



HOLY COVENANT

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
Presbyterian Churches of Long Hill*

"Each of the divine persons centers upon the others. None demands that the others revolve around them. Each voluntarily circles the other two, pouring love, delight, and adoration into them... That creates a dynamic, pulsating dance of joy and love."
-Timothy Keller

"In Christianity, God is not a static thing—not even a person—but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, a kind of drama. Almost a kind of dance... The Good exists in a three-personal life; and it is that life that you are asked to enter."
-C.S. Lewis

Founded in 1916, we are an Open & Affirming (LGBTQ+), anti-racist, and justice seeking church that is part of the greater United Church of Christ.

**HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TRINITY SUNDAY ~ LAITY SERVICE**

May 31, 2026 10:55 am

** Your whole self is welcomed here. Please feel free to take care of your body during worship in ways that work for you.*

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements Ed Vickery

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Prayer Ed Vickery

Let us center ourselves in prayer as we gather for this time of worship...

Introit 270 "Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song" BRIDEGROOM

**Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

* Call to the Heart Patrick Washburn

Please take a comfortable posture that supports your worshiping, reading, and singing...

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

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

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

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

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

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

* Hymn 277

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.

Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Transformation (*unison*)

Patrick Washburn

Join me in prayer as we confess the ways in which we separate ourselves from God...

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.

Words of Grace

Patrick Washburn

Friends, hear this good news...

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.

Song 286

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

SPIRIT

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

Stories for All People

Martha Battles

Song of Preparation “God Is Calling through the Voices”

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

**God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Windy Allison

Prayer for Illumination 292 (*sung*)

TRENTHAM

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire;
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.**

Hebrew Scripture

Gen 1:1-5, 26-2:3 (NRSVue)

Terrence Hayes

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

One: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Many: Open our ears, our hearts, our minds.

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*) Patrick Washburn
Please join me in a prayer of dedication for the gifts we have received...
Generous God, Receive our gifts as acts of participation in your continuing creation. Amen.

* Hymn "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE
Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

* Benediction Ed Vickery

* Benediction Response 391 NEW DIMENSIONS
God of rainbow, fiery pillar
Leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
Now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Postlude "Give Me That Old Time Religion!" arr. H. S. Livingston Jr.

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WE PROVIDE OUR EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME WITH HELP FROM:

D Evans, Brian Hankins, Laura Hankins
Children's Church: Kristin Andes, Laura Hankins
Ushers: Tom Magraw, David Shimberg, Shakti Subramanian
Refreshments: Vondalyn & Melissa McQueen-Simmons, Pam Shimberg

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY COVENANT

- **June 13 All Church Workday 9:00am-1:00pm**
- **June 14 Huntersville Pride in the Park 1:00-6:00pm**
- **June 18 - Life Line Screening event, HCUCC 9:00am-5:00pm**

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SOJOURNERS CLASS - ADULT EDUCATION - ON BREAK.

We will break in May, returning in June. Plan to join us in-person, or watch for the Zoom link. All are welcome and no preparation is required.

June 7-21 Discussion of *Tattoos on the Heart* led by Suzanne Lamorey

June 28 Discussion of justice and religion begins led by Anne Hayes

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SAT. JUNE 13 | 9:00AM-1:00PM

We're at it again! Many hands make for light work! Come help us with #CleaningGodsHouse.

Can't make this event? See the task board outside of the office. Sign up for something or sign off that you've completed a task. Both inside and outside

chores are available. Most tools and supplies are already on hand. We are grateful for all your helping hands!

HUNTERSVILLE PRIDE FESTIVAL, SUN. JUNE 14 | 1:00PM-6:00PM

Veterans Park, 201 Huntersville-Concord Road, Huntersville

We're hosting a booth at the Huntersville Pride Festival – and we'd love your help! Come represent our church, share some love, and invite folks into our community. It's going to be a joyful day.

Volunteers needed to greet people to our booth, for set up and break down.

Questions? Contact **Laura Hankins** or **Joy Decker** for more information.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CA4AE22A3F8C16-64351198-huntersville#/>

Please Remember in Prayer

Members

Mel Andersen, Kathy Habel, Jim & Faye Humphrey, Melissa Noll, Lee Parrish, Anita Taylor, Fan Watson, Laurence Winston, Alice & Sally Phelan-Young

Friends & Family Members

Family and friends in the recent death of Juan Sullivan (*Martha Bomely*)
Amanda (Linda Burby), Laura Allison, Annette Borrelli, Joan Bowling (Kristen Fuchs), Lester Brigman (Lee Parrish), Linda Burby, Kim Chamberlain (Kevin Decker), April Dawson, Erica Echiverri, Gloria Echiverri (Melissa Noll), Cherice Fequiere (Deborah Winston), Jason Field (Benjamin Rudolph), Mario Gaetani and family (Kristen Fuchs), Ann Garret (Holly Middleton & Dawn Schmitz), Samuel Head (Benjamin Rudolph), Jack Hillard (Barbara Schneller), Jeanne Hord (Diane Neese), Cindy Hedrick (Barb Schneller), Henry Hildebrand (Bill & Connie Hildebrand), Charlie Holt (Autumn Holt), Judson Hulse (Kristen Fuchs), Renee Lewis (Martha Battles), Richard Lease (Barb Schneller), Matty McKinnon (Joy Decker), Tom, Beth and Ariel Rudolph (Benjamin Rudolph), Dave & Jennifer Ward (Jay & Cathy Whitley), Scott Whitley (Jay Whitley)

If you wish to add someone to the list, please send a note to prayers@holycovenantucc.org.

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