



~ Welcome Visitors! ~

Guide to the bulletin: An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

Children: Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. After the Message for All, children are invited to attend Sunday School, sit by their family in the sanctuary, or at the Prayer Ground. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a Prayer Ground set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

To Thee, Great One in Three

Richard Blake

Welcome & Announcements

*** Opening Song *We Gather Together* MUCC Instrumentalists**
We gather together in joyful thanksgiving
For earth's store of plenty, from land, sky and sea.
If justly divided, our needs will be provided
The harvest is abundant when shared equally.

***Call to Worship¹** (inspired by Psalm 8)

One: O Holy One, Creator, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!**

One: O Holy One, Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?**

One: O Holy One, Friend, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How majestic are your many names in all the earth!**

*** Opening Prayer**

Holy Love, our Companion and Source, shower us with your presence, shelter us in your sanctuary, shield us with your peace. Open our receptivity to your word, wisdom, and way. May our worship honor your name and draw us nearer to you and to our neighbors. Be glorified in our midst as we exalt your Many Names. Amen.

Hymn *At the Dawn of Your Creation²

lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, NCH 4

At the dawn of your creation, God, you spoke, "Let there be light!"

You divided earth from heaven, you created day and night.

You made sunbeams dance with shadows, you created energy!

Peaceful evenings, bright tomorrows, all began with "Let there be..."

By your word, you formed creation: dry land, water, ocean breeze.

Soon there burst forth vegetation — plants with fruit, majestic trees.

Rain and snow and changing seasons, creatures filling land and sea —

God, your very good creation all began with "Let there be..."

¹ "Trinity Sunday Year A - May 31," Worship Ways, May 22, 2026, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/trinity-sunday-year-a-may-31/>.

² Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, In the beginning: Genesis in scripture, prayer and Song, accessed May 26, 2026, https://www.carolynshymns.com/genesis_service.html.

When you made us as your children, sending us throughout your lands,
You commanded, "Have dominion — care for earth; it's in your hands."
Yet we hurt this world you've given; we harm earth and sky and sea.
We forget it's your creation — you, who once said "Let there be..."

At this joyful celebration, may we hear your word anew:
May we care for your creation, knowing it's a trust from you.
Just as daily there's a dawning, bringing light to all we see,
So we daily hear your calling — you, who once said, "Let there be..."

HEARING THE WORD TOGETHER

God Creates Something New Genesis 1:1-19

Special Music *How Firm a Foundation*
comp. John Rippon / arr. Dana Everson

God Continues Creation Genesis 1:20-2:4a

Prayer of Jesus

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.

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Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Call to Prayer *On Eagles Wings* NCH 775
And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Prayers of the People

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-438-6307. We will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org and/or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

***Song for Going Out** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* NCH 12

*Benediction

***Postlude** *For the Beauty of the Earth* MUCC Instrumentalists
**For the Beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
God of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Worship Leaders: Jeff Darwin (Dir. of Music), Mark Sieger (MUCC Instrumentalists Director), Pastor Kris Gorton, and Pastor Peter Morris

Readers: Sonjia Short and Merry Spangler

Usher: Nancy Potter

Media Room: Scott Oebser

Fellowship: Jeanne Prueher

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Bathrooms: There are two bathrooms near the main entrance of the church. A third Gender Neutral and Accessible bathroom is in the hallway by the nursery. If you need assistance finding the restrooms, an usher will gladly help you.



Giving Options—Ever-Widening Opportunities: Checks can be mailed directly to the church or dropped off during office hours. Please indicate any special designation in the memo line. You can give securely via PayPal with your credit card, debit card, or direct withdrawals. Visit and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the

QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Ulrika Swanson at ulrikaswanson@gmail.com, and she will get you signed up.

Want to Know More About Us? Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at pastorkris@memorialucc.org or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org. You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at www.memorialucc.org.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ps. 136:5-9; James 1:17

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Oh, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye:
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.