# Rev. Wendy Witt Peace UCC 8:15 Worship Bethel UMC 10:15 Worship June 15, 2025 – Trinity Sunday

\* All who are able are invited to stand

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
CENTERING PRAYER
PRELUDE

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 8)

<u>Leader</u>: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<u>People:</u> 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?

<u>Leader</u>: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

<u>People</u>: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

<u>People</u>: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

#### \*OPENING HYMN

[Peace] #203 (Notebook) "How Great Thou Art" [Bethel] #77 (UMH) "How Great Thou Art"

#### **OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Creator God, you are hope and our firm foundation.

When we feel lost, you are our guide. When we are dwelling in deep darkness, you are our light. When we feel trapped in the throes of despair, you are our hope. When we are weak and it feels like the ground beneath is shaking, you are our firm foundation. We come today to praise you and thank you for all the ways you show up in our lives. Be present with us now. Use this time to form us into a community, bound together in faith and in hope, Amen.

# CALL TO OFFERING THE OFFERTORY \*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Majestic and Holy God, we bring these gifts in awe and gratitude for all you have done for us. May this offering empower us to join with you in creating a world of hope, peace, and love for all your people. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Romans 5:1-5 (Common English Bible)

**5** Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. But not only that! We even take pride in our problems,

because we know that trouble produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> endurance produces character, and character produces hope. <sup>5</sup> This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

# **SERMON** "Hopeful Faith"

#### \*HYMN

[Peace] #289 (Notebook) "This Is My Father's World" [Bethel] #368 (UMH) "My Hope is Built"

# JOYS & CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/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/trespasses, as we forgive our debtors/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.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

[Peace] #403 (NCH) "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" [Bethel] #374 (UMH) "Standing on the Promises"

# \*BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH

#### \*POSTLUDE

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**NEXT WEEK** – June 22, 2025 Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29 Sermon: United by Faith