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***“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”***

***May 31, 2026 – Trinity Sunday Year A  
“Rest Made Holy”***

**Worship Leaders:  
Pastor: Michael Small  
Liturgist: Bev Jorland  
Greeter: John and Joanna Aamot  
Special Music: Ken and Linda Barber  
Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb**

**Tech:** Ace Diehl (Video), Samuel Batson (Audio)  
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**RINGING OF THE HOUR**

**† HYMN**

**"Bring Many Names"**

**#11**

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

**One:** O Holy One, our Sovereign, 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, our 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, our Companion, 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!**

**A TIME OF CENTERING**

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† For those who are able, please stand.

*(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)*

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

**Creator, we give thanks that creation does not end; it rests. In your created order, rest is often the time and space necessary for renewal.**

**Transformation happens in rest. Too often, we adopt the pace of the world that adopts hurry as normative and beneficial. Yet, we know, Holy Love, that when you began the work of creation, it served to bring order out of chaos, and it was good. As we seek your goodness today, we confess that we live in chaotic times. We affirm that you have charged us to care for this creation and have made us like you. Use us then to bring order in a chaotic world and to use rest as a necessary step for transformation and renewal. Help us discern the balance of rest and work that will yield good fruit. Amen.**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)*

### **WORDS OF GRACE**

#### **† PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also, with you.**

**MUSIC “Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”** Linda & Ken Barber

**Focus Scripture: Genesis 1:1–2:4a** from *The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation* (p. 1). Bloomsbury Publishing. Kindle Edition.

#### **<sup>1</sup> IN THE BEGINNING**

God created  
the heavens  
and the earth.

<sup>2</sup> But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep—yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Light: Be!” and light was. <sup>4</sup> God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” Evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

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<sup>6</sup> Then God said, “Now, make an expanse between the waters! Separate water from water!” So it was: <sup>7</sup> God made the expanse and separated the water above the expanse from the water below it. <sup>8</sup> God called the expanse “Sky.” Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> Then God said, “Waters under the sky: be gathered into one place! Dry ground: appear!” So it was. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “Earth” and the gathering of the waters “Sea.” And God saw that this was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Earth: produce vegetation—plants that scatter their own seeds, and every kind of fruit tree that bears fruit with its own seed in it!” So it was: <sup>12</sup> the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed, and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. And God saw that this was good.

<sup>13</sup> Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

<sup>14</sup> Then God said, “Now, let there be lights in the expanse of the sky! Separate day from night! Let them mark the signs and seasons, days and years, <sup>15</sup> and serve as luminaries in the sky, shedding light on the earth.” So it was: <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights, the greater one to illumine the day, and a lesser to illumine the night. Then God made the stars as well, <sup>17</sup> placing them in the expanse of the sky, to shed light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern both day and night, and separate light from darkness. And God saw that this was good. <sup>19</sup> Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> God then said, “Waters: swarm with an abundance of living beings! Birds: fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky!” And so it was: <sup>21</sup> God created great sea monsters and all sorts of swimming creatures with which the waters are filled, and all kinds of birds. God saw that this was good <sup>22</sup> and blessed them, saying, “Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the waters of the seas! Birds, abound on the earth!”

<sup>23</sup> Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> Then God said, “Earth: bring forth all kinds of living soul—cattle, things that crawl, and wild animals of all kinds!” So it was: <sup>25</sup> God made all kinds of wild animals, and cattle, and everything that crawls on the ground, and God saw that this was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> Humankind was created as God’s reflection:  
in the divine image God created them;  
female and male, God made them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said, “Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth—and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things on the earth!” <sup>29</sup> God then told them, “Look! I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree whose fruit carries its seed inside itself: they will be your food; <sup>30</sup> and to all the animals of the earth and the birds of the air and things that crawl on the ground—everything that has a living soul in it—I give all the green plants for food.” So it was. <sup>31</sup> God looked at all of this creation, and

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proclaimed that this was good—very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. <sup>2</sup> On the seventh day God had finished all the work of creation, and so, on that seventh day, God rested. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and called it sacred, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**REFLECTION**           **“And God Saw That It Was Very Good!”**

**HYMN**                               **"Jesus Loves Me"**                               #327

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*Please use words that are most familiar to you*)

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                       **“I’ll Carry You Home”**                       Linda and Ken Barber

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

One: Generous God, just as you provided for all our needs in your creative acts, you have made us caretakers of your good creation. Let us accept the call to faithful discipleship, the opportunity to trust in your provision, and the generous nature you have embedded in us.

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**DOXOLOGY:** (*as collection plates come forward*)

Tune #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 AND THANKSGIVING**

One: Generous God, Receive our gifts as acts of participation in your continuing creation. Amen.

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† HYMN

"Crashing Waters at Creation" (Tune: #325)

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**PARTING WORDS**

**POSTLUDE**

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*Rest Made Holy: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday Year A* was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

