"Trinity" by Kelly Latimore

# May 16, 2021
# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## First Congregational United Church of Christ

945 G Street NW, Washington, DC

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(Please prepare your heart and space for worship.)*

OPENING CHIMES

OPENING VOLUNTARY *O God, Thou Faithful God* J.S. Bach

WELCOME Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

OPENING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* (see page 6-7)

CALL TO WORSHIP Nick McConnell

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Sam McFerran

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Sam McFerran

*(Please unmute yourself and greet those around you with words such as "The peace of God be with you." Let us bless one another with deep peace across time and space.)*

CENTERING MOMENT *Jesus Christ, Who Makes Us Glad* Marcel Dupré

SCRIPTURE READING LaTayna Purnell

John 17:6-19

"I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

"I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy God, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost… Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth."

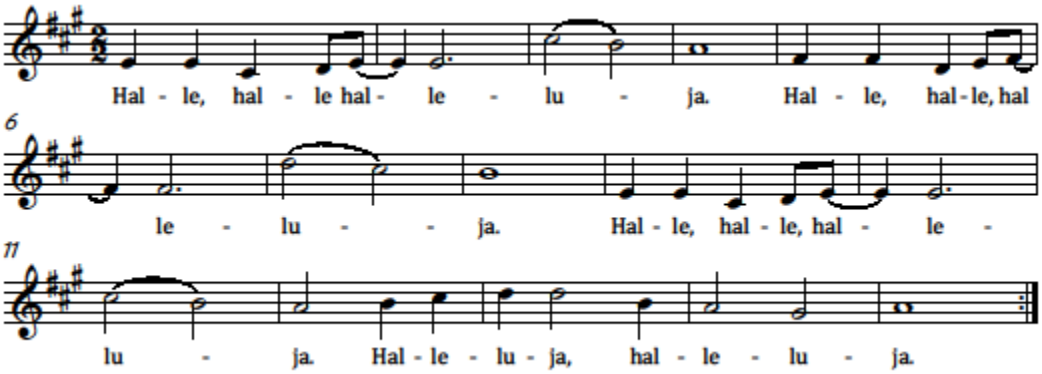
SERMON Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

MUSICAL SELECTION *Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* J.S. Bach

OFFERING Rev. Sam McFerran

*As we worship virtually, we invite you to give in new ways. Send your check to the office, give online through our website at www.firstuccdc.org, which includes options to give through PayPal or Vanco. Consider signing up for auto-giving in this time of physical distancing.*

DOXOLOGY *Halleluja* Caribbean Melody




PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

Our God, 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (see page 8)

BENEDICTION Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Come, Holy Spirit Blest* J.S. Bach

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## *Connect with us!*

*Connect with us! If you are worshiping from afar but would like to connect with the First Church community, please click here to fill out a Visitor's Card and check out our newsletters on our website www.firstuccdc.org.*

*We are so grateful to be extending our reach beyond the DC region and welcome you warmly!*

*With gratitude we thank Alyx Cheng and Allison Truhlar for serving as our Zoom moderators each week. Their work makes our worship possible!*

*We also thank Tom Sowers and Graham Marsh, our sound designers.*

## Participating in Worship

John Horman, Director of Music
First Church Choir
First Church Ringers

## Music Notes

About today's organ music: because of today's focus on the Trinity, today's opening voluntary, musical selection, and closing voluntary will be representative of the Trinity: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. All three organ pieces are by J.S. Bach and represent three very different baroque styles, but all by the same composer.

## Dangerous Memory: An Anti-Racist Political Theology of the Cross,

Today immediately following worship via Zoom

Following worship, please stay for a nurture with the Rev. Dr. Roger Gench entitled "Dangerous Memory: An Anti-Racist Political Theology of the Cross." Dr. Gench is the former Senior Pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, a former leader in the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) and has been a wonderful mentor to Rev. Sam over the years. This nurture will take the place of our Zoom coffee hour.

## Call to Spring Congregational Meeting
## Sunday, May 23, 2021

The Church will convene its Spring Congregational Meeting (virtually) after worship services on May 23, 2021. The topics on the agenda will include:

- an announcement of the Ruth Shinn Memorial Anti-Racism Fund;
- an update on our plans for a phased reopening of the Church for in-person worship and other events, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- an update on church budget and finances (including impacts from COVID-19 closures);
- a progress report on our continuing racial justice audit; and
- a vote (on motion of Council) on the Statement on Becoming an Anti-Racist Church prepared by the Anti-Racism Task Force.

## Theology Book Group: Tuesday, May 25

The Theology Book Group will meet next on Tuesday, May 25, at 6:00 PM, to discuss Etty Hillesum, *An Interrupted Life*. This is the diary of a brilliant woman who grew in spiritual insight and intensity during the Nazi occupation of Holland during World War II. All are welcome. The Zoom link is https://georgetown.zoom.us/j/2023655260.

## Sign Up to Serve as a Liturgist or Reader

Click here to sign up to serve as a liturgist or reader in worship for the spring and summer seasons of 2021. If Google docs don't work well for you, simply email Rev. Amanda at ahendlervoss@gmail.com a Sunday and she will sign you up as soon as she receives it.

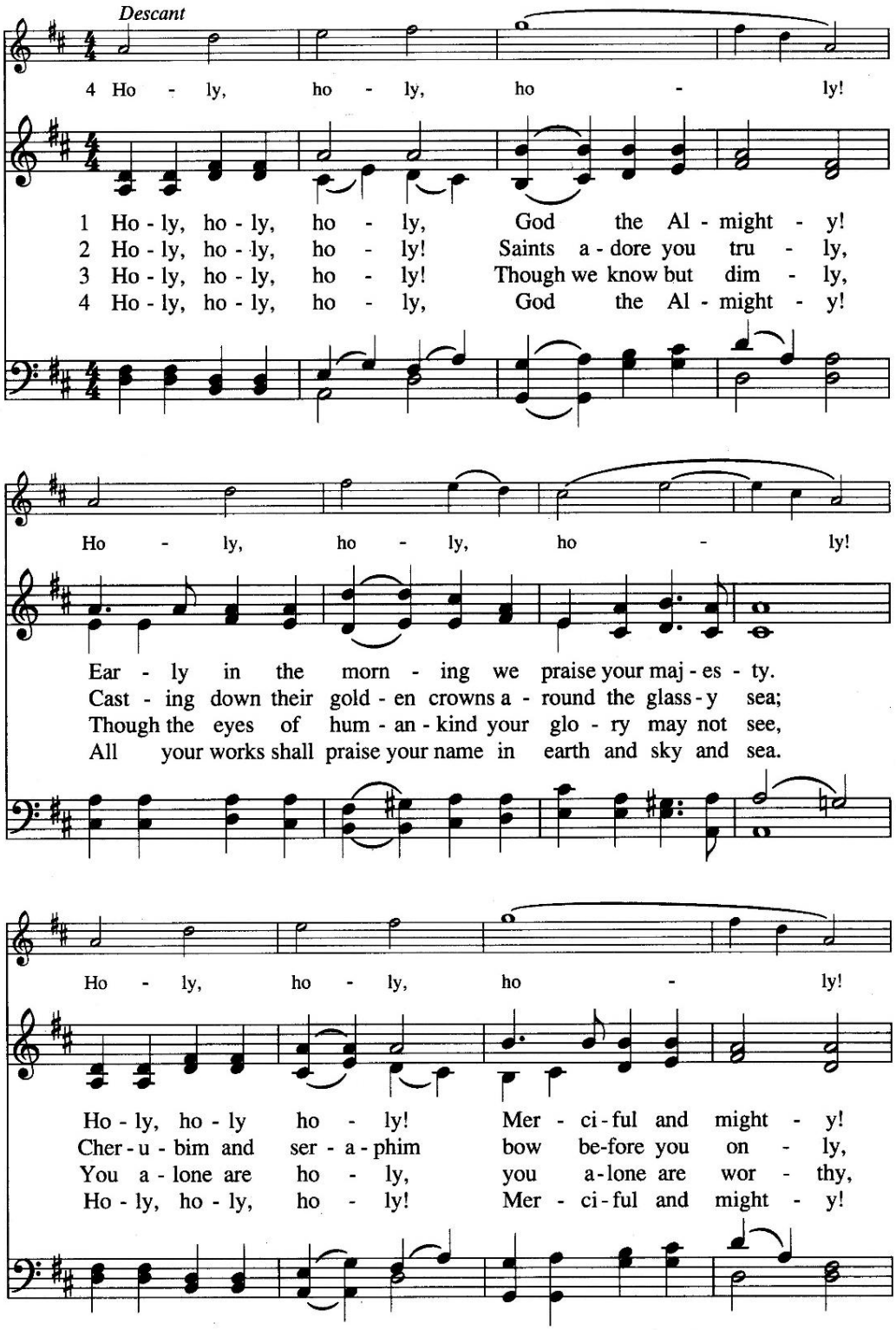
We welcome members and friends, local and far flung, adults, youth, and children to participate. Your voice helps make us who we are, so please take a moment to sign up. Our worship is enriched by your participation.

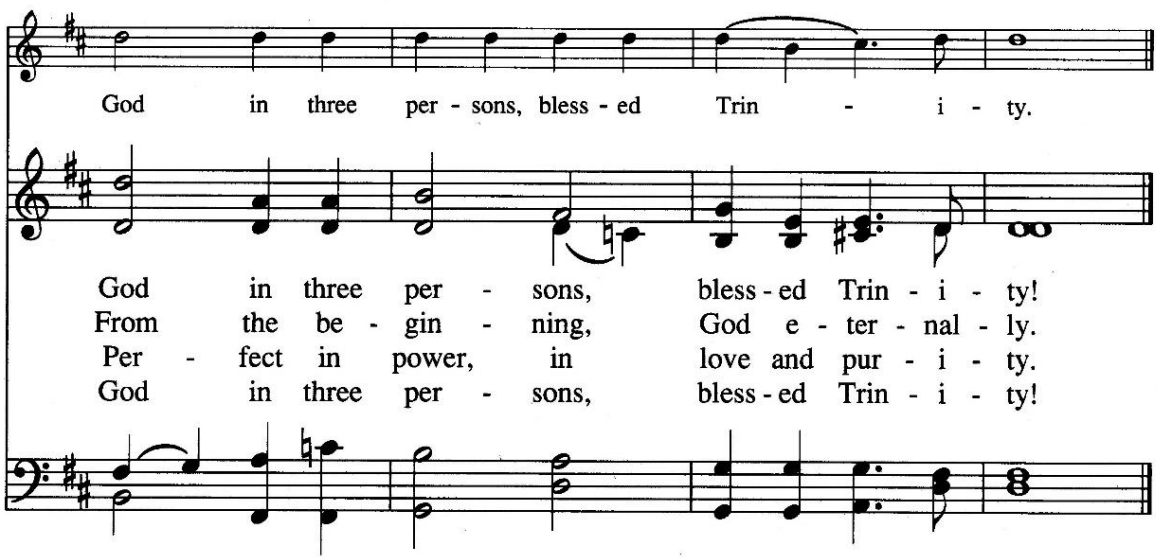
## Prayer List

Prayers of gratitude that 12-15-year-olds can now be vaccinated.
Prayers of healing for Dwan Reece's daughter, Maya, with long haul COVID
Prayers of joy for Lynaya Morris-Lischin upon her graduation from Wesley School of Theology.
Prayers of justice and peace for Palestinians and Israelis,
that displacement and dehumanization may end.
Prayers of healing for the people of India; medical workers, the sick and those grieving the dead.
Prayers of comfort for the family of Suzanne Snyder, following her death.
Prayers of comfort for Grace Bassler following Don's death.
Byron Adams' niece, Valerie, undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
Prayers of hope for our Racial Justice Audit yearlong process.
Prayers of joy and wisdom for our 2021 Confirmation cohort of youth and mentors.
All those who mourn the loss of a beloved one.
Families struggling to eat and make ends meet.
Garnell Yarbrough, for continued healing
People's UCC, our sibling congregation
Emmanuel Okorie-Dunn and Ellen Bushmiller, who serve as nurses.
Rev. Laura Johnson and Rev. Diana Gomez de Molina, who serve as chaplains.
Pat Ashbrook

# 277 Holy, Holy, Holy

*Rev. 4:8–11; Isa. 6:1–8* *Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.*





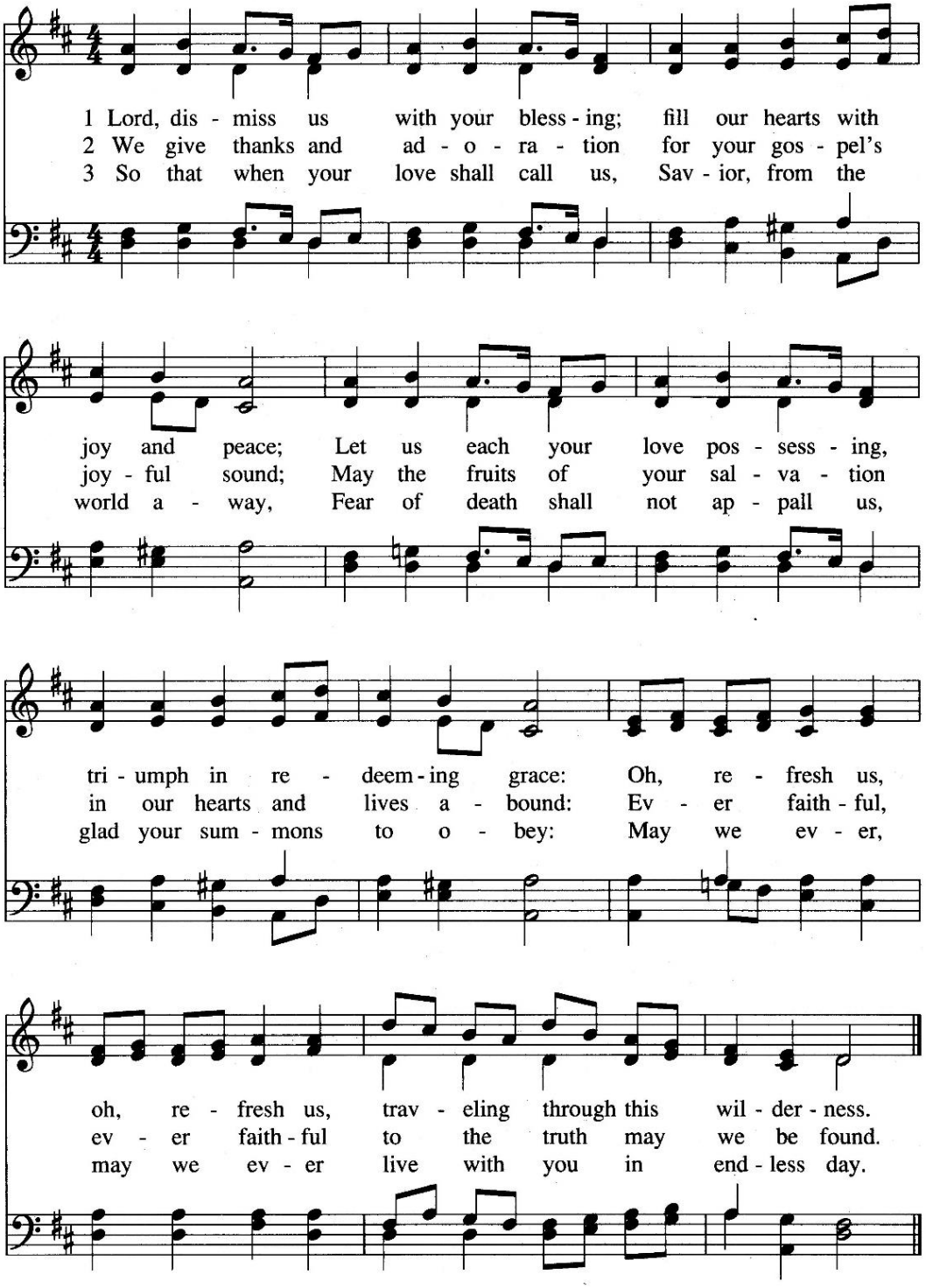

*This hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England.* Nicaea, *one of nearly 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.*

Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
*John B. Dykes, 1861*
*Descant David McK.Williams, 1948*

**CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

# 77 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16* *Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.*




*Influenced by George Whitefield's preaching, John Fawcett joined the Baptist church, and served as minister in Wainsgate, England, for fifty-four years. Yielding to the persuasion of his parishioners, he declined invitations to move elsewhere. He wrote more than 160 hymns.*

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7.
*Sicilian melody, 18th century*
The European Magazine and Review, *1792*

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God is still speaking.

Welcome to First Congregational UCC. We were founded in 1865 by abolitionists as the first racially integrated church in Washington, D.C. In 1867 our mission committee played a prominent role in the founding of Howard University. The church has been located at its present site at 10th and G Streets NW since 1868. In more recent years, the church affirmed its vision as an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church (1987), a Just Peace Church (1985), and a Multiracial/Multicultural Church (2003). Our new building, constructed according to Gold LEED standards, was dedicated in 2012.

First Church continues to follow its faith journey into the future, and to be a prophetic voice for the Spirit in the nation's capital. If you would like to know more about First Church or would like to make it your spiritual home and community, please contact churchoffice@FirstUCCDC.org or 202.628.4317.

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