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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024
10 o'clock

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PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on "DOWN AMPNEY"* Claude Means
Offertory on "MORECAMBE" David Paxton

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Calef

One: In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

All: GOD WAS.

One: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

All: GOD IS.

One: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

All: GOD WILL BE.

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: GOD WAS, GOD IS, GOD WILL BE.

- From A Wee Worship Book p. 13

†HYMN 249 [*Spirit*](#) SPIRIT

†OPENING PRAYER *A Prayer for Trinity Sunday* David Adam

**The Trinity protecting me;
the Father be over me,
the Savior be under me,
the Spirit be within me.**

The Holy Three enfolding me, ever more about me.

Holy God, holy and Strong One, holy and Mighty One,

You give us life, you give us love, you give us yourself;

help us to give our lives, our love, ourselves to you. Amen.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM *To My Old Brown Earth* Pete Seeger/Paul Halley
The First Church Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

† *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

SCRIPTURE READING [*John 3:1-17*](#) (NT p. 114)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE 263 WOLFE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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SERMON *A Trinity of Presence* Rev. Susan Izard

HYMN 16 [*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*](#) NETTLETON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Prayer for My Country* Penny Rodriguez
The First Church Choir

†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. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, make us aware of every gift that comes from your hand and create in us the constant desire to give to others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.

†HYMN 265 [*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*](#) MORECAMBE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Near to the Heart of God* MCFEE
The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* Joe Utterback

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!