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| <b>PROGRAM</b>         | <b>LOCATION</b>                                | <b>TIME</b> |
| Coffee Fellowship Time | Fellowship Hall (L.L.)                         | 9:00 a.m.   |
| Worship                | Sanctuary                                      | 10:00 a.m.  |

| CHURCH STAFF                         |                       |                                        |
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| CHURCH LEADERS |                       |                           |
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| PERSON         | POSITION              | CONTACT                   |
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| Church Office Hours                                                |                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday                                                             | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday                                                            | Closed                 |
| Wednesday                                                          | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday                                                           | Closed                 |
| Friday                                                             | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed. |                        |



June 15, 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**First Sunday after Pentecost**



**Thought for the Day before Worship**  
*Much of life is consumed with the task of building and clarifying our identities - coming to terms with who we are. We forge our identities by determining the scope of our personal integrity, the arenas of our commitments, and the direction of our loyalties. The Spirit is a force that works with us in identifying who we are.*

\*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** “This Is My Father’s World” (Alice Jordan)

Tower Bell

**\*Call to Worship**  
Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts;  
**The whole earth is full of the glory of God.**  
"I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord, who was, who is and who is to come.  
**Through Christ we have access in one Spirit to the Father of us all.**  
Praise the Lord!  
**The Lord's name be praised!**  
Let us praise the name of the Lord in song!!

**\*Hymn #136** “Holy, Holy , Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (Nicaea)

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Confession**  
**Loving and gracious God, we are blessed by the beauty of your creating activity in the world and people around us. We thank you for making this world an earthly home for us; thank you for sending Jesus to show the fullness of your mercy and love; thank you for the presence of the Spirit to support and guide us. As stewards of your creation we want to serve others in ways that make a positive and lasting difference. Mobilize us for meaningful ministry in prayerful use of our time and money and resources that your will may be done.**

How do we name you, God? What words can we use to describe who you are and what you do? How do we define our relationship with you and what this means for our relationships with one another? We ask these questions in the awareness that our human language is limited and inadequate, but still we come to you in prayer, because we want to give voice to our hopes and needs as well as to our praise and thanksgiving. O God, you reveal yourself to us in a multitude of ways, and on this Trinity Sunday we celebrate you as Creator, Savior and Sustainer. In the assurance of your presence with us may we live each day with a joyful willingness to convey your blessing by all that we say and think and do. It is in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! It is by God’s grace alone that we are saved from the guilt and sin of human life. For in great love and mercy, God gave Jesus to the world in order that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. We are forgiven and spiritually born for eternity. Praise be to God! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

*(Greateorex)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**From the Poetry of the Old Testament: 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!

**Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning**

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshild & Julie Ollier

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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**This Week**

- Sunday, June 15:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Father’s Day
- Monday, June 16:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Aon Meeting
- Tuesday, May 17:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting
- Thursday, June 19:** Juneteenth Church Office Closed  
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, June 21:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, June 22:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD                      THANKS BE TO GOD!

### **Hearing Assistance**

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

### **Pastoral Care Notice**

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

### **In Our Prayers**

Judy Adams, Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Yvonne Daniels, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Jean Morrow, Ed Von Strohe, Wendy Watts & Marty Westermeyer

### **Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster**

Immanuel UCC, Bromley  
Tom Daria

Christ UCC; Ft. Thomas  
Ed Goode

### **Continued Prayerful Support**

Homebound members.  
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.  
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.  
Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer  
Pastor of Visitation John Robson

### **Homebound Member of the Week**

Our homebound member of the week is John Westlund. Take a moment this week to send him a card or give him a call as we celebrate John as our member of the week!

His address is:

John Westlund  
Emerald Trace on Turkeyfoot  
3802 Turkeyfoot Road  
Elsmere, KY 41018

### **Children's Activity Bags**

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

### **Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services**

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

### **Online Video Worship Services**

You can view our online video Sunday worship services through our church website: [www.stjohnsuccnewport.org](http://www.stjohnsuccnewport.org), our Church's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel (just search our church's name on Facebook/YouTube) and through the Constant Contact weekly email, (just click the online worship button at the bottom of the page). Hope you enjoy the services!

### **From the Gospels: John 16:12-15**

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### **Solo**

*"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God "* (Townend/Getty)  
(Dobin Park ~ soloist)

The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe  
all things created by His hand and held together at His command.  
He knows the myst'ries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His,  
He guides the planets on their way, and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways that mark the path of righteousness;  
His word a lamp unto my feet, His spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And, O, the myst'ry of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost  
so that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ.

O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love,  
and teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of your sovereignty.  
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace;  
so through the trials I choose to say "Your perfect will in your perfect way."

### **From the Letters of Paul: Romans 5:1-5**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

### **Sermon**

"The Suffering that Leads to Hope" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

### **\*Affirmation of Faith: from A New Zealand Prayer Book**

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.**

**You create our world and give us life.**

**Your purpose overarches everything we do.**

**You have always been with us.**

**You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.**

**You came to us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved**

**your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.**

**You are with us now.**

**You are God.**  
**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.**  
**You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**  
**You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**  
**You are our God. We Worship you. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #447** *“Because He Lives”* (Resurrection)

**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 and ever. Amen.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

[illegible]

You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

(Old 100<sup>th</sup>)

**We come before you, God, with open hearts and open hands, ready to receive and ready to give. Aware of our blessings we seek to be a blessing to others through words and actions that express care and compassion. Through this offering may we and others experience the generous love of our Creator, the amazing grace of our Savior, and the intimate and abiding friendship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!  
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.  
May you know His grace and peace today!  
**Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.**



Open flower dates are June 22nd.  
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.