

**The United Church of Christ, Congregational  
Burlington, MA**

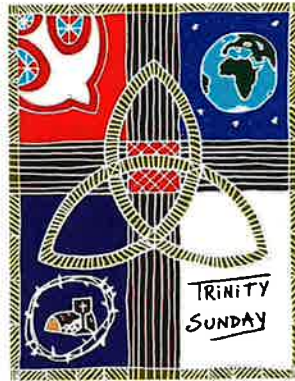
**TRINITY SUNDAY**

*"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."*

**May 31, 2026**

**10:30am**

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***We believe God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ.***

***Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means.***

***In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation.***

***We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love.***

***We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church, and invite you to join us on our faith journey!***

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**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

## Gathering....

### Musical Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship: *Adapted from Psalm 113*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: We praise the name of the Lord!**

Leader: God watches over us from sunrise to sunset, looking upon the earth with love.

**People: We praise the name of the Lord!**

Leader: God brings dignity, hope, and belonging to those the world overlooks.

**People: We praise the name of the Lord!**

Leader: God makes a home for the lonely and fills lives with joy.

**People: We praise the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who sees, lifts, and loves all people.

**People: Come, let us worship together!**

\*Opening Hymn                      Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us                      NCH #267

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Passing the Peace and Red Wagon

\*Devotional Hymn                      Creator God, Creating Still                      NCH #278

## Reflecting...

### Scripture Readings

#### **1 Samuel 2:1-10**

"Then Hannah prayed and said: '**My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.** Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the LORD is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed. The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength. Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away. The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up. The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats

them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's; on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. It is not by strength that one prevails; those who oppose the LORD will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.'

### **Luke 1:39-57**

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home. When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

**Our Sermon**

*How to Hold a Baby*

Rev. Kate Kennedy

**Anthem**

We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light

-Traditional Zulu, Arranged By Hal H. Hopson Sung by the Choir

***Praying...***

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

## Offering...

### Invitation of Offering

### Offertory

### \*Doxology

Lyrics adapted by William Abernethy; tune *NCH #780*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator,  
Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## Sending...

### \*Closing Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

*NCH #277*

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

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## **CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

### **Adopted February 2017:**

At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that ***all are welcome, all are loved***. We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor

Aline Beck, Organist

Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education

Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant

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## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Conrad Fong  
Skip Glancy  
Nancy Davis's son George, Ross's wife Jackie  
Molly Kyokunda's sister  
Bobbie and Tom Killilea  
Tonia Egan, her mom and dad  
Joe Stoddard's family member Jada  
Cindy Phillip's friend's husband  
pancreatic cancer  
Prayers Laura Nowell's friend Mary  
Barbara Naddaff's grandson, friend Mary  
Sally Willard's sister Vicky  
Anna Karwan's sister as caregiver for mom  
Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe  
Joyce Carpenter, nieces Breanna, MaryJane and brother-in-law Ken  
Auri Musselman and her sister-in-law's family  
Woody Knowles  
Donna DeSiome's sister Brenda and brother-in-law Rick  
Bill Livezey  
Kay Shute  
Roberta Low  
Debbie Claar's dear friends Victor, Bob  
Jan Blandino, her grandson Toby  
David Knowles  
Ted Brierley  
Andrew's friend Lorenzo  
Bill Hitchcock  
Shirley Fong's Mom Mary  
Julie Lewis' cousin Alicia  
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn  
Jessy McNeil's sisters Grace and Joyce  
Kelly Sievert  
Ginger Mungillo, daughter Cindy, son Jim  
Barbara Garland

*Welcome Rev. Kate Kennedy as our guest preacher this morning while Pastor Andrew is on parental leave.*

*Today's flowers were donated by Deacons to thank all who do so much for our church.*

### **May 31 Worship-Red Wagon**

Guest Pastor: Rev. Kate Kennedy  
Organist: Aline Beck  
Lay Leader: Christine Stahlinski  
Head Usher: Dick Butler  
Usher: Karen Butler  
Greeter:  
Collector: Marge Zamanian  
Flowers: Deacons  
Nursery: Kritika Agarwala  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond  
Sue Wisniewski  
Coffee Host: Jan Costa  
Bakers: Jan Costa

### **June 7, 2026 Communion Worship**

Communion Prep: Chris Stahlinski  
Marge Zamanian  
Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris  
Organist: Aline Beck  
Lay Leader: Lucy Damiani  
Head Usher: Dave McNeil  
Usher:  
Greeter:  
Collector: Joan Zink  
Flowers: Deb Raymond  
Nursery: Kritika Agarwala  
Sunday School: Deb Raymond  
Donna Ferro  
Ice Cream Social: CE

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

Join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> for Children's Sunday. Following worship there will be an Ice Cream Social. All are invited!

## **PRIDE DAY - June 13**

Burlington Pride Day is June 13 with a rain date on June 14<sup>th</sup>. UCC will be supporting this day with a table on the Burlington Town Common. We will have literature and themed gifts to share. If you'd like to work at our table please let Susan Eby, Lucy Damiani or Sally Willard know. We will supply you with a tee shirt with the Pride flag on it.

# Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,  
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,  
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,  
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney  
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is  
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence  
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

Janie Alford is often described as "the Grandma Moses of hymnody." In her nineties, this retired medical secretary and Nashville, Tennessee, shop owner remained an active church worker and wrote many hymns. Nine of her texts were published in 1979.

Tune: EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Thomas J. Williams, 1890

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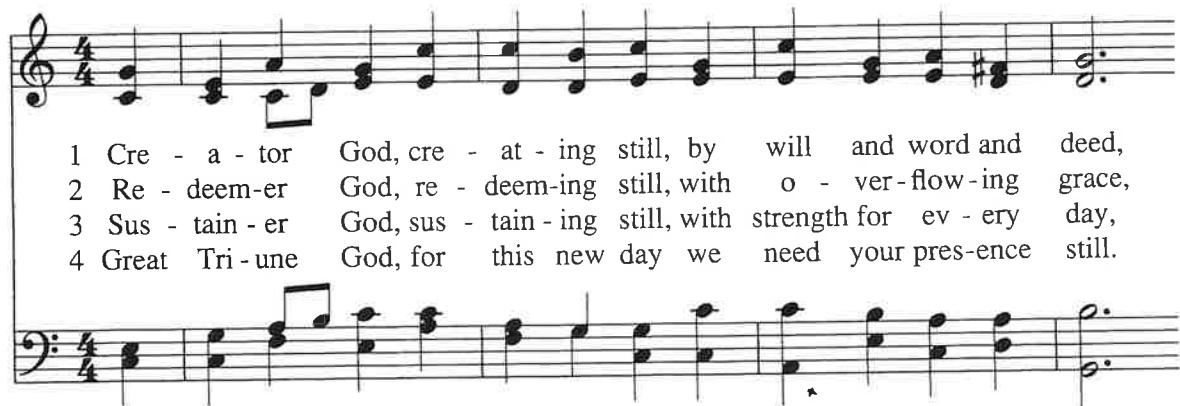
called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

# Creator God, Creating Still

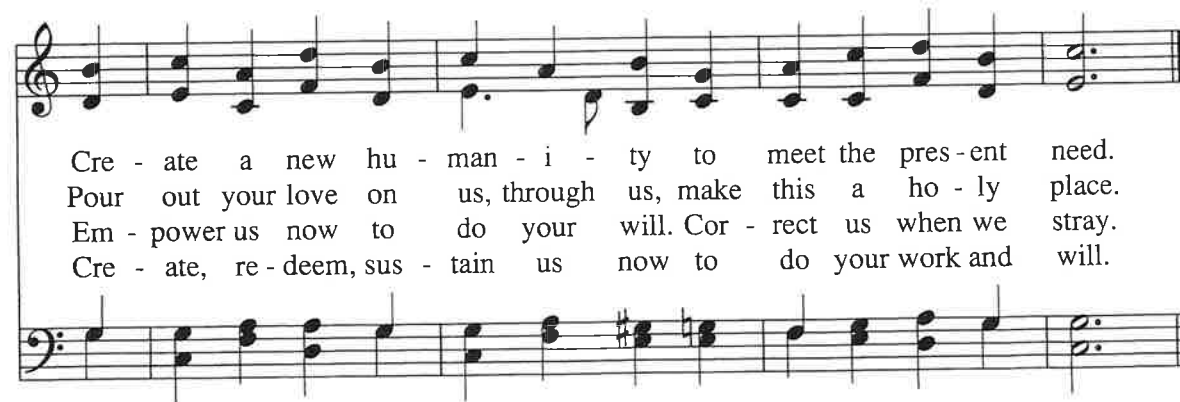
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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,  
 2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,  
 3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
 4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.  
 Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
 Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
 Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

*Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.*

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.  
 William Croft, 1708

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Rev. 4:8-11; Isa. 6:1-8

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,  
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,  
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

