

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we often try to limit your expansive love
to the people who look and think and act like us.
We confess that we cannot really grasp how wide and deep your love is
for every single person, ourselves included.
In ways we are aware of and not aware of,
we have been an obstacle to people coming to you
and to their own flourishing.
Forgive us.
Help us to accept our own belovedness so that we might share in your work
of drawing in every person to the reality of their own belovedness.
May we be like Philip and jump into the water
with the folks we were told should be left out.
Amen.

(silent reflection)

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News:
there is nothing to prevent us from wading into the water of God’s limitless love.
There is nothing standing in the way between us and our belovedness,
not even our own faults and fallibility, our regrets and mistakes.
God loves us and forgives us.
Thanks be to God!

†PASSING THE PEACE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 8:26-40
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Where the Spirit of the Lord Is, There Are Open Minds Paul Purdue

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.
Amen. (a Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please register your attendance in the pew pad or QR code.

You may place your Communion offering on the rail as you come forward to receive Communion,
give online at belmontumc.org/give, text BELMONT to 73256, scan the QR giving code (back of
bulletin), contact Sara Christi (bookkeeper@belmontumc.org) to set up a bank draft , or mail it to
the church, Box 120098, Nashville, TN, 37212.

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 right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God’s acts of salvation, and concludes:
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.
The institution of the Lord’s Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of Christ-followers growing in love of God and neighbor

BREAKING THE BREAD - SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone is invited. Offering may be placed on the Communion rail.
A gluten-free option is available; please ask your server.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

JUNE 15, 2025 8:10AM
TRINITY SUNDAY

†BENEDICTION

May God’s love lead us to unexpected places.
May we trust the circle of God’s inclusion to be wider than we imagine.
Thanks be to God!
Amen.

WELCOME

Hunter Wade

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Liturgy written/selected by Hunter Wade.

CENTERING PRAYER

God of boundless love,
may we follow you out beyond the lines we have drawn
where we assumed your compassion ends.
May we continue to be surprised
by how far you will go to include the whole world.
Help us to open our minds, our hearts, and our doors to all.
Help us to believe that you also draw your circle of love and inclusion
around every part of ourselves that we think is not worthy.
Help us to know we belong and to offer that belonging to others.
Amen.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Bill Cooper, piano

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God’s image. We commit to Jesus’ example of inclusive love, care, and intentional hospitality with persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, faith story, physical or mental ability, economic status, or political perspective.

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†CALL TO WORSHIP

God, like a river that will not stop until it reaches the sea,
Your love is relentless.
Like the ocean that expands far beyond our eyes can see,
Your love is boundless.
May we have the courage to jump into the love and belonging you say is ours.
May we invite everyone to dive into the waters of your grace.
Let us worship the God who insists that everyone is beloved!

†HYMN NO. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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