



## *Trinity Sunday*

*Grace Hebron United Methodist Church*

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# Grappling With Our Faith

One of the hardest things for both Christians and non-Christians alike is to understand how *God* can be three "persons" at the same time - *God the Father*, *God the Son*, and *God the Holy Spirit* - and yet be a single, all-powerful, all-knowing entity that is able to transcend time and space to be present with each and every one of us as we journey through life.

It sounds like a paradox; an enigma; something that we struggle to wrap our heads around. And yet, it is a core belief of the Christian church - one that we say we wholeheartedly embrace.

Scholars have long debated how to quantify *God* - how to break down our experiences of *God* and *God's* presence in our lives and in our world into accurate descriptions and word pictures. And therein lies the challenge - we cannot do it, simply because we cannot fully understand *God* in all of *God's* glory, and splendor, and wisdom, and knowledge, and understanding, and ... well, you get the picture.

And yet, we can find comfort in observing the many ways that *God* - in all of *God's* holiness and wonder and purity and compassion - interacts with all of *Creation*, using different expressions of Himself to accomplish His goals. We experience *God* as an all-seeing Father, the teacher Jesus, and the guiding Holy Spirit. They are the different natures of *God*, who is one being. The reality is this: *God* is a *Mystery* - too great for the human mind to understand! Getting caught up in scientific explanations can and will take us away from our purpose: and that is simply to worship and serve *God* as he calls us to do.

May you be blessed in your worship this day! *Pastor Alan*

# Trinity Sunday

May 31st, 2026

8:00 am ~ Early Contemporary Service  
9:15 am ~ Sunday School / Small Groups  
10:30 am ~ Traditional Service of Worship

Charlotte Gingrich - accompanist  
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Gathering Music

Announcements and Lighting of the Candles

\*\* Our Call To Worship

*Leader: Let us declare this day that the Lord, our God, is Almighty, All-powerful, and All-knowing – One God made known to us in Three Distinct Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**People: We embrace this Holy Mystery, and we come before His Mighty Presence in praise and thanksgiving for who God is.**

*Leader: He is like a tree in the midst of a desert, or a stream running through dry land – He provides for all our needs - even before we ask.*

**People: We celebrate His provisions for us, and out of our gratefulness, we choose to serve God and His church all the days of our lives.**

**ALL: For we have indeed seen His Glory, and the work of His righteous right hand.**

\*\*Opening Hymn

UMH 158

“ Come, Christians, Join to Sing ”

**\*\*Prayer of Invocation**

**ALL: Lord, we confess that even though You have always been faithful to us, we have not always listened to You. Our worries about trivial things tend to crowd out Your voice. We also confess that we're not always eager to hear what you have to say to us, because we believe that we can accomplish things on our own. We've often ignored the promptings of Your Holy Spirit - to come to You for help, to confess our faults, to lend You our ear. Empower us to hear Your Spirit of Truth as You speak to us this day. Help us to receive Your words and follow Your ways.**

**\*\* Greet those around you, and share these words:  
"The Power of the Spirit is among us!!!"**

## **WE PROCLAIM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD**

A Reading from Romans 6: 6 -14

*Karen Travitz*

Praising God through Music

*Charlotte Gingrich*

Celebrating Life Together

A Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lords Prayer

**ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

We Receive Our Morning Offering                      TFWS 2071  
as we sing together - "Jesus, Name Above All Names "

***Jesus, Name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.***

***Jesus, Loving shepherd  
Vine of the branches, Son of God  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor  
Lord of the universe, Light of the world***

***Jesus, Way of salvation,  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
the Way, the truth, and the Life  
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend***

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: Almighty God, we experience You in many and various ways - God above us, God beside us, and God within us. As we bring our gifts to You in worship and gratitude, we acknowledge that You are Creator and Provider of all good things. We ask that You would help us to be faithful in our giving, and in our doing for others. Bless these gifts we give, and guide us in their usage - that they might have a transformational impact in this community, and around the world. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

A Morning Message    " Looking at the Stars "  
*from the Gospel of John, 14: 23-26 and 16: 7-15*

# WE PREPARE TO GO OUT

\*\* Closing Hymn

UMH 130

“ God Will Take Care of You ”

\*\* Benediction and Final Blessings

\*\*Indicates the congregation standing, if you are able.

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## **The Worship Bulletins for Today**

are sponsored by the Ken and Kendra Rudisill  
in honor of their parents' birthdays.

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## ***Today's Notes and Notices.....***

**NEXT SUNDAY** - will be a morning of music and singing, with the early service revisiting some of the iconic

favorite praise and worship songs that have been shared over the past 10 years, while at the late service we will spend the worship hour embracing a traditional hymn sing, along with prayer and scripture readings.

### **The joint Trustees Committees of Hebron and Grace**

- will meet on **Monday evening** at 6:30 pm at the Grace UMC building in the Library Classroom to develop a plan for our next steps together.

**Hebron UMC's Administrative council** will hold a meeting at it's regularly scheduled time - Monday, June 8th, at 5:30pm - in order to wrap up some of their existing church business. Grace UMC Ad council members are welcome to attend if they desire.

**There will be a joint Ad Council Meeting** in the Grace UMC building on Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 pm in the Library.

## ***More Notes and Notices.....***

**Funeral Services for Arlene Wilbert** - will be held on Friday at the Minnich Funeral home in Elizabethtown, with visitation from 10-11am, followed by a service at 11am, interment in Memorial Gardens, Halifax, and a fellowship luncheon here at Grace UMC. Please keep her husband, Jim, and the rest of the family in your prayers throughout the week.

**Pregnancy Care Center Fundraiser** - Please - remember to return your filled baby bottles **by Sunday, June 21st**, as we will dedicate the funds that they hold to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit of our God through the Pregnancy Care Center here in Millersburg. Thank You for your support !

**Summer VBS Volunteers Needed** - We are still in need of volunteers for our summer VBS, to be held the week of July 7, 8, and 9 - from 6 - 8:30pm. Please with Tracy Wertz @ 717-508-6575 if you can help.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - is finishing the **Book of Revelation** at 10am in the Library. Now is a good time to join in, as they prepare to begin a new study. Talk to Deb Goudy to secure your spot.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** - is currently meeting in the room across from the church office at 2pm each week, and working through the Max Lucado book *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus*.

**Upcoming Bus Trip** led by Pam Mauser  
*Journey to see "JOSHUA"* at Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026  
**- For information, or to reserve your seat, please call Pam at (717) 903-3590.**

# Prayer REQUESTS

## **THOSE LIFTED UP THIS PAST WEEK**

For Carson Kauffman - remains in ICU with lung infection/ sepsis  
For Robin Davis - dealing with stomach and numerous challenges  
For Charlotte Gingrich - upcoming gall bladder removal surgery  
For Biz Douty and Alana - undergoing rabies shots  
For Rose Harris - cancer diagnosis  
For the families of Ronnie Schieb, Wayne Sponic, and Bill Alleman  
For the Morgan family  
For the Kyle Busch family  
For the family of Arlene Wilbert  
For Ginny Oskowski - moving challenges, and her mom's care  
For Terry Uhler - back at N.D Nursing & Rehab - fighting infection  
For Nikki- diagnosed with liver failure  
For Eddie Coyle - injured hand in chainsaw accident  
For Ruth Anderson - Undergoing Chemo treatments  
For Sue Kissinger - recovering from surgery  
For Laurel Kolva - continuing health and Parkinson's challenges  
For Dawn Powers - struggling with a number of health issues  
For Craig Teter- continued recovering from GI surgery  
For the family and friends of Jeff Lenker  
.... AND so many more with ongoing challenges!!!

**PLEASE KEEP PRAYING!!!**

### **Our Attendance on May 24th**

Early Worship ~ 41      Sunday School / Fellowship ~ 28  
Late Worship ~ 43      Online Worship ~ 6

### **Our Giving for May 24th**

General Fund ~ \$ 3,450      Designated Causes ~ \$ 580  
Missions ~ \$ 245      Building ~ \$ 20