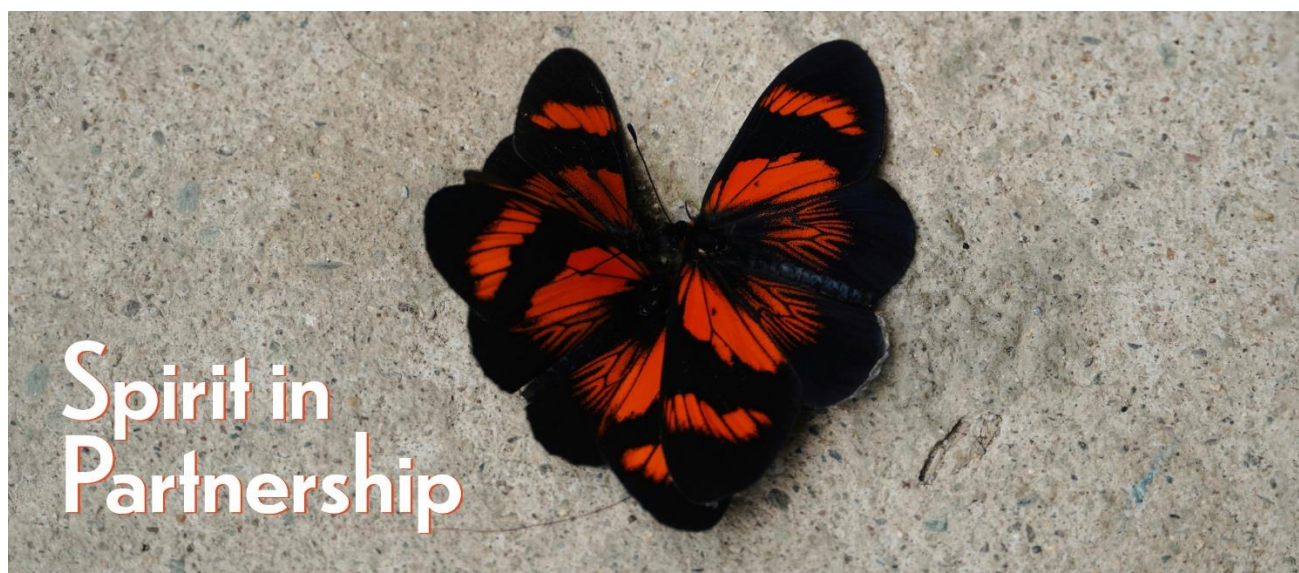


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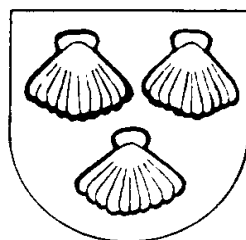
**9:30 am**

**“Spirit in Partnership”**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## Gathering

Prelude	“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”	<i>Offered by Jane Ohlmacher</i>
Welcome		<i>Rev. Patricia Abell</i>
Gathering Song	“This Is the Day”	<i>UMH 657</i>

This is the day This is the day  
That the Lord hath made That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice We will rejoice  
And be glad in it And be glad in it  
This is the day That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day This is the day  
That the Lord hath made

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### Call to Worship

*Jan Petrosch*

ONE: On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**ALL: We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

**We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

**We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2025.

### Opening Prayer

*Jan Petrosch*

**Out of our ordinary, everyday lives, you have gathered us here, Holy God, to this time of worship, to this time of praise. We join with angels and archangels and all the company of the saints to bless you, to listen for your Word, to immerse ourselves in your grace, in your love. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence with us. Take the chaos of the world that has found its way into our hearts — speak your Word and give order and form and new creation. Take the failures and defeats, the guilt and the shame that bind our spirits — speak your Word and set us free. Take our longings for your goodness to shape our lives, this community, the hurting world — speak your Word and infuse us with your courage and your hope and your love. Then, awaken us to your Holy Spirit who is making all things new, even us. We ask in Jesus’ name, who sends us out to speak love and mercy and grace to those who are waiting, longing, hoping, for a sign that they are not alone, that you are a God of love, that you are a Saviour who knows their name, that the Holy Spirit is leading them home. Amen.**

Adapted from Christine Jerrett, <https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2019/06/prayer-matthew-28-16-20.html>.

1. For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

2. For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moons and stars of light  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

3. For the joy of ear and eye  
For the heart and mind’s delight  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight  
Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

4. For the joy of human love  
Brother sister parent child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild  
Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

5. For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

6. For thyself best Gift Divine  
To the world so freely given  
For that great great love of thine  
Peace on earth and joy in heaven  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

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**Prayer of Confession**

*Jan Petrosch*

**As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness. Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, Redeemer, and ever-present Sustainer. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Jan Petrosch*

**Passing the Peace**

*Jan Petrosch*

The peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.**

**Proclaiming**

**Children’s Message**

*Pastor Pat*

**Scripture**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a (NRSVue)  
Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVue)**

*Jan Petrosch*

**Word in Music**

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

**UMH 64**

1. Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty  
 Early in the morning  
 Our song shall rise to Thee  
 Holy holy holy merciful and mighty  
 God in three persons blessed Trinity

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  
 Which wert and art and evermore shall 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 power 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

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**Message**

"Spirit in Partnership"

**Rev. Patricia Abell****Prayer of Intercession  
 Lord's Prayer****Jan Petrosch****\*Doxology**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise Him All creatures here below  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

**UMH 95**

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**Going Forth****\*Closing Hymn**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**UMH 147****Chorus**

All things bright and beautiful  
 All creatures great and small  
 All things wise and wonderful  
 The Lord God made them all

1. Each little flower that opens  
 Each little bird that sings  
 God made their glowing colors  
 And made their tiny wings

**Chorus**

2. The purple headed mountains  
 The river running by  
 The sunset and the morning  
 That brightens up the sky

**Chorus**

3. The cold wind in the winter  
 The pleasant summer sun  
 The ripe fruits in the garden  
 God made them every one

**Chorus**

4. God gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty  
Who has made all things well

**Chorus**

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**Benediction**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Postlude**

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

**Offered by Jane Ohlmacher**

**Reflection**

What prophetic word for the community has God given to you? In what ways do you struggle with conflicts between your way of life and the prophetic word God would have you proclaim to others? How are the acts of God manifest in your life and witness?

**Household Prayer: Morning**

Spirit of God, source of life,  
refresh my spirit, reshape my desire,  
and re-create my heart,  
that I may show forth your enduring glory;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

Spirit of God, you sustained me during the work of day;  
sustain me as I rest this night.  
Let my evening meditations be pleasing to you,  
that I may rise in the morning to rejoice in your goodness.  
Awake or asleep, I will sing your praise while I have being;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Resources: Stories That Matter @ UMC Discipleship Ministries <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/spiritunbound>

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