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WELCOME & COMMUNITY NEWS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Josefin's Waltz (Scandinavian Traditional)

GATHERING PRAYER

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

O blessed Trinity,

in whom we know the maker of all things

seen and unseen,

the Savior of all both near and far:

By your Spirit

enable us so to worship your divine majesty

that with all the company of heaven

we may magnify your glorious name,

saying, Holy, holy, holy.

Glory to you, O Lord Most High.

Amen.

Those who wish may stand

OPENING HYMN

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All Creatures of Our God and King

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/2 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a variety of note values: quarter notes, half notes, and whole notes. There are also rests and fermatas. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
O broth - er wind, air, clouds, and rain, by
O sis - ter wat - er flow - ing clear, make
Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un -
up your voice and with us sing, O
which all crea - tures ye sus - tain, O
mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le
fold - est bless - ings on our way, Al - le -
praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia! O
praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The
broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O
ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, ye
broth - er fire who lights the night, pro -
flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let
sis - ter moon with sil - ver gleam!
lights of ev - ening find a voice!
vid - ing warmth, en - hanc - ing sight,
them God's glo - ry al - so show!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Adagio" from *Sonata in D for Lute*,
by Baldassare Galuppi, transcribed by L. Palmer

MESSAGE

Back To Square One!

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HYMN OF REFLECTION

Holy, Holy, Holy, God the Almighty



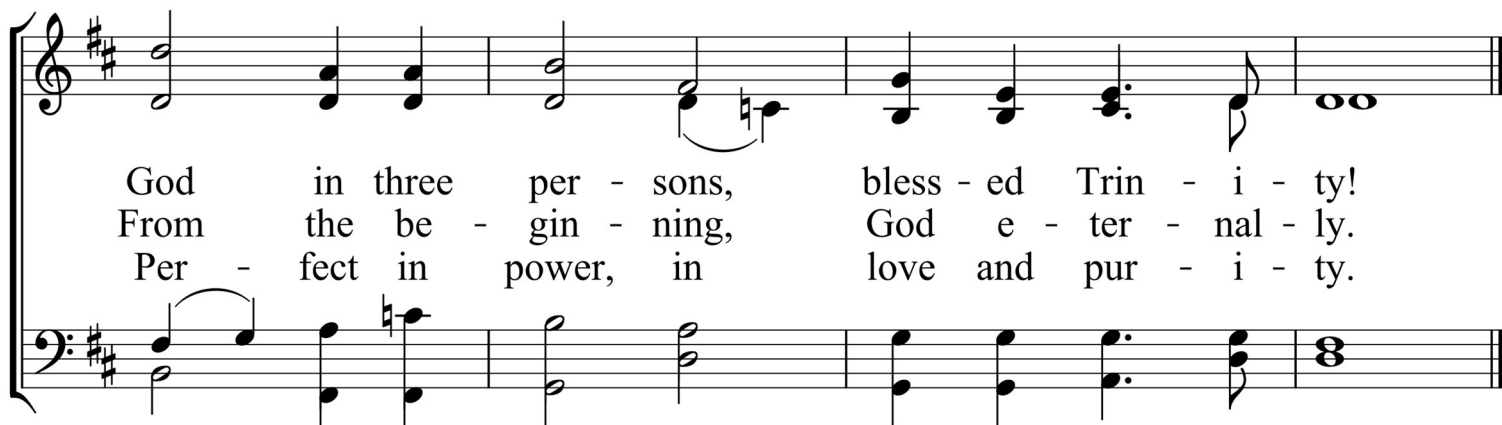
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

. . . ending with the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father (*Creator*), Son (*Christ*), and Holy Ghost..
Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN

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Holy God We Praise Your Name

The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Ho - ly God, we praise your name,
Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,
Lord of all we bow be - fore you;
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you,
all on earth your scep - ter claim,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
While in es - sence on - ly one,
all in hea - ven a - bove a - dore you;
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you;
in - fi - nite your vast do - main,
fill the hea - vens with sweet ac - cord:
So we gath - er rev - erent - ly
ev - er last - ing is your reign.
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
to a - dore the mys - ter - y.

Text: Anon., German c. 1774, Transl. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1853, alt, Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c. 1774

BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Gavotte" from *Suite of 8 Dances*, by Charles Salzedo

Today's Service

Rev. Bruce D. Mulder	Interim Pastor
Dr. Michael Match	Music Director
Merijo Dulyea	Cantor
Martha Waldvogel-Warren	Harpist
Bonnie Lipan	Liturgist/Prayer
Blake Filius	Audio and Video

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Flowers are sponsored by Merijo and Joel Dulyea in honor of our 52nd Anniversary (June 1).

Those whose last names begin with the letters T through Z please bring cookies or treats during the month of May. Please label ingredients as we have many with allergies.

Child Care is available on the second floor for infants and toddlers.

Annual Meeting Notice: We will hold our annual meeting following worship service on Sunday, June 14. The fiscal year budget and department members are to be voted on.

Life-long Learning today — How well does FCC meet Gulley's challenge to become a "life-affirming community?" (*If the Church Were Christian*, Ch. 2.) This activity-based session will by pass theoretical discussions. Our focus will be on direct and honest appraisals of what each of us needs more of and how we can better support each other.

We are looking for Sunday morning coffee hosts who are willing to set up for coffee hour and refill items throughout the hour. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Mike Frasier for details.

Last call for pictures for church directory will end on Sunday June 14. Please look for Sue Rummery in Fellowship Hall that morning (before church) from 10-10:20 if you wish to have your picture to be taken. Many thanks to all who have participated.

Eurythmy Classes are back! Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 We meet in the Activity Room in the lower level. Wear loose fitting clothes. \$10 per class.

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a Zumba Class emphasizing the 3's (Cardio, conditioning and choreography \$3 per class) There is also a Cardio- Drumming exercise class on Thursday mornings from 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join either sitting or standing. \$3 per class.

Our Saturday Breakfast Garden is in full swing. Please consider volunteering for one or many Tuesday's and/or Saturday's this spring and summer. Bring your whole family! Pick up a detailed list at the Welcome Center. Garden hours: Tuesdays 1 - 3 & Saturdays 10 - noon.

GSA continues to meet through the summer - Mondays at 7 PM.

Congregational Life is sponsoring a Mini-Golf outing at Putter's Creek on the Causeway. This event will take place on Thursday, June 25, starting at 5 p.m. Cost per game is: Youth ages 4-9 Sign up at the Welcome Center. (Financial Assistance is available if you notate).

FCC IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING COMMUNITY

"We, the people of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Muskegon, care for the welfare of our community and welcome everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. We welcome into our community people of every age, race, nationality, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing, family structure, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation. We also invite you to share in the life, leadership, worship, fellowship, sacraments responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love."