?" 5 Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. 6 Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' 8 God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?" 10 "Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? 11 I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 16 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. 17 God didn't send his Son

into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon – Courage to Ask

Closing Hymn – America the Beautiful p. 696 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Go now in the blessed presence of the Triune God who cleanses you, calls you, and empowers you to be messengers of God's love in this world even as you are surrounded by God's all-consuming presence wherever you go. Amen.

Announcements

- This is Memorial Sunday. We again are recognizing our deceased veterans during the worship service. You should have received a list of all the deceased veterans from our church and church community as an addendum to your bulletin. If you did not, please see Faye Seats for a copy. Near the end of or worship service we will move to the cemetery to conclude our Memorial Day Recognition. The roll will be called for all the veterans buried in our cemetery. Note: The Lewisville American Legion Post 522 has placed a flag on all veterans' graves in our cemetery in observance of Memorial Day. If any family member would like to keep the flag, he/she may do so. We thank Mike Jones and Post 522 for honoring our veterans with flags each Memorial Day.
- Next Sunday, June 2, 2024 is Graduation Sunday. Immediately after the worship service a reception honoring the graduates will be held in the fellowship hall.
- A gift to the glory of God and in memory of Jennie Davis has been given by Norma Jean Harbin.
- A gift to the glory of God and in memory of Worth Seats has been given by Judy Fuller.

• The Administrative Board will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM on Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough
All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner Wanda Needham Frank Dalton Barbara Perryman

Jenny Davis Frances Sisk

Sherry Doub Eleanor Thompson

Frances V. Gough

Randy Hunter

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost Amber Lambert
Tammy Seats Boyd Jeannette Lanier

Jane Bullin Family of Becky Lingo

Leisha Carpenter

Glenna Culler

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Joe Dean Matt McKnight
Randy DePew Mark Megela
Amanda Doub Marie Parrish
Ruby Driver Dawn Proctor
Joanne Everhart Jay D. Prevette

Mary & Francis File Vivian Royal

Eddie Haire Mary Ellen Smith

Garry Harbin Mark Wall
Kathy Harbin Ann Wallace

Lynda Harper Robert and Susan Warren

Gail Howard Savannah Wooten

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May Birthdays

Susan McBride	1	Hayden Potts	18
Lissa Seats	1	Linda Southern	19
Ashley Snow Perryman	5	Kaye Lynne Parker	21
Johnny Disher	6	Ruby Slater Driver	23
Nancy Plemmons	7	John Kovac	23
Frances Sisk	7	Natalie Gould	25
Chelsea Manring	13	Melanie Perryman	26
Nicholas McBride	13	Wayne Bumgardner	31
Connie V. Bolen Wood	13		

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!