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# TRINITY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Welcoming Community of  
Compassion & Faith*

FIRST WEEK OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**PRELUDE**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Nielsen/Young

**WELCOME TO TRINITY**

Anne Mason

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymnal № 64

**OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

Creator of earth and sky,  
you fill the world with gifts beyond measure.  
Teach us gratitude for the abundance of your creation,  
so that we may live in reciprocity with land, water,  
and all living things.  
By your Spirit,  
bind us together in the interdependence you have woven into life,  
and fill us with hope for the renewal of all creation;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*After each petition ending “Lord, in your mercy,”  
please respond saying: “hear our prayer.”*

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Nima Sudhakar

SENDING SONG

*Go With Them, Lord*

Go with them, Lord, and guide the way through this and  
every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true  
their lives may be a gift to you.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

*My God Is An Awesome God*

Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir

*Refrain* : My God is an awesome God, Hallelujah! Let’s give him the praise. My God is an awesome God. His wondrous acts let us proclaim. The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. My God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let’s give him the praise. God sent me to a distant land, and he showed his greatness and majesty. I was an empty cup and he made me full, and he ordained me to do his will. *(Refrain)* God is good; he’s always right on time. Let’s take the time to glorify the Lord. Hold on and never let go. He is our friend indeed. Let’s tell the world that he is our God. *(Refrain)* For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Oh, my God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let’s give him the praise. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of glory shall come! The Lord is strong and mighty in battle! Send me. Anoint me. Use me, Lord. Ooh!  
*(Refrain)*

PSALTER

Psalm 139

Hymnal № 854

NICENE CREED

Hymnal № 880

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4-8,15-17,19

Sam Stanes

SERMON

“Gift Economy”

Rev. Dr. Brian C. Smith

HYMN

*One Bread, One Body*

Hymnal № 620

TRINITY WILMETTE THIS WEEK

Garrett Heersche

GIVING OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory

*When in our Music God is Glorified*  
Chancel Choir

David Ashley White

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! How often, making music, we have found A new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! So has the Church, in liturgy and song, In faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night When utmost evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal № 94

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal № 17

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CLOSING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymnal № 384

BENEDICTION and CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert