

Community United Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Affiliated with the United Church of Christ & the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

11:00 AM

Pastoral Team:

Rev. Dr. Richard W. McCarty & Pastor Joy L. Johnson

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Welcome, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

Centering Music

"I Adore You" #143

Father, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.

Invocation:

One: Holy and loving God, on this day, we contemplate the great mystery of the Trinity:
that you are One God who is eternally three: Source, Word, and Spirit; Abba God,
Christ Jesus, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**All: O God, beyond all telling! O God beyond all knowing! We believe this truth:
you are Love, unconditionally and forever. Amen!**

*Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy" #136

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*** Opening Prayer**

*The Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you, All!

All: And also with you!

One: Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

First Reading

The Book of Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

“The Lord created me [wisdom] at the beginning of God’s work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ when God had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷ When God established the heavens, I was there; when God drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when God made firm the skies above, when God established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when God assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress the LORD’s command, when God marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside God, like a master worker, and I was daily God’s delight, playing before the LORD always, ³¹ playing in God’s inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Song of Response

“How Majestic is Your Name” #42

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.

O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, Mighty God,

O Lord God Almighty.

(Repeat all)



Second Reading

Paul’s Letter to the Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Responsorial

Psalm 8

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

All: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made humans a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

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

*Gloria

"Glory Be to God, Creator" #145

Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One

As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be,
In a world without an ending, glory through eternity.

Holy, holy God Almighty! Holy, holy Prince of Peace!
Holy, holy Wind of Presence! Holy, holy, holy! Amen!

*Gospel

John 16:12-15

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

One: This is the Gospel of Christ for the people of God.

All: Come Holy Spirit! Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

“Glorify Thy Name” #146

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth:

Chorus:

*Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.*

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth:

(Chorus)

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth:

(Chorus)



Celebration of Communion

Pastor: People of God, come to the table! Christ promised that as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we not only remember him, but we commune with him by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

All: This is a table of grace. There is room around it for every soul that was, and is, and is to come. We come to the table as a people who are learning the way of Christ. We confess that we are not always right. But we share this faith: that those who trust in Christ Jesus will grow in the assurance of God’s eternal love.

Pastor: And so, here at this table we take bread and cup and ask the Holy Spirit to make it for us: communion with Christ, who gave his life as the bread of heaven and as the cup of eternal life.

All: Here at this table we remember that Christ gave his entire life as an outpouring of God’s love—a love that will, one day, renew all things. Amen.

Pastor: People of God, come to the table!

Communion Music

“How Great Thou Art”

Shelly Conrad

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer ("Debts and Debtors")

One: The Lord be with you.

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

One: People of God, let us center our hearts and extend the spiritual power that is within us. *Let us pray:* For the prayer requests that have come to us today, whether joys or sorrows.... [prayer requests are presented]. We also pray for all who have asked to be on our prayer list—and so we ask: Holy and Loving God, in your wisdom, meet all of these needs in the perfect way of your grace. We pray together:

All: **God hear our prayer!**

One: For all that we hold in the silence of our hearts, we come to you in the confidence of quiet, O God, and lift our petitions privately to you. *(Silent prayer)*... Almighty God, Sovereign of Heaven, shower your blessings upon all people! Move the mountains in our lives, or help to move us so that we might be fully at peace. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors—and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever." Amen.**

Offering

Our offerings are first and foremost what we give to the world through justice, kindness, and mercy—and these we can do every day. Our financial contributions to the church are what allow us to support our ministries. As you can give, please do so joyfully!

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1011 West 38th Street – Erie, PA 16508

Your offerings make this inclusive ministry possible. Thank you! Because of you, our church reaches through and beyond Erie: providing worship, community, and service.

As you can give generously, it is well received.

Offertory/Ministry of Music

"You Are God Alone"

Shelly Conrad

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Congregational Response #147**

"Praise God, from whom all blessing flow:

Praise God, all creatures high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known! Creator, Word, and Spirit one!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

*Departing Prayer

One: Holy and loving God, Holy One of heaven and earth: before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: the Author of creation, the eternal Word of salvation, and the life-giving Spirit of wisdom.

All: Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ revealed; and rejoice in the glory Jesus shared with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!

*Blessing

*Closing Hymn “Come, Great God of All the Ages” #548

Come, great God of all the ages, make your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, dedicate us to the task.

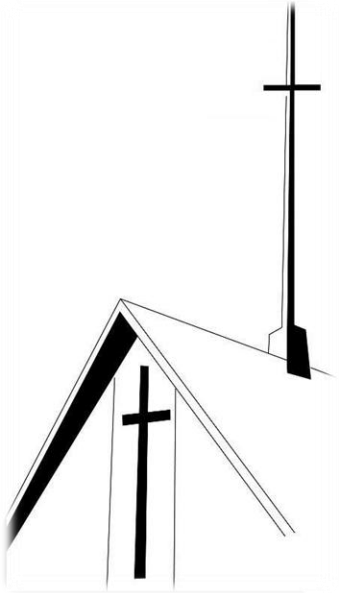
Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal, may your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower, lead all people to your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action—as we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;
Through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come in celebration, household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing—let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see,
Place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.



**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning at
Community United Church!**



Next Week:
Sunday, June 22, at 11:00 AM

Readings:

Galatians 3:23-29

Psalm 42 & 43

Luke 8:26-39

Theme: Set Free!

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online with a small group or church ministry?***

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The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Julie Celeski's heavenly birthday, from Kathy Koziol and Lorre Rapp.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 15: Service Sunday
- June 16: Church Council, 6:30
- June 18: Resonate Around The Campfire, 7:00 PM in the church garden
- June 24: Ladies Luncheon Public House on West Ridge Road at noon
- June 28: Erie, PA Pride Festival (Please sign up to volunteer)
- June 29: Erie, PA Pride Parade (Please sign up to volunteer)

Reminders:

- ***Need hearing assistance? We have four available units. Please talk to our tech crew in the back of the sanctuary.***
- Have you signed up for **Small Group discussion** opportunities to continue our discernment for **church growth and stewardship**? See signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:

Jackson Feiock (Army), Jacob Snyder (Army), Nick Duncan (Army), Brittany Duncan (Army), Matt Duncan (Army), Tyler Anderson (Army National Guard), Shelby Wescott (Army), Jaden O'Hara (Army), Toby Charlton (Marines), Cole Posnett (Army), Hunter Miaczynski (Army) & Mathew Anderson (Army)

PRAYERS FOR:

Darek Baksik, Laura Will, Dorothy Moyer, Anna Silvia, Dew Johnson, Harry Lamb, Ralph Kester, Teddy Long, Tammy McIntyre, Debra Doerfer & David Magid, Annette Minich, Dave Pakulski, Ethel Davis, Chelsea Brown, Celeste Eller & Family, Michele Serafin, Linda Foll-Johnson, Toni Stevenson, Dave Woledge, Ev Smith, Karis Fenton, Ruth Schmidt, Carol & Doug Rodgers, Jane Moran, Josh Cook & Danny Kaeberlein, Helena Burgos, The Vadzemnieks Family, Sharon Cooper, and John & Sandra Ganley

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