

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**May 31, 2026**

**Trinity Sunday**



*They Said No*  
by Lisle Gwynn Garrity  
Inspired by Exodus 1:8-22

“Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.” –Maya Angelou

**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**

**Office Hours**  
Tuesday – Friday  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
541-926-5551



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Albany, OR 97321

## We Gather in God's Name

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### Prelude

"Sonatine"

*by Jacques Casterede*

*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.*

*We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

### Welcome &

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

### Announcements

**And also with you.**

### + Invitation to Worship

We gather this day, stranger and friend,  
known and unknown, all loved by God.

**In this time, in this place, with each other, we seek God.**

**To be reminded to love as we have been loved.**

### + Gathering Hymn 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

## We Offer Our Gratitude

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### Community Prayer

**Our Loving and Faithful God,**

Martha Wells

**we affirm that we are made in your image,**

**and that your goodness is at the heart of humanity,**

**planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

**Your giving knows neither measure nor end,**

**yet too often we have kept our own hearts, hands, and minds closed.**

**Where there is need, teach us how to give.**

**Where there is injustice, teach us to learn the causes, and how to fight.**

**Where there is brokenness, help us to bring wholeness.**

**Renew our spirits and help us to know the fullness of your love,**

**that we neither remain ignorant of the world,**

**nor lose ourselves in despair at its brokenness.**

**For you call us to be your light in the darkness,**

**your voice in the wilderness,**

**your hope for the hopeless.**

**Amen.**

*Silent prayer and reflection*

### Sung Response 469

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

### + Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.*

## We Listen & Receive

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### Time with Children

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.  
Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

### Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:8-22

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
and for the Word of God within us we say...

**Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

"Set Me as a Seal"

*by Richard Nance*

### Sermon

"No"

Brandon Lewis

## We Respond to God's Grace

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### Hymn 822

"When We Are Living"

### Invitation to Give

*We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.  
We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.  
As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.*

### Offertory

Nocturne no. 5

*by Michael Valenti*

### Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 606

"Doxology"

### Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys and concerns, let us pray together:  
God, in your grace,  
Hear our prayer.*

### Prayers of the People & 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.**

## We Are Sent in God's Love

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### + Closing Song 741

"Guide My Feet"

### + Benediction

### Postlude

"Studies in English Folksongs"

*by Vaughan Williams*

## Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

## Announcements

**May's Shopping Cart Mission:** Our mission this month is a snack drive for the [Candlelighters for Children with Cancer](#) to benefit the children who are actively in treatment. Please donate snacks, such as; Nabisco cookies, applesauce pouches, beef jerky, cheez-its, popcorn, fruit snacks, chocolate milk and nuts. **Thank you!**

**Melody's Mayday Mission:** Melody learned in early March that she may not be able to stay in her home if she can't repair or replace the septic system on her property. In order to discover what needs to be done, they have to do a drill test which costs \$5000. If you want to help her, please go to Melody's gofundme account at: <https://gofund.me/25ebe4d8b>. If you would rather write a check, make it payable to: **Melody Drown McMaster** and bring it to the office. We will make sure that she gets it. **Thank you!**

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<b>May 31</b> Worship Session Meeting Daniel Summers Recital
<b>Monday</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>June 1</b> ACT Practice
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>June 2</b> ACT Practice
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>June 3</b> ACT Practice Family Aging Support Group Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b> 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>June 4</b> YOGA ACT Practice
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>June 5</b> Tabitha's Sewing Society

## Serving Today

**Thank you to all who served in worship today.**

**Musician**—Duncan Robertson, Trombonist  
**Liturgist** —Martha Wells  
**Ushers** — Colleen and Andy Nelson, Linda Cameron and Mary Stevens  
**Coffee Hour**—Dessert Potluck  
**Children's Programs**—Brook Gunningham, Aleena Chappell, Sienna Bogart, Tarryn Scroggins, Meredith Hanson and Logan Breese.

## Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

### Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

### Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

### Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up. Creative minds uses a combination of technology, art media, games, and service projects to explore our relationship with God, and to encourage one another to grow in our faith, spirituality, and community.

## Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

**Linn Benton Food Share**—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, June 18th at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

## Prayers & Praise

**Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:**

*Nancy and Steve Hammond and Family*

### CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, *Pastor*  
Tami Van Ras, *Pastoral Assistant*  
Sienna Bogart, *Director of The Children's Place*  
Meredith Hanson, *Children's Ministries Director*  
Deborah Beier, *Office Manager*  
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Tao Li, *Organist*  
Jim Cole, Nathan Reid, or Chris Misa, *AV Techs*  
Logan Breese or Greg Sutton, *Bus Driver*

