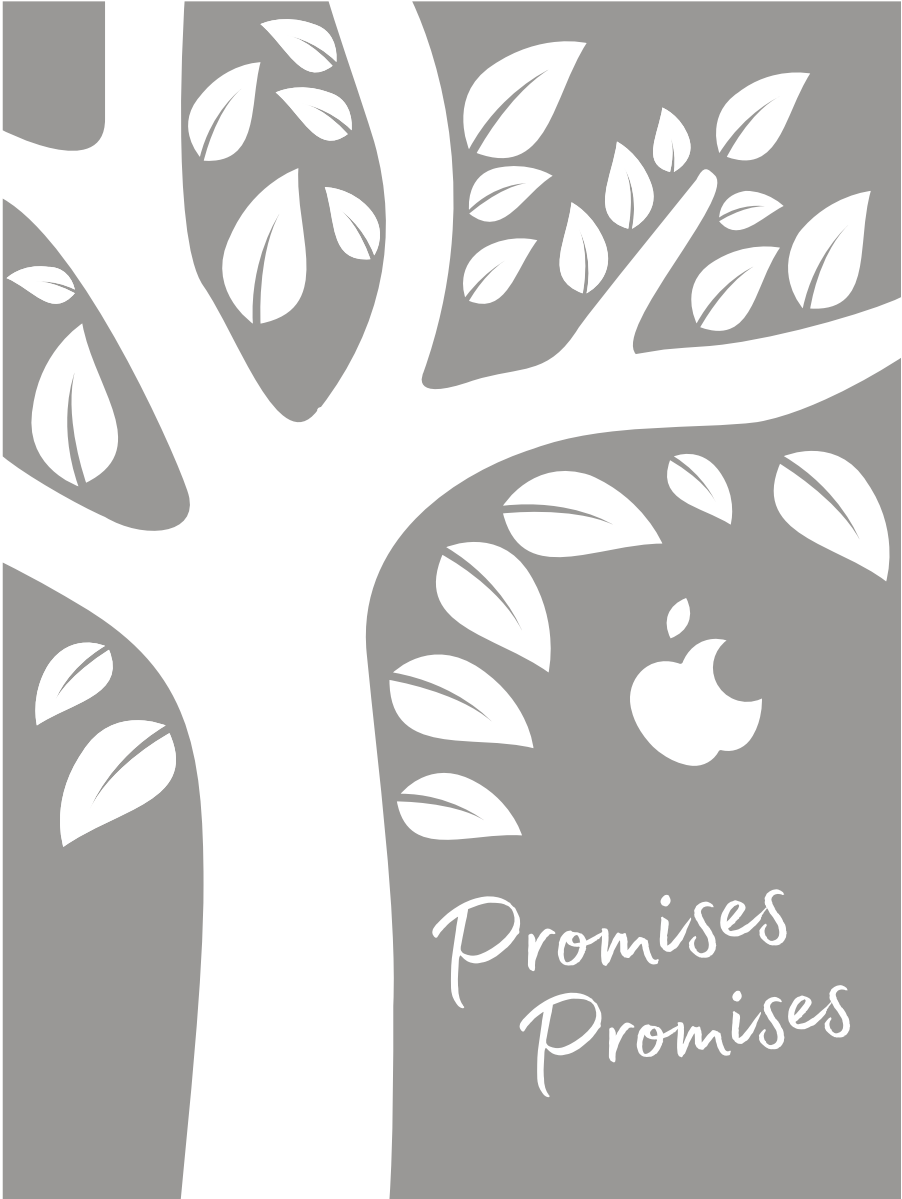


# First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

# Trinity Sunday

9:30am

May 31, 2026

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## GATHERING

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name.*

### ***Welcome & Announcements***

***Prelude--What a Friend We Have in Jesus--***Charles Converse, arr. Jenifer Cook

### ***Call to Worship--***

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Look at the heavens, the work of God's fingers: the sun, and moon and stars,

**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

***Opening Hymn\*\*147--All Things Bright and Beautiful***

***Invocation*** (please be seated)--

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.*

***Scripture Reading--***Genesis 1:1-5

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Anthem--I Need Thee Every Hour--***Mark Shepperd

Summer Choir

***God's Word for Young Disciples--*** (congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

***Sermon--***"Promises, Promises: Tohu wa Bohu"

Pastor Jon Priebe

## RESPONSE

*The People respond to the Word*

**Hymn of Response \*\*348--Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

**Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory--Meditation--Theo Bonheur**

**Doxology\*\***

***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.***

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Communion** (Hymnal p. 13)

## SENDING FORTH

*The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.*

**Closing Hymn \*\*437--This Is My Song**

**Benediction \*\*666--Shalom to You**

***Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.***

**Postlude--Postludio--Gennaro Tallini**

**The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given  
in honor of Sabrina (Tausch) and Brandon Mackey,  
in celebration of their recent marriage on May 25, given by the Tausch family**

**Music**--One License A-731491

*\*\*indicates please stand as you are able*

### **Clergy & Staff**

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister  
Howard Pippin, Associate Minister  
Marvin Brown, Senior Minister Emeritus  
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## HYMN LYRICS

### OPENING HYMN

#### #147 A Mighty Fortress

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings.

(Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

(Refrain)

3. The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one.

(Refrain)

4. God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

(Refrain)

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

#### #348 Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;  
ye who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?

(Refrain)

3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
coming for you and for me.

(Refrain)

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and  
pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

(Refrain)

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **#437 This Is My Song**

1. This is my song,  
O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace  
For lands afar and mine.  
This is my home,  
The country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes,  
My dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts  
In other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams  
As true and high as mine.

My country's skies  
Are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams  
On cloverleaf and pine;  
But other lands  
Have sunlight, too,  
And clover,  
And skies are everywhere  
As blue as mine.

O hear my song,  
Thou God of all the nations,  
A song of peace  
For their land and for mine.

This is my prayer,  
O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come;  
On earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted  
Up till all shall serve Him,  
And hearts united  
Learn to live as one.

O hear my prayer,  
Thou God of all the nations;  
Myself I give thee;  
Let thy will be done.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **#666 Shalom to You**

Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

## CHURCH NOTES 5-31-26

**VBS & Chess Camp:** VBS Planning is in full swing! Registration for the June 22-26 session is live! Use the QR codes to sign-up.

Chess Camp will be held July 6–10. Registration is open! The camp is for both new and experienced players aged K and up. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center.

**VBS Volunteers & Mandatory Training:** We need a few more volunteers. We are looking specifically for folks to lead recreation/games, and elementary crafts. Our mandatory trainings will take place on June 3 @12:30pm or 6:30pm. The make-up date is June 7, after worship. See Donna to sign-up, or for more information.

**Summer Bible Study:** Join us for Summer Sunday Bible Study beginning June 14th, after the 9:30am service. Jerry Killian will lead the study, focusing on "The Commandments of Jesus—The Essence of Discipleship." John 15:10a -"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love." Everyone is welcome. Attend one, attend them all. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 330-923-5241.

### Coming Up...

June 5—First Friday Picnic @Waterworks Park (beginning @5:00pm)

June 21—Church Fest 2026, worship @10:30am, catered luncheon & activities following in the Downtown CF Amphitheater & Pavillion

# FODDER

## **In the Beginning**

*tohu wa bohu* – formless and void; chaos

*Genesis 1:1* – our stories begin not with chaos, but with God's creativity

## **Love Orders our Chaos**

vs. 5 – rather than snap the divine fingers, God chose to self-limit and rest

God's creative voice still orders our chaos and fills our emptiness

Questions for Reflection: What prayer practices best help you connect to God when things feel out of control? How does it change things to know that it is in God's nature to bring order to our chaos?

Questions for Discussion: Why is it sometimes difficult to accept our limits?

Memory Verse: *Genesis 1:1-2* – “In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.”

Readings for this Week: Genesis 6-7, Isaiah 43:1-3

JUNE 22-26, 2026

Registration Opens April 6!

**VBS**

Register VBS




Save the Date

**CHESS CAMP**

July 6-10, 2026

Registration opens April 20, 2026.  
See the Welcome Center for a brochure with more information.





**FIRST FRIDAY PICNIC**

JUNE 5 @ 5:00PM  
WATERWORKS PARK



Ecumenical

**CHURCH FEST 2026**

SUNDAY, JUNE 21  
DOWNTOWN AMPHITHEATER & PAVILION

WORSHIP SERVICE @10:30AM  
LUNCH & ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING



**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:**

*In our community:*  
We lift up camp counselors.

*In our greater world:*  
We pray for peace.

*Our sympathy & Prayers:*  
We lift up Ann Thudium & family on the death of her husband, Dick Thudium on 5/5.

*From our Congregation:*

Bob Ahonen	Tom Jackson
Joanne Ames	Judy Jesson
Debbie Amundsen	Jenny Laconi
Rick Amundsen	Kathy McFarland
Dorothy Bates	Vince Meeker
Janet Blank	Raquel Mehalik
Suzanne Callahan	Robbie Robinson
Eric Charnofsky	Kathi Sawyer
Marge Crabtree	Michael Taucher
Gabe & Rima Elissa	Kathy Walker
John Gullion	Jim Ward Jr.
Kim Haftl	Peg Yeager
Kathleen Hess	Tim Zuschin