

**May 31, 2026**  
**Trinity Sunday**

**PRELUDE (A Time for Quiet Meditation)**

*I Love the Lord*

*James Southbridge*

**WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #399**

*God Welcomes All*

*Themba Amen*

***God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.***

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**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We begin worship in the name of the One who creates, who liberates, and who inspires us to be who we were made to be.

**All: We begin worship in the name of the One who created us and promised to never let us go.**

One: In this community we belong, just as we are.

**All: In worship we are nourished by the Word and sent into the world to be agents of God's transforming and renewing love.**

**\*GATHERING SONG #463** *How Firm a Foundation*

*Foundation*

*(verse 1)*

***How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in  
God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?***

*(verse 2)*

***"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will  
still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to  
stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."***

*(verse 3)*

***"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow  
shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and  
sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: We come before God with total honesty, first in unified voice, then in silence:

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Most merciful God, you know that we are captives to a harmful story of fear and violence, separation and suffering. We hurt each other and we hurt ourselves without fully knowing why. Give us the courage to look fully at what binds us, and fill us with the compassion to be able to accept your healing and love wherever and to whomever it is offered.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

*(Time of Silence)*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Because of God's abundant grace, you are already forgiven. Jesus came to show us how to live in a New Story, one of wholeness, healing, and renewal.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **\*SONG OF RESPONSE #300**

*We Are One in the Spirit*

*They'll Know We  
Are Christians*

*(verse 4)*

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

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### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Because we have peace with God through Christ, let us share this peace together. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And, also, with you.**

### **UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**God of never-ending love, our Source and our End, heal our hearts and minds of anything that keeps us from you, including our own fear. In the name of Jesus, who bridges us to you. Amen.**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM READING** *Psalm 42:1-3, 9-11*

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams,

**All: So my soul longs for you, O God.**

One: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

**All: When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

One: My tears have been my food day and night,

**All: While people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'**

One: I say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me?'

**All: Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?'**

One: As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,

**All: While they say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'**

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?'

**All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Always Worthy of Praise*

*Mock*

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** *John 3:16-17*

<sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## THE MESSAGE

*“Loving God – an Introduction”*

*Rev. Siri Stroman*

**HYMN SING** (your favorite selections; for ideas, see “*Loving God*,” “*Loving Others*,” and “*Love of God for Us*” in the topical index of your pew hymnal (p. 959-960))

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### CALL TO OFFERING

*We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.*

**OFFERTORY** *Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart* Humphrey Turner

**\*DOXOLOGY #710** *We Lift Our Voices* Offering

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.***

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### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*SENDING SONG #366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol  
(verse 1)

***Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.***

(verse 2)

***Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.***

(verse 3)

***Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.***

(verse 4)

***Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.***

\*Please stand as you are able.

## \*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      *Worthy is Your Name*      *Jernigan*

POSTLUDE      *Come, We That Love the Lord*      *James Mansfield*

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Summer Worship Series

*A Curriculum of Love: Deepening our Love for God, our Neighbors, and Ourselves*

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.” – *I John 4:7*

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” – *I Corinthians 13:7*

“All You Need Is Love” – *The Beatles, 1967*

As Christians, we believe that God has created us for love, and that Christ commands us to love God, ourselves, and others. Love is stronger than hate and holds the power to heal. And yet, we live in a hurting and broken world where love – in all of its many forms – can be hard to trust, to experience, and to find.

Over the next fifteen weeks, we will be exploring this trio of topics: loving God, loving ourselves, and loving our neighbors. We will do so in scripture and song, through our prayers and spiritual practices. In the curriculum, created by Lutheran pastor Siri Strommen, we will learn to let go of some of our fear and fill up that space with love.

### CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



**Healthy cereals (except Cheerios), anything for grilling season (ground meat, chicken, steaks, vegetables, etc.), milk, eggs, snacks, or anything you would like to donate.**

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations. You can, also, leave them in the blue donation bin in the Narthex.

### Faith Garden

In Valley’s Faith Garden (located outside of the Church Library), we grow fresh produce to be donated to the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Food Bank. There are garden gloves and tools in the shed, or feel free to bring your own.

### **Summer Garden Workdays**

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

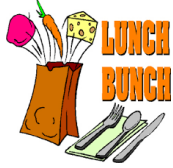
June 3 and 17, July 1, 15, 29

## Calling All Graduates



During worship on Sunday, June 14, we will be honoring graduates from high school, college, or other degree programs. If you have graduates in your family that you would like to have recognized, **please forward their information to the church office by Monday, June 8.**

## Mid-week Lunch Group – June 9



All are welcome to gather for lunch together at Buckeye Café (located across from the church in Tanglewood Square) at noon on the second Tuesday of each month (June 9, July 14, August 11, etc.) for a time of good food, great coffee, and even better conversations.

## Vacation Bible School – #KidsConnect

**Tuesday June 9 – Friday, June 12**  
**9:30 a.m. – noon**

**Ages 3 – entering 5th grade**  
**Older children and teens welcome as helpers.**



**Let's build a better world filled with the love and peace of God!**

**#KidsConnect** Vacation Bible School is where children can use their brain power as they connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages! As children learn and create together, they will find a place: of belonging, to relate to trusted adults, to make new friends, and to follow Jesus' example of making room for all and loving one another. Each day includes worship and drama, Bible study, art and science explorations, brain-building challenges, and active games.

A link to register is on the Church website, in the May Valley Voice, or in the weekly e-mail.

## Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

**Friday, June 19** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

**Saturday, June 20** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or [passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com](mailto:passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com).

## Knitting For Others

Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group.



**The group will meet on Sunday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.:  
June 21**

This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but have not used quite all the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. We are currently making items for babies and young children. If you have any size-3 or 4 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked “yarn” in the Library. Thank you so much for your help.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl  
502-553-7255

Bev Keough  
330-888-5385

## Donations – Credit Card or Zelle

**Credit card** donations are available on-line at the Valley Presbyterian website below:

<http://valleypresbychurch.org>

Look for “Give Now” button. Can only be used for donations.

Can not pay for holiday flowers, VBS, books, etc. at this link.

Use the following QR Code to donate via **Zelle**:



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