

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

Holy Trinity Sunday

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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### **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **WELCOME, GOD SIGHTINGS, AND JOYS**

Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin to register your attendance and place in the offering plate when it is passed.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (congregation response in **bold**)

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!**

**Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

*May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*How Majestic Is Your Name (Ps.8)*

FWS 2023

**FAMILY TIME** (children of all ages are invited to come forward)

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*8:15 Hymn Sing (Choose favorite)*

*10:30 "Shine on Us" Chancel Choir*

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 8 (NRSVA)

O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

**SERMON**

“The Mystery of the TRINITY”

Pastor Bob Clemence

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

WS 3017

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness. Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, Redeemer, and ever-present Sustainer. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We trust in these promises: that the Triune God, in each of its persons, promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth. The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being as the foundation for reconciliation of all of God's people and for Creation. In these truths, we trust and give thanks. **Thanks be to God!**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**      *There's a Spirit of Love In This Place (vs. 1)*      WS 3148

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*SENDING HYMN**      *Go, Make of All Disciples*      UMH 571

## **\*THE BENEDICTION**

## **\*POSTLUDE**

# **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

## **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Pastor Libby Themis

Gisela Pauley & Bruce Pauley (mother & husband of Kathy, prayers of healing)

Marilyn Jordan (prayers of strength & comfort)

Pam Jackson (prayers of strength & comfort)

Connie YBarra (Friend Wendy R., multiple amputations)

Amy Peterson's Family, grandmother isn't doing well

Richard Blanchard (Father of Leslie H., prayers for peace, comfort, & healing)

Steven & Mary Cairns (medical tests, procedures, & consults with new Dr.)

Leonard Schmitz (friend of Kent & Diane W., treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia)

Scot Budden (Pastor Libby's brother)

### **COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:**

The Family of James Bottorff, Betty Cox, McKenna McGivney, Bob Dishman, Rachel Prichard, Tom Litke, Kathy Ducker, Barbara Webster-Haynes, Nathan Robbins, Deb Daniel, Jamye Comp, Kim Decker, Jacque Havice, Macie Heller.

**THOSE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME:** Norris Marshall, Karen & Steve Crump, Dorothy Veach, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Charles Spidell, Hope Higgins, Jim Leyerzapf, Evelyn Carter, Barb and Carl Funston, Al Jones, Glen & Joan Dawson, Don & Mary Rickley, Phyllis Welton, Pam Jackson, Myckie Spencer.

### **THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:**

If you have someone to add to this list, please include their name to the back of the attendance sheet.  
Cory Donley, Colby Miller, Evan Middleton, Kayla Lee, Derek Lipson, Daelan McKnight, Patrick Senart

**THOSE IN AUTHORITY:** The World Leaders, The President, the Governor, the Mayor, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PASTOR LIBBY IS OUT OF THE OFFICE**

Please phone the office or reach out to a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee if you have any questions or are in need of pastoral care.

### **CHRIS WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE MAY 25 - JUNE 4**

Cecilia will be covering the office, but office hours may change a little. You can always email the office or leave a voice mail message if you find the office closed.

[office@abilenefirstumc.org](mailto:office@abilenefirstumc.org) 785-263-2623

### **SET OF CHURCH DOOR KEYS FOUND**

If you are missing your set of keys for the outside doors of the church, we may have them in the office. Please describe the keyring to claim.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Join Wendy and her crew every Wednesday in June for Vacation Bible School!

This summer we invite youth K-5 to take part in the SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE. More information will be available in the coming weeks. If you know a child that would like to participate, please visit with Wendy.

## **THE DISCIPLE NEWSLETTER**

Do you have a unique hobby or collection that you would like to share with the congregation? We are looking for ideas for upcoming issues!

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

June continues our collection of items for the 2026 Operation Christmas Child Boxes! This month is small bags or purses, hair accessories, hats, watches or jewelry, flashlight, clothes or undergarments, flip-flops, and sunglasses. No liquids

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

The May 11 Community Meal served 330 people. Our next time to host is August 10. The Community Meal is served the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, at 5:00 p.m., Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers. Please contact Jacque Saffell, 785-342-6223 or Toni Schwarting, 785-479-6353 with questions or to volunteer.

## **AUBURN MEDICINE LIDS AND BEST CHOICE LABELS**

The Questors Sunday School class continues to collect Best Choice labels and Auburn Medicine lids to raise money. You can bring your donations to the office any time during regular hours or on Sunday mornings.

## **COOKIES/BREAD FOR SUNDAY MORNING**

We are always in need of cookie/treat donations for Sunday mornings and bread for our visitors. Please bring donations to the office on Sunday mornings or during office hours M-Th 8-12. Thank you for your generosity!

## **WE ARE ON THE RADIO AND STREAMING ONLINE**

If you can't make it to church, but would like to listen to our service live, simply tune into KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM at 10:30 a.m. You can also stream the worship service at [abilenefirstumc.org](http://abilenefirstumc.org).

**OFFERING** Needed each Sunday - \$ 5870.81 Last Sunday - \$ 722.00

## **SPONSOR OUR RADIO BROADCAST**

One way we are able to reach out to those who are homebound or unable to attend worship in person is through our weekly radio broadcast of our 10:30 worship service. To do this costs approximately \$70 every Sunday. We welcome any individual or family who might be willing to sponsor a Sunday Service for \$70. You will be recognized both in the worship bulletin and over the air on the radio for your sponsorship. You may dedicate your sponsorship in honor or memory of a loved one. Please contact the church office to pick a Sunday to sponsor.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, MAY 31**

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

## **MONDAY, JUNE 1 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 5:30 p.m. Core Group
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA/NA Meeting - B9

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 2 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 10:00 a.m. Exercise Group - Narthex

**Happy Birthday Velda Becker!**

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 OFFICE HOURS 8-11:30**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School- Peatling
- 5:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach - 200
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 4 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 9:30 a.m. EOTT Quilt Guild- Hospice Committee- Peatling

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 5 OFFICE CLOSED**

**Happy Birthday Clark Williamson!**

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

**Happy Birthday Tucker Robinson!**

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 7- NO Communion\*\***

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

**\*\*Communion Sunday will be on June 14th .**

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. "UMH" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); "FWS" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "WS" stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

## **OUR MISSION AND VISION**

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision: A church of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.

## **ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Piano: Angie Hoerner

Liturgists: Kevin Bailey and Jill Lang

Slides/Sound/Livestream: Heather Heger & Cecilia Clemence

Gospeltality Greeters 8:15: Barb & Keith Emig

10:30: Peggy Whitworth & Janice Hoffman

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