

# The Congregational Church of South Hero, U.C.C.



**The Holy Trinity Column** (Czech: *Sloup Nejsvětější Trojice*) in Olomouc, in the Czech Republic is a Baroque monument that was built between 1716 and 1754.

## **Trinity Sunday**

**May 31, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

**Rev. Dr. Michael W. Galica**

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

*A few things about our church...*

- ❖ A **restroom** is in the back area of the church by the closets. Additional restrooms and a **changing table** are available downstairs.
- ❖ A **supervised nursery** is downstairs for children ages 5 and under.
- ❖ **Bold type** in the bulletin indicates a response by all.
- ❖ An \* (**asterisk**) notes a time it is appropriate to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.
- ❖ Hymns marked **NCH** are in the **black *New Century Hymnal***.  
Hymns marked **W&R** are in the **green *Worship & Rejoice*** hymnal.

## Preparing for Worship

Prelude

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

## Gathered as One

Invocation

Pastor Mike

Voice, Body, Spirit, we acknowledge your presence gathering us together as your church. Today, we join in worship. May we encounter you anew. We find a good place in you and with one another. You have made us in your image and enabled us to be in community with you, O God, as people called to service, justice, and caretaking. Let your name be praised. Let us receive your word. Let us embrace and live your truth.

**Amen**

Introit

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Mark Kennedy

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

**We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!**

O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?**

O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How majestic are your many names in all the earth!**

\*Gathering Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NCH #277

Prayer of Confession

Mark Kennedy

Creator, we give thanks that creation does not end; it rests. In your created order, rest is often the time and space necessary for renewal. Transformation

happens in rest. Too often, we adopt the pace of the world that adopts hurry as normative and beneficial. Yet, we know, Holy Love, that when you began the work of creation, it served to bring order out of chaos, and it was good. **As we seek your goodness today, we confess that we live in chaotic times. We affirm that you have charged us to care for this creation and have made us like you. Use us then to bring order in a chaotic world and to use rest as a necessary step for transformation and renewal. Help us discern the balance of rest and work that will yield good fruit. Amen.**

*A time of silence to contemplate these words  
and how they apply to us personally and as a community of faith.*

### Assurance of Pardon and Grace

Pastor Mike

Beloved, the God of Many Names has declared you good. You need not seek perfection. Creator has called you as a co-worker in the continual progressive acts of shaping the beloved community envisioned. The Holy One is with us in our work and with us in our rest.

**Amen.**

### Our Celebration

“Spirit of the Living God”

W&R #492 v.1

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

## Proclaiming God’s Word

Time with Young People

Pastor Mike

Prayer for Illumination

Mark Kennedy

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Pew Bible p 1

Psalms

Psalms 8 (CEB)

Read by All

**LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!**

**You made your glory higher than heaven!**

**From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a strong foundation  
because of your foes, in order to stop vengeful enemies.**

**When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made—  
the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—**

**what are human beings that you think about them;**

**what are human beings that you pay attention to them?**



In the Spirit, we pray for all nations... Extend your reign of peace throughout the earth, fill the strong with compassion and humility, and crown the weak with honor and dignity. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for this community... Help us to remember that you are with us always; let those who worship sense your presence and those who doubt be strengthened in faith. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones... By the holy greeting of your grace and peace, heal the sick, comfort those who suffer, welcome strangers, and reconcile enemies. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray...

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

## Responding to God's Work

### Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Mike

Generous God, just as you provided for all our needs in your creative acts, you have made us caretakers of your good creation. Let us accept the call to faithful discipleship, the opportunity to trust in your provision, and the generous nature you have embedded in us.

### Offertory

Anthem "Glory to God (Whose Goodness Shines on Me) Chancel Choir

*by Paul Vasile, arranged by Joel Raney*

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.**

**CREATOR, CHRIST and Holy Ghost.**

*(sing the ending you are more comfortable with)*

**Praise FATHER, SON and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Generous God, Receive our gifts as acts of participation in your continuing creation. Amen.**

**Sent Forth in God's Name**

**\*Sending Hymn "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"**

**NCH #273**

**\*Benediction**

Find rest in the love of God

Choose rest by the grace of God

Embrace rest by the power of God

Trust rest because of the provision of God

And know that the God of rest goes with you

to love and serve God's creation.

In the name of God, Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit

**Amen.**

**\*Benediction Song**

**Seek justice. Love kindness.**

**Live humbly. Rejoice.**

**The world needs your wisdom,**

**Your passion, your voice.**

**So go make a difference in all that you do.**

**God's endless compassion will carry you through.**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve God.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Liturgy adapted from "Worship Ways", Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ and "Call to Worship", published by the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in partnership with the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.*

*Thank you for joining us today and to Mike, our Pastor. Thank you to our liturgist Mark Kennedy, musicians Mary Jane Wirising, Diantha Howard our Bell and Chancel choirs.*



*In 828 AD Trinity Sunday was instituted.. This day is known for being the only major Christian festival that celebrates a church doctrine rather than an event in its sacred history. It is dedicated to the Christian belief in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and falls on the Sunday following Pentecost each year. The belief of one God in three elements is a distinctive of the Christian faith but the early church was plagued by contrary views. Trinity Sunday spread throughout the western church around the 14th century AD.*

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## Announcements

Can you meet for 10 minutes after church today to learn how you can help with VBS?



### Save the Date! Vacation Bible School Sunday, August 9th.

This event is open to everyone, and we invite all ages to participate. A successful VBS needs many helping hands.

**Talk with Carrie, Kelsey, Michelle or Marguerite for more information.**

•Crafts      •grilling      •potluck dishes      •games      •???

**Unable to attend Sunday worship in person?** Don't miss out! LIVE on YouTube. <https://tinyurl.com/CCSHLive> The bulletin is posted on our webpage.



Please join us for coffee every Sunday following worship.  
*Thank you to Aimee Cochran for today's treats.*

**Recognition Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>** for our Sunday School kids, teachers and Niebling Award recipient. Christian Ed will treat with an ice cream sundae bar at fellowship time.

**Summer Music begins June 21<sup>st</sup> with our Bell Choir.**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** Helen Bishop

**July 5<sup>th</sup>** Gena Callan

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** Jen O'Rourke Lavoie

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** Karen McFeeters



### Missions' Challenge for Father's Day June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Missions has committed to matching \$300.00 toward Church World Service's Blankets and Tools Projects** as a

way to honor and remember our moms and dads. We have inserts available for your own greeting cards, saying you made a donation in their honor. These can be found in the narthex and in the hall. We will take these offerings through Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>.