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**UNITED IN LOVE – UNITED FOR SERVICE**

**June 15, 2025**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/TRINITY SUNDAY // IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM SERVICE

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**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

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PRELUDE

Patricia Hammer  
Accompanist

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

GTG #1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

As far as the east is from the west, God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**Let us offer thanksgiving sacrifices and show the world the love of God.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth and heavens. We come to praise you as the creator of all that is, to remember and proclaim your acts for our salvation through Jesus Christ, and to call on the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and minds. Lead us into the fullness of your love, that our lives might glorify you in all that we say and do. Amen.**

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING #1 Proverbs 8:1 – 4, 22 – 31

ANTHEM “Sing Unto God a Song of Joy” SJU Women’s Choir  
(David W. Music)

Oh, sing unto God a song of joy  
Sing unto God a brand new song!  
Sing with thanksgiving night and day.  
Sing praise to God your whole life long!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord forever!

God made the nights, created days  
fashioned the moon, the sun's warm rays,  
comets and planets, stars that blaze.  
The universe God's hand displays!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord forever!

God made the mountains and the seas,  
created rocks and ocean breeze,  
deserts and caves and lakes and trees,  
elephants, fish, and birds and bees.  
Sing to the Lord who made all these!

SCRIPTURE READING #2 Romans 5:1 – 5

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dean Randall

MESSAGE “GRACE BY NUDGES AND 2X4S” Dean Randall

PASTORAL PRAYER Dean Randall

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

INVITATION AND CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY SONG OF REFLECTION “God Is So Good” GTG #658

God is so good; God is so good;  
God is so good; God’s so good to me.  
God cares for me...  
God loves me so...  
God is so good...

## PRAYER OF GENEROSITY

**Gracious God, from the overflowing of your love, we have been given abundance upon abundance. Receive, we pray, our offerings and bless them. Help us to show and share your love by the right use of these offerings. We pray all things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

GTG #611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

## BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Go out to all the world in peace;  
have courage;  
hold on to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak and help the suffering;  
honor all people;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## POSTLUDE

Patricia Hammer  
Accompanist

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**SPECIAL DEADLINE**  
**for submitting SJU \*FLASH\* articles**  
**for the OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> EDITION is**  
**MONDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> by 12 NOON.**

Send via email to [SJUColumbia@gmail.com](mailto:SJUColumbia@gmail.com)  
Please include “FOR THE FLASH” in your subject heading.

## CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF JUNE 15 – JUNE 22

**All meetings are via Zoom (unless otherwise noted).**

All meetings are open to the members and affiliates of SJU unless otherwise noted. Members are encouraged to connect to, engage, and invest in the life and leadership of this Body of Christ, the church! Contact [SJUColumbia@gmail.com](mailto:SJUColumbia@gmail.com) if you wish to receive meeting and contact information on anything below:

Sun, 6/15	8:30 am	CHRISTIAN APPLICATION
	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE ( <i>in-person and livestream</i> ) ( <i>Liturgist: Robin Dietzway</i> )
Mon, 6/16	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Tue, 6/17	7:30pm	COUNCIL
Thu, 6/19	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM REHEARSAL ( <i>Room 4</i> )
Sun, 6/22		<b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY</b>
	8:30 am	CHRISTIAN APPLICATION
	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE ( <i>in-person and livestream</i> ) ( <i>Scheduled liturgist: TBD</i> )
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP



Yvonne is away June 20-25.

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*Readings are NRSV unless otherwise noted. CEB=Common English Bible; CEV=Contemporary English Version; KJV=King James Version; MSG=The Message; NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; TIB=The Inclusive Bible*

### **Proverbs 8:1 – 4, 22 – 31**

- <sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?
- <sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- <sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.
  
- <sup>22</sup> "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
- <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,
- <sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil.
- <sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
- <sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- <sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always,
- <sup>31</sup> playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

### **Romans 5:1 – 5**

- <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,
- <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
- <sup>5</sup> 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.

