

# grace

*For by grace you have been saved through faith;  
and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God.*



# TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Great God: you send us into the world to do your work. May we not only promise to serve you, but do what you command, loving neighbors, and telling the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. John White*

## PRELUDE

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Antioch)*

Dale Wood

Stan Brunner

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

One: The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

**ALL:** *And also with you.*

One: We each have a right to be here, a right not based on our righteousness but on God's free grace.

**ALL:** *O give thanks to our God who is good, whose saving love endures forever.*

One: For God loves each one of us, despite our sinfulness.

**ALL:** *God loves us so much, He sent His only Son to bear our sins.*

One: And because of that love, that forgiveness, that grace, we are redeemed!  
Thanks be to our gracious God

## \*HYMN: 634 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. John White*

Peace and forgiveness is the inheritance given to us through Christ. May we know God's peace, and be healed of our brokenness, as we confess our sins to God, saying,

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

*Rev. John White*

*Why do we so often descend into the worst areas life offers to us, yet remain reluctant to come into your presence, Holy One? Why do we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to celebrate our hollow achievements, yet seem unable to hear your whispers of hope for us?*

*Forgive us, gracious God, and fill us with your mercy. Lead us to set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might, through grace, receive the peace and forgiveness you offer.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Rev. John White*

One: How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.

**ALL:** *Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Rev. John White*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

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

## THE WORD

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*How Great Thou Art*

Carl Boberg

Macey Berry, Noah Berry | soloists

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Anna Poole*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Rev. John White*

### \*HYMN: 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

### SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 2:1-8 (pg. 192)*

*Rev. John White*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

*What God and FPC Have Taught Me About Grace*

*Rev. John White*

## RESPONSE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:  
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his  
own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being  
made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by  
becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!*

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every  
name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under  
the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God  
the Father.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it,  
pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

### OFFERING OFFERTORY

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*  
Stan Brunner

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*  
Thomas Canning

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

## SENDING

\*HYMN: 177 *I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

\*CHARGE + BENEDECTION

*Rev. John White*

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude  
as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

### POSTLUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Stan Brunner

arr. Don Hustad