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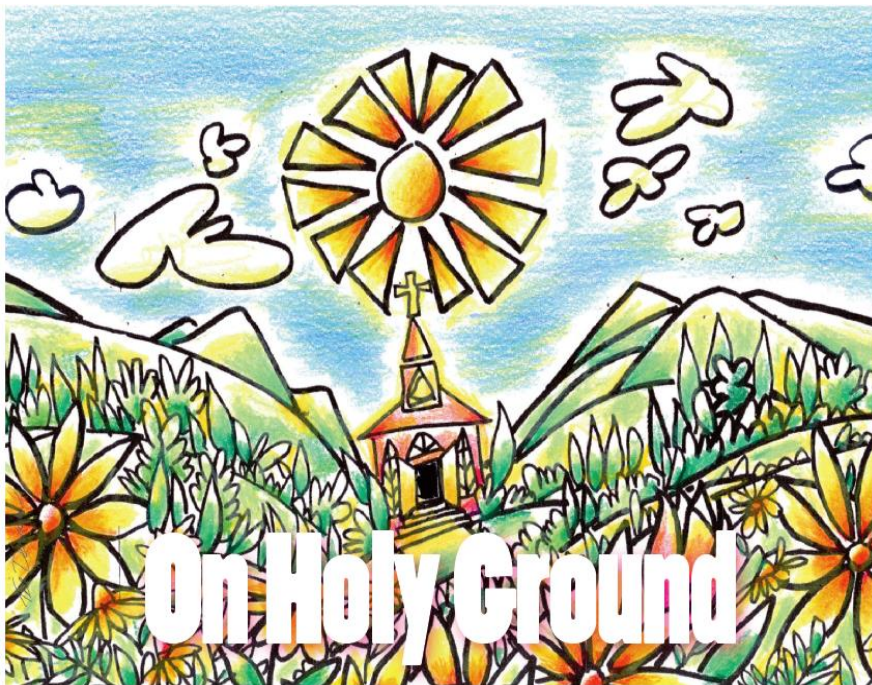
# United Church of Christ

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***Loving, Serving and Accepting All People  
with God's Life-Changing Power***

“Jesus did not spend a great deal of time discoursing about the trinity or original sin or the incarnation, which have preoccupied later Christians. He went around doing good and being compassionate.”

-- Karen Armstrong



**Trinity Sunday - June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 • 10:00 AM**

***Pastor***

• John King

***Director of Music***

• David Debick

***Financial Secretary***

• Joy Garapic

***Office Manager***

• Anne Melfo

***Ministers – All of Our Members***



## **Affirmation of Welcome**

***We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming ALL of God's children.***

*Whether you are single, married, divorced, separated,  
or partnered,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your gender identity or sexual orientation,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your religious background, creed, or spirituality,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your social or economic circumstances,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

***Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,***

***We welcome one another to this place,***

***Even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!***



- *Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.*
- *Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.*

### ***Office Hours:***

***Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:30am - 12:30pm***

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<b>Please submit your announcements by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!</b>
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June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Trinity Sunday



**Prelude**

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

English folk tune

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Quiet Meditation as Peace Candle is Brought Forward**

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*"Isn't it wonderful that we have this Doctrine of the Trinity that speaks of God as a fellowship, a community? And so, you have this wonderful image of the community that is God, the Trinity." – Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

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***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able*

**\* Call to Worship:**

One: Wisdom calls and understanding speaks.

**Many: God of Love, we listen attentively to hear your voice.**

One: Creation declares your glory and humanity marvels at your care.

**Many: Merciful God, we rejoice at your works.**

One: Peace, endurance, character, and hope are gifts.

**Many: Mysterious God, we receive your love in thanksgiving.**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

*Come Now, Almighty God*

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**\* Prayer of Invocation: [UNISON]**

O God who is greater than any image, yet who appears to us in many forms, help us to move beyond definition to mystery, beyond the space of limitation to the glorious freedom of the children of God.

## Assurance of Grace

**\* Song of Praise:**

***Glory to God***

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, And on earth be



peace to all peo - ple, for God loves us all.

## ***Readings***

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

First Reading **Proverbs 8:1–7, 19–31 (The Message translation)**

Gospel Reading **John 1:1-5, 14, 18 (The Voice translation – adapted for inclusive language)**

Continuing Testament by John Donne (1572-1631)



***Time With Young Worshippers***



**Musical Offering**

***Let All the World in Every Corner Sing***

Routley

Dave Debick, organ

**Sermon** by Pastor John King

**Hymn of Reflection**

***Creator God, Creating Still***

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## ***The Church at Prayer***

The Family & Friends of Al Klonowski, Russ King, Marilyn Pay, Joanne Frable (Sue Stenzel's sister), George Snider, Mac Hoppel, Dassie Matsuoka, Kathy Smith, Jon Thompson, Rose Kaval, Tina Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), "Edna House", people who are unemployed and under employed.

*(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)*

### **Silent Meditation**

### **Prayers of the Church**

#### **Our Lord's Prayer: [UNISON]**

Our Father-Mother, 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.

## ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

#### **\* Call to Offering**

#### **\* Offertory Hymn**

We bring our gifts because we care,  
They are a part of what we share.  
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.  
With hearts of joy, we share our gifts. Amen.

#### **\* Offertory Dedication: [UNISON]**

We delight in your Creation, Loving God. We rejoice in your hopes, visions and dreams. In a spirit of thanksgiving, we ask that you give us the courage, to strengthen your Church in the world. Amen.



## Communion Hymn *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving: [UNISON]

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

## *Going with God's Love*

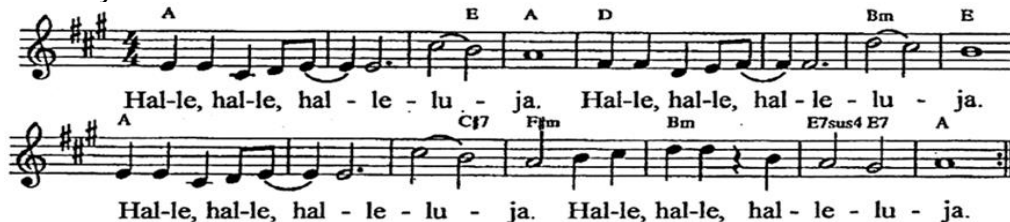
### \* Hymn of Departure *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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## Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

### \* Circle of Community

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.



### \* Benediction

## Postlude *We All Believe in One True God*

Latin Credo, c. 1300, adapt

## *Announcements:*

**REMEMBERING AL KLONOWSKI** – There will be a memorial service on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, with receiving hours starting at 6 pm, and the service immediately following at 7. Al's family extends an open invitation to all those who wish to honor him.

**FLOWERS** – There are two dedications for today's flowers: the centerpiece is dedicated by Diane Gressley, in honor of her mother Emma's birthday. The side arrangements are dedicated in memory of Al Klonowski.

**TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERING** – The OCWM ministry (Our Church's Wider Mission) will collect the "Strengthen the Church" offering today. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing UCC congregations, as we work to become a multi-cultural/multi-racial, accessible to all Christian movement.

**COMMUNION** – Today is the first of two communion Sundays this month - we are returning to our pre-COVID practice of celebrating on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Special thanks to Gayle Colbert, for so generously agreeing to prepare Communion for us (with the help of Allison Colbert).

**NURSERY** – If you brought someone with you today who is age 3 or younger, and you think they'd prefer playtime over Sunday service, we've got you covered! We will ask if your child has any allergies or special needs, and then keep them safe and entertained at no cost to you. Miss Mindy or one of the ushers would be happy to show you the space and introduce you to Mickey, our nursery attendant.

**MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION** - Carol will not be leading meditation during the month of June. Gatherings will resume in July, on Wednesdays at 11 am. The group may still meet in June to practice informally - check with Sherrill Witt for details.

**PRIDE IS COMING TO BRECKSVILLE/BROADVIEW HTS.!** – On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, BUCC will have a table at the first annual BBH Pride Fest! The event runs from 11:30am - 4:30pm – please see the announcement on the bulletin board in the lobby (by the sliding glass windows) for more information. We need at least 2 people to represent BUCC at our table, so please consider signing up for a time slot, and the more the merrier!

**LET'S GET GROWING!!** The Stewardship Ministry invites those of you who plant a garden of vegetables, fruits, or flowers to plant some extra this spring and summer. If you're already doing all the work, just do a little more to help out BUCC. Whenever your harvest comes in, we will make a table available on Sundays after church to sell whatever you bring in. All of the funds will go to the General Fund, to help bring down the deficit.

## Readings

### First Reading

#### Proverbs 8:1–7, 19–31 (The Message translation)

Do you hear Lady Wisdom calling? Can you hear Madame Insight raising her voice? She's taken her stand at First and Main, at the busiest intersection. Right in the city square, where the traffic is thickest, she shouts,

“You—I’m talking to all of you, everyone out here on the streets! Listen, you idiots—learn good sense! You blockheads—shape up! Don’t miss a word of this—I’m telling you how to live well, I’m telling you how to live at your best. My mouth chews and savors and relishes truth—I can’t stand the taste of evil!

You can find me on Righteous Road—that’s where I walk—at the intersection of Justice Avenue, handing out life to those who love me, filling their arms with life—armloads of life!

GOD sovereignly made me—the first, the basic—before anything else. I was brought into being a long time ago, well before Earth got its start. I arrived on the scene before Ocean, yes, even before Springs and Rivers and Lakes. Before Mountains were sculpted and Hills took shape, I was already there, newborn; long before GOD stretched out Earth’s Horizons, and tended to the minute details of Soil and Weather, and set Sky firmly in place, I was there. When God mapped and gave borders to wild Ocean, built the vast vault of Heaven, and installed the fountains that fed Ocean, when God drew a boundary for Sea, posted a sign that said NO TRESPASSING, and then staked out Earth’s Foundations, I was right there, making sure everything fit. Day after day I was there, with my joyful applause, always enjoying God’s company, delighted with the world of things and creatures, happily celebrating the human family.”

## Readings

### Gospel Reading

#### John 1:1-5, 14, 18 (The Voice translation – adapted for inclusive language)

Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God. This celestial Word remained ever present with the Creator; This Voice shaped the entire cosmos. Immersed in the practice of creating, giving birth to all that exists. This breath filled all things with a living, breathing light—a light that thrives in the depths of darkness, blazes through murky bottoms. It cannot, it will not be quenched.

The Voice took on flesh and became human and chose to live alongside us.

We have heard this Voice -- radiant in the magnificence a Parent feels for an only child — evidenced in the perfect balance of grace and truth.

God, unseen until now, is revealed in this Voice, Jesus, God's Son, who has come straight from the Heart of God.

### Continuing Testament – By John Donne (1572-1631)

#### *Holy Sonnet #14*

Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you  
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;  
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend  
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.  
I, like an usurp'd town to another due,  
Labor to admit you, but oh, to no end;  
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,  
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.  
Yet dearly I love you, and would be lov'd fain,  
But am betroth'd unto your enemy;  
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,  
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,  
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,  
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

# Special Thanks:



## JUNE 4, 2023

**Head Usher:** *Volunteer Needed*

**Ushers:** Allison Colbert  
Evelyn Seager

**Lay Reader:** Jon Thompson

**Greeter:** Sherrill Witt

**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Nancy Stella

**A/V Team:** Jim Duffy

**Flowers:** Julie Bernard

**Set Up/Serve:** *Volunteers Needed*

**Clean Up:** *Volunteers Needed*

## JUNE 11, 2023

**Head Usher:** Diane Gressley

**Ushers:** Pat Rolfe  
Evelyn Seager

**Lay Reader:** Jill Zedan

**Greeter:** Jon Thompson

**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Jim Duffy

**A/V Team:** *Volunteer Needed*

**Flowers:** Sue Stenzel

**Set Up/Serve:** *Volunteers Needed*

**Clean Up:** *Volunteers Needed*



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