

*The United Methodist Church
12 Commerce Street
Clinton, CT*



*May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

Prelude

Welcome, Acknowledgements of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

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!

*Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No. 64

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Out of our ordinary, everyday lives, you have gathered us here, Holy God, to this time of worship, to this time of praise. We join with angels and archangels and all the company of the saints to bless you, to listen for your Word, to immerse ourselves in your grace, in your love. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence with us. Take the chaos of the world that has found its way into our hearts — speak your Word and give order and form and new creation.

Take the failures and defeats, the guilt and the shame that bind our spirits — speak your Word and set us free. Take our longings for your goodness to shape our lives, this community, the hurting world — speak your Word and infuse us with your courage and your hope and your love. Then, awaken us to your Holy Spirit who is making all things new, even us. We ask in Jesus’ name, who sends us out to speak love and mercy and grace to those who are waiting, longing, hoping, for a sign that they are not alone, that you are a God of love, that you are a Savior who knows their name, that the Holy Spirit is leading them home. Amen.

Prayer of Yearning (Unison)

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

Brief moment of silent reflection

Words of Assurance

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!

1st Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:4

2Corinthians 13:11-13 (New Testament)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Children’s Moment

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20 (Gospel)

SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
11:00 Fellowship

TUESDAY, JUN 2

Clever Crafters 10-2pm
7:00 Bible Study Online

WEDNESDAY, JUN 3

9:30 TOPS
5:00 Community Supper

THURSDAY, JUN 4

10:00 Bible Study
7:30 Choir

FRIDAY, JUN 5

5:30 AA meeting

May 31st (Peace with Justice Sunday)

Ushers: Lynn Sellers, David Moore, Bob Morrison, Brian Piezcko

Camera Operator: Jill Hale

Video Coordinator: Lisa Sutherland

Worship Leader: Laura Attanasio

Lectionary scriptures: Genesis 1:1-24a, Psalm 8 (UM743), 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Host: Wilda Lohutko

Counters: Roger Templeton and Bob Hawes

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Worship Resources

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/god-poured-out/trinity-sunday-year-a-planning-worship/trinity-sunday-year-a-liturgical-resources>

Call to Worship, Benediction - Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2025.

Opening Prayer - Adapted from Christine Jerrett, <https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com>

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance - Written by Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood



This is the final week to donate diapers and wipes or dollars for Bare Necessities. All collections will be brought to Bare Necessities on Monday, June 1. They are particularly asking for all sizes of the brand Pampers, which are allergy-free and a need for some of their current clients.

In 2025, Bare Necessities helped provide:

- 447 babies helped
- 210,466 diapers
- 242,700 wipes
- 11,337 training pants

Some statistics:

- 1 in 2 families struggle to provide diapers for their children
- to pay for diapers, 28% of families skipped meals, and 35% of families cut back on food and groceries
- Government programs such as SNAP, WIC (Nutritional Program) and Medicaid do not cover diapers.
- Parents experiencing diaper need have missed an average of 5 days a month which is a \$691 loss of income in Connecticut.
- Diapers are the 4th most expensive item for a household budget. Rent/Mortgage, Utilities, Gas, and Diapers.