

† Please stand as you are able. The congregation may join in by reciting **the words in bold.**

During the **Prayers of the People**, anyone is invited to offer a prayer (no more than 30 seconds, please) for the congregation, our neighbors, and/or for the world. You may offer a personal prayer, but please pray for one of the above, also.

Prelude Desiree Davis-Omburo

Welcome and Announcements Autumn Boyer
Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship—from Isaiah 55:3-11 (CEB) Autumn Boyer

Leader: [The Lord said]

³ Listen and come to me; listen, and you will live.

**I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful loyalty to David.**

⁴ Look, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a prince and commander of peoples.

⁵ **Look, you will call a nation you don't know,
a nation you don't know will run to you
because of the Lord your God,
the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.**

⁶ Seek the Lord when he can still be found;
call him while he is yet near.

⁷ **Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the sinful their schemes.**

**Let them return to the Lord so that he may have mercy on them,
to our God, because he is generous with forgiveness.**

⁸ My plans aren't your plans,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ **Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my plans than your plans.**

¹⁰ Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and don't return there without watering the earth,
making it conceive and yield plants
and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater,

¹¹ **so is my word that comes from my mouth;**

**it does not return to me empty. Instead, it does what I want,
and accomplishes what I intend.**

† *Opening Hymn* “How Great is Our God” **W&S 3003**
After the opening hymn, the young disciples may return to their seat or proceed with volunteers to the nursery.

Glory Moments Bob Newlin
If you have a glory moment you would like to share, please raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you.

† *Hymn* “In Christ Alone” **W&S 3105**

Prayer for Illumination Autumn Boyer
Lord, you came through the womb of a woman to lead us out of the caves in our lives to new life. Come and speak to us in the reading of your holy word, that we may hear these words of life in a new way and discern how you are calling us to live differently. Amen.

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17 Herb Schwarze

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession Autumn Boyer
Lord, we come to you like Nicodemus, some of us afraid and others skeptical of what you may ask of us. We have been quick to seek knowledge and certainty, but we have been slow to trust. We accept death as a certainty but we have hesitated to trust in you and what we cannot see. We know you are a great teacher, but we hesitate to apply your teachings to our lives. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us from sin and unrighteousness and grant us a new start to trust and follow you. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness Autumn Boyer
Friends, hear this good news: “for God so loved the world.” That includes you, me, us. No one falls out of the purview of God’s gaze and God’s love. You are known. You are loved. You are forgiven.

† *Peace of Christ*
At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace.

Introducing Today's Preacher Bob Newlin

Sermon Beth Glenn

Prayers of the People

Bob Newlin

If you would like to offer a prayer for the congregation, the community, or the world, you may come forward to one of the mics and offer a prayer (no more than 30 seconds, please)

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Bob Newlin

The Doxology (UMH 94)

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Dedicating our gifts to God

Bob Newlin

† *Closing Hymn*

“Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH 462

† *Benediction*

Beth Glenn

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Announcements:

Study on Philippians, “Chasing Happy,” on Thursdays @ noon.

Parkwood UMC is now in charge of stocking the green bean shelf in the Parktown Food Hub every month! We encourage you all to bring your cans of green beans each month.

“Coffee with the Pastor” is this Wednesday at Bean Traders @ 9:30 AM-12

Egg Drive: our next Egg Drive will be next Sunday, June 2

Parents and Youth: if you (a youth) are interested in going with Pastor Adam and Mr. Mike to an escape room and Chic-fil-A on Monday, May 27 (Memorial Holiday) @ 9:30-12 PM, please let Mr. Mike know so he can speak with Pastor Adam about reserving you a spot.

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“Nicodemus” by Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937

Sunday, May 26, 2024 • Trinity Sunday