

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE HOLY TRINITY JUNE 15, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form. We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front: A Trinity Diagram, Timothy R. LeCroy, 2013

This diagram is more detailed than the typical Trinity diagram, depicting elements of the Athanasian Creed.

WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

I didn't need to understand the hypostatic unity of the Trinity; I just needed to turn my life over to whoever came up with redwood trees.

- Anne Lamott

If the mystery of the Trinity is the template of all reality, what we have in the Trinitarian God is the perfect balance between union and differentiation, autonomy and mutuality, identity and community.

- Richard Rohr

Missional theology has not gone far enough. It hasn't asked, What is the mission of the Trinity? And the answer to that question is communion. Ultimately, all things are to be brought back into communion with the triune God.

- Simon Chan

In knowing God, each of us also knows himself.

- John Calvin, 16th c.

Today we will confess the first half of the Athanasian Creed - This creed is named after St. Athanasius (293-373 AD), the champion of orthodoxy over against the Arian attacks upon the doctrine of the Trinity. Although Athanasius did not write this creed, the name persists because it was so ascribed to him up until the time of the Reformation. The true author is unknown. It is a Western Creed that has been confessed in the churches going back until at least the sixth century. We confess it today, on the Day of the Holy Trinity, because it contains a robust confession of the doctrine of the Trinity as we believe in catholic churches. This creed is also very instructive, as it lays out many of the nuances of Trinitarian doctrine.

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost + TRINITY

Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, signals the beginning of Trinity season, also called the Time of the Church. On Trinity Sunday we celebrate the fact that God has been revealed in His fullness through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. During Trinity season, which lasts from Trinity Sunday until just before Advent, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by the Spirit. The symbols of Trinity season are a triangle, a Trinity diagram, a shamrock, a trifoil, and other three related symbols. The colors for Trinity Sunday are white and gold.

THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

GREETING

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity!
Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us!

Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- Psalm 16:8-11

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity!

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us!

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING



2. Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3. Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r. 4. To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore

Words: Anonymous, 18th c. Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



3. I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven, the glorious sun's life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,

the stable earth, the deep salt sea around the old undying rocks.

4. I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need, \rightarrow the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

5. I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord!

Words: St. Patrick of Ireland, 5th c. Translated by: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1899 Music: Ancient Irish Melody Arranged by: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1902

CONFESSING OUR SINS

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

- Isaiah 6:1-5

Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy Triune name.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

Continue your confession of sins in silent prayer

RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

- Isaiah 6:7

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to his people on earth! Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity!

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us!



2. Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished 3. I will not boast in anything No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

Words and Music: Stewart Townend

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear God, you are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons and yet one God. We do not understand this, but we believe that its true. Help us to love as you love, to forgive as you forgive, and to share as you share. We love you. Amen.

PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 18 for additional prayers this week.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All children may come forward for a brief lesson and prayer by Pastor Tim.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to "pass the peace of Christ" to one another.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting, or have a contact update, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please see announcements on page 19.



THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

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"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus

was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God!

said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and vet vou do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord People: Glory to you, O Lord!

HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: Sermon Text: Preacher: Our Triune Salvation John 3:1-17; Isaiah 6:1-8 Rev. Dr. Timothy R. LeCroy

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Pastor: Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. Which faith unless any person keeps whole and undefiled; without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this:

ALL: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither combining the Persons; nor dividing the Essence.

Pr: For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Spirit.

ALL: The Father uncreated; the Son uncreated; and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father infinite; the Son infinite; and the Holy Spirit infinite. The Father eternal; the Son eternal; and the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet they are not three eternals; but one eternal. As also there are not three uncreated; nor three infinites, but one uncreated; and one infinite.

Pr: So likewise the Father is Almighty; the Son Almighty; and the Holy Spirit Almighty.

ALL: And yet they are not three Almighties; but one Almighty.

Pr: So the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Spirit is God.

ALL: And yet they are not three Gods; but one God.

Pr: So likewise the Father is Lord; the Son Lord; and the Holy Spirit Lord.

ALL: And yet not three Lords; but one Lord.

Pr: For like as we are compelled by Christian truth; to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord;

ALL: So are we forbidden by the catholic religion; to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords.

Pr: The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but proceeding.

ALL: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

Pr: And in this Trinity none is before, or after another; none is greater, or less than another. But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal. So that in all things, as aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped.

ALL: He therefore that will be saved, let him thus think of the Trinity.

THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Cor. 9:6-7

OFFERTORY The presentation of the GIFTS

EUCHARIST THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us. -If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to mediate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and *ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened*.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be. 3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber, 19th c. Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 19th c.

BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

> Words: Thomas Ken Music: Louis Bourgeoise, 16th c.

DECLARATION OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

• **Praise God** for multi-ethnic **churches in Ghana** spreading the **gospel and reaching the needy** with the good news of Christ. **Pray** for **ministries to orphans and victims of human trafficking** especially from **the Ewe and Dangme people groups**.

PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

 Garnet Zoellner, pastor of L'Église Réformée St-Jean, Montreal, Quebec, a work which has launched other multi-lingual congregations (French, English, Mandarin) and which has helped establish Farel Institut de théologie réformée (Farel Theological Seminary) where Garnet serves on the faculty.

SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

• Vineyard Church; Nathan Emmelhainz, Lead Elder

NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

o Matt & Jenn Irvine, Serge (World Harvest) -- London, England

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

• President Donald Trump and Vice-President J.D. Vance; the members of Congress and the Judiciary; that they may govern with wisdom according to your word that we may all live quiet and peaceable lives.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

- The Williamsons: Praise for their son Daniel's graduation from high school, and pray for wisdom in determining his next steps.
- Angela Brodie: Praise that her team of translators made their final check of Psalm 150, thereby completing their work on the Psalms. Pray for the team as they begin making recordings of the Psalms.
- New Life Alums Kyle and Marita Wilson: Give thanks for improved health after many years of struggles. Pray that they would continue to be healthy and thrive in Terre Haute.
- Lucy LeCroy: Pray for her pregnant therapist Sophie, who has had to begin her maternity leave earlier than expected.
- Steve & Sheryl Froehlich: Pray for Sheryl's mom as her health continues to decline due to age. Pray for Sheryl and Steve as they make decisions regarding the level of care she requires, and possible transition to a new facility.
- **Pray** for all **New Life alums** working for the federal government, that they would retain their jobs and funding during this time. **Pray** also for those working at Cornell who may be affected by the related hiring freezes and budget cuts.

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

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Youth Group: Wednesday, June 18, 6:30PM! Join us for singing, a Bible lesson, food, and fun!

New Sermon Series on Galatians

We'll be starting a sermon series on Paul's letter to the Galatians next week continuing through the Fall. Come ready to hear weekly about God's irresistible and unconditional grace!

Summer Cookouts

We will have two cookouts after church in July and August. The first one is on July 13. The church will supply the fire, buns, condiments, and utensils. Please bring meat for yourself and a side or dessert to share.

Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim's "Office Hours" - Tuesdays

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Pastor Tim will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. Please feel free to stop by.

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Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	
Email Address:	Mobile Number:
Prayer Requests:	
I am an out-of-town visitor.	
I reside locally and I am visiting New Life Church today.	
I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.	
Please send me more information about:	
I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.	
Other comments:	