

First United Methodist Church
of Shelton, Connecticut
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



May 31, 2026 | Trinity Sunday | Peace with Justice Sunday

Revised Common Lectionary Texts

Genesis 1:1-2:4a | Psalm 8 | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | Matthew 28:16-20

Prelude: "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"

Reed/Longfellow/Gibbons

Please come to silence as we honor the work of our musician to prepare us for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Prayer

UMC Discipleship Ministries

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 8

UMH 743

Musical Response 1: Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

Leader: O Lord, our Lord,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

L: Your glory is chanted above the heavens by the mouth of babes and infants:

P: you have set up a defense against your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Musical Response 1: Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

P: the moon and the stars which you have established;

L: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

P: and mortals that you care for them?

L: Yet you have made them little less than God,

P: and crowned them with glory and honor.

L: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

P: You have put all things under their feet,

L: all sheep and oxen,

P: and also the beasts of the field,

L: the birds of the air, and the fish of the seas,

P: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

L: O Lord, our Lord,

P: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Musical Response 1: Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

***Opening Hymn:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (v1-4 & 7) UMH 62

Responsive Prayer of Confession

UMC Discipleship Ministries

Pastor: 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.

ALL: 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.

Silent Confessional Prayer and Words of Assurance

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message: "Love in Creation"

Children's Time Hymn: "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" W&S 3148

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 28:16-20

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Sermon: "Always and Forever"

Anthem: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

D. Whipple Jr./Traditional

Prayers of the People/ Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Invitation To Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: "The Comforter Has Come"

Bottomo/Kirkpatrick

***Presenting Our Gifts:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

UMC Discipleship Ministries

Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still. Today, we offer our gifts: signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your Triune love and our willingness to go and grow disciples in your name. Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

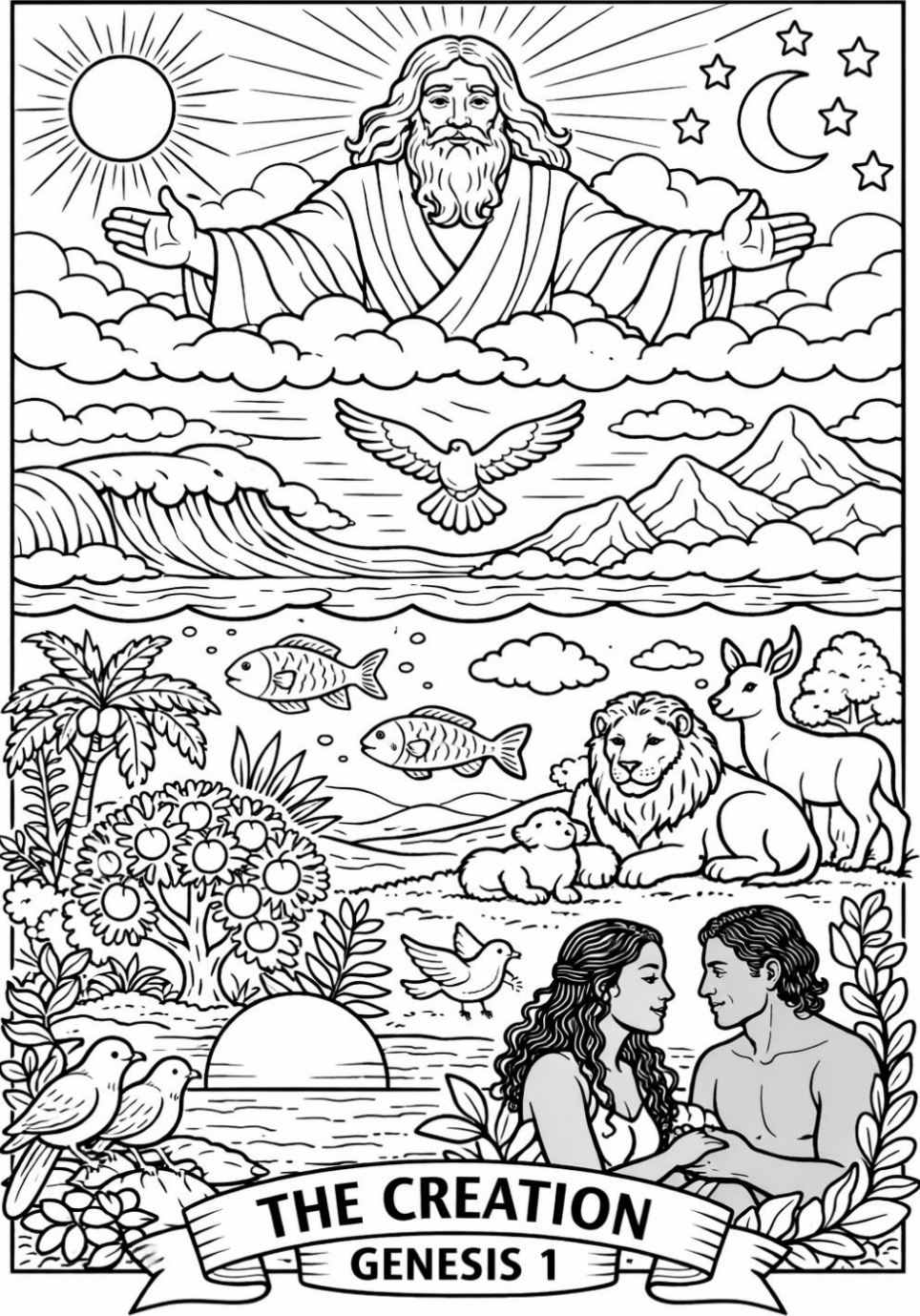
UMH 64

Benediction

Postlude: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Walworth/Anon

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace with Justice Sunday: Today

This Sunday is one of six churchwide “Special Sundays” on our annual calendar. It is Peace with Justice Sunday. Funds are used to raise awareness to promote peaceful and just efforts and sustainable solutions to conflict. Donations on this Sunday support local and global programs that reflect God's call for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world. Please give as you are called. Thank you!

Final Miracle Sunday Giving Day: Today

Thanks to all who have given for the Miracle Sunday initiative. We have raised more than \$450 so far. Our final Sunday for giving for this will be this coming Sunday, May 31. If you donate, please be sure to indicate “Miracle Sunday” on your check or envelope. Thank you!

Summer Special Music

If you have an idea for special music over the coming summer, please see Lynn, our music director to discuss it. From solos to small ensembles, from voice only to pieces with accompaniment, we will consider all ways in which we can praise God through the spiritual gifts of our congregation.

Suggestion Box in Narthex

Do you have a question or comment to share. One more way to do that is through the suggestion box in the narthex. Of course, you can always feel welcome to speak with Pastor Bill about questions or concerns. **We are all in ministry together.**

The Coming Weeks:

Sunday, June 7: Worship with Baptism and Holy Communion at 10:00 AM.

Monday, June 8: Leadership Board Meeting at 7:00 PM. (Giffin Room)

Sunday, June 14: Sunday worship at 10:00 AM.

Counters Needed

We need to add a few more counters to ensure that we are using safe financial practices. If you are a member of this church and would like to be trained to work as part of a counting team, please see Chris Craft or Pastor Bill. This is important, so your help will make a big difference.

Food Pantry Needs:

We are almost empty of all food other than the Outreach Program items that are our foundation. Anything you can add to our Blessing Box will be more than appreciated. It will be a blessing to others! We can always use the following:

pasta & rice
packaged/canned milk
canned/packaged protein (tuna, chicken)
beans (black bean, chickpeas)
canned packaged fruit
peanut butter & jams/jellies/preserves
canned chili

hot & cold cereal
fruit/vegetable juice
canned/packaged soup
pasta sauce
canned pasta

Thank you for all your donations!

TO REACH PASTOR BILL

Please call or text 475-282-2800. He may also be reached via email: pastor@umcshelton.org. His typical hours at the church office are Mondays and Fridays from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (but may vary).

WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

An email newsletter is sent out each Wednesday. Please have any items for submission to the church office by Wednesday at 9 am.

SERVING TODAY:

Bill Florin, Pastor
Lynn Scully, Music Director
Joe McWilliams, Pianist Organist
Pam Florin, Liturgist
Sal Iorfino, Video & Sound Tech

CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

Bill Florin, Pastor
Lynn Scully, Music Director
Leadership Board: Chris Craft, Kim Dumschott, Suzena James, Linda Loglisci,
Ken Miller, Jorge Varas, Raechel Vargas, Elaine Wood, Bob Yamnicky

WELCOME

We welcome you to our worship and our church community. We are so glad you are here. We invite you to participate in the service as much as you feel comfortable and to sit out parts of the service you might not yet feel comfortable with. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here. As our "Welcoming Statement" says, "We welcome **all** to full inclusion in the life and ministry of our church."

(see below for complete "Welcome" and "Mission" statements)

**SUNDAY WORSHIP // 10:00 also live-streamed & recorded
Fellowship 11:00 am**

Welcoming Church Statement

A welcoming family of God committed to becoming more and more like Jesus Christ.

We affirm and respect each individual as a child of God. We celebrate the uniqueness of each person and welcome people of every age, ethnicity, and race, sexual orientation and gender identity, marital status, socio-economic situation, and physical/mental ability.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to create a community of faith that reflects Christ's message of love and justice. We invite all to full inclusion in the life and ministry of our church in Christ.

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All Creatures of God and King (v 1-4 & 7) UMH 62

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!

Refrain:

O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia!, Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

There's a Spirit of Love in this Place W&S 3148

There's a spirit of love in this place,
there's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it, but it's there just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.

O allelulia, sing allelulia!
We bless your holy name,
O alleluia, sing alleluia!
There's a spirit of love in this place.

There's the presence of peace in this room,
there's the presence of peace in this room.
In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds.
There's the presence of peace in this room.

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We bless your holy name,
O alleluia, sing alleluia!
There's a spirit of love in this place.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH 64

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!

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 shalt be.

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.

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,
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