

**Macon United Methodist Church**  
**190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133**  
**May 31, 2026      Peace with Justice Sunday      Trinity Sunday**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY (read in silence)**

“The Father loves not only the Son but also himself and us, by the Holy Ghost.  
-- St. Thomas Aquinas

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

On this Trinity Sunday we come to praise the Triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation.**

We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God. The one in three and three in one.

**We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation.**

We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

**We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation.**

Come. Let us worship the triune God-father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation.**

**\*OPENING HYMN    “*Freely, Freely (God Forgave My Sin)*”      (UMH # 389)**

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name, I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name,  
and in Jesus’ name I come to you to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: ‘Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.’*

2. All power is given in Jesus’ name, in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name,  
and in Jesus’ name I come to you to share his power as he told me to.

*He said: ‘Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.’*

## OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your spirit, you empower us still. Today, we offer our gifts--signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your triune love and our willingness to go and grow disciples in your name. Amen.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)

## SILENT PRAYER (pastor)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

## SCRIPTURE READING

**1 John 5:7**

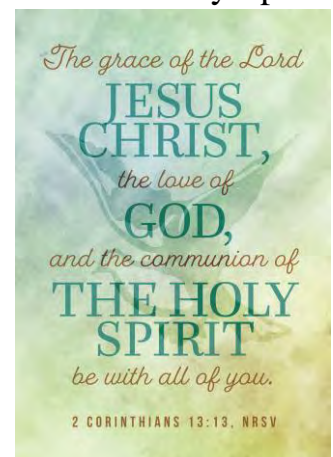
“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”



## SCRIPTURE READING

**2 Corinthians 13:13**

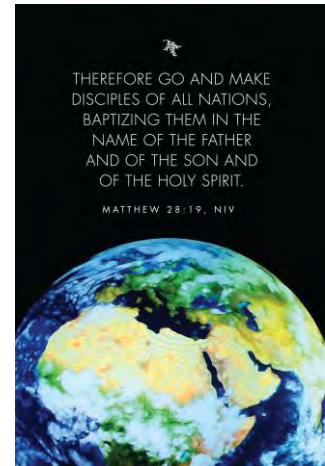
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.



## SCRIPTURE READING

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 28:19**



## MESSAGE

**Tami Werschey-Kessinger, Pastor**

## HYMN

*“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”*

(UMH # 569)

1. We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth—  
the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright, and  
Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth—  
the kingdom of love and light.

3. We've a message to give to the nations—that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us His Son to save us and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright, and  
Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth—  
the kingdom of love and light.

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright, and  
Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth—  
the kingdom of love and light.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 95)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**Empowering God, you are the one who pours out your spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely; truth, empathy, vision, and power. As your spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts--not out of fear or obligation, but in response to your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophets witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen.**

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

### **\*CLOSING HYMN      “*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*”      (UMH # 64)**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.



June 14 Kris Shelton, Certified Lay Speaker

June 21 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker

June 28 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation class will be first and fourth Sundays at 8:45 am for one hour in the pastor's office using the book Confirm which can be purchased online through Cokesbury. On May 24, 2026 the class will meet at 11:15am.

### **BOTTLED WATER COLLECTION**

Please donate bottled water for Macon's May 30 fun day in the park; drop off in church kitchen.

### **LOVE PACKAGES MATERIAL**

Bring used devotional materials by June 1 to be mailed to Love Packages for worldwide distribution. Bring devotionals to Christine.

### **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH**

UWF will meet on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6 pm. This will be a salad supper so bring something to share. Our shepherdess, Sheryl Frye has been invited.