

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome to the public worship of God on this Trinity Sunday!

We gather for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am. All are welcome!

Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being.

In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

MAY 31, 2026 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LISA HART

We gather to worship the triune God.

Let us catch a glimpse of God's vision for creation.

Let us celebrate the presence of Christ in this place and in us.

Let us feel the presence of the Spirit among us and within us.

We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We come to worship the Triune God—

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

* HYMN No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God's path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God's mercy to forgive and renew us. Let us pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, You exist in community, three in one, equal in authority, free in each person woven together in love. We confess that our relationships are often unbalanced. We selfishly look after our own desires, or we give until we are left feeling empty. We talk as if no one else has anything to say, or we decide that what we have to say has no value. We think too highly of our own abilities, or we deny the beautiful gifts You have given us to share. Forgive us. By Your love, transform our hearts and minds that we might live in community as our full selves united as one. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community. Believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

* GLORIA No. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

VASILE

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(From your place, share signs of peace with one another.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.

ANTHEM | CHANCEL CHOIR

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

YOUTH MOMENT

K-12th are invited to the 302 Room for Youth Sunday School and Children's Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LISA HART

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. By your Spirit, we ask that you would speak, as we, your people, are listening. **Amen.**

PSALM READING

Psalms 8

LISA HART

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16—20

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

SERMON

"The desire to be present"

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Having heard God's life-giving Word, we are led to responses and expressions of our faith.

* HYMN No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns | Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church of Milford may be placed in the offering plates at the Sanctuary entrance. Gifts

may also be given online at www.fpcmilford.org or by using the QR code on the cards found in your pew. Thank You!

OFFERTORY

Dona nobis pacem

DONA NOBIS PACEM

SENDING FORTH WITH THE WORD

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

* **CLOSING HYMN** No. 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* **Congregation rise in body or in spirit | Congregational responses in bold.**

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**SAVE THE DATES: DMI 1st Friday June 5th
Ice Cream/Game Night Aug. 27th**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

TODAY: 05.31.26

Day of Pentecost

- Adult Sunday School | 9:30 am
- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am

MONDAY:

- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

TUESDAY:

- Handbells Rehearsal | 6:00 pm
- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY:

- **Breakfast at Westside** | 9:00 am
ALL ARE WELCOME!
- MAH: "A Seat at the Table" | 5-7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: 06.07.26

- NO Adult Sunday School | *Summer off*
- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Kristin Williams, Colton Hunt,
Colleen McCann, Nancy Gabel

FOOD PANTRY:

Please place items in basket at Front Doors

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Head Usher: Ken Naegeli | Liturgist: Lisa Hart
Videographer: Sarah Huntzinger/Mark Huntzinger

NEXT WEEK:

Dickie Burgess | Paul Mikalonis | Sarah H. Mark H

STAFF:

Ann Whitman | Organist & Music Director
Ruth Mikalonis | Interim Admin/Bookkeeper
Rev. Rick Upchurch | Pastor

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On our Facebook page, on YouTube, and
on our website: www.fpcmilford.org



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TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

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1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.