

One Tree Down To Its Very Roots

A Meditation for Trinity Sunday

There is a tree in Johannesburg, South Africa, that stands in the yard of a Catholic retreat center. When viewed from one angle, one sees a singular tree with a very large trunk. From another angle, the tree appears as three distinct trees, down to the very roots. The tree was nicknamed *Trinity—Three-in-One*. The base of the tree became a meeting ground where we experienced community. There, and around its trunks, we discussed the deep things of life. No matter where you leaned on the tree, you were supported. No matter where you gazed on it, it was beautiful—three trunks, one tree, inseparable and unified at its base, drawing us into fellowship with one another. It was amazing.

The existence of this tree is a natural and compelling illustration of the existence of our Triune God, a God that operates in community to create community. Whether calling out YHWH, Jesus, or Holy Spirit, it is the Three-in-One God, inseparable and unified, that responds to our every need. No matter what name or office you call out, God will bear you up. No matter where you look, you can see the beauty of what God is doing.

God the Creator; God the Savior; God Who Empowers: lures us into loving relationship with God's self and with one another. It is just so amazing! Look again; it is one tree down to its very roots.

Written by Marilyn E. Thornton, The Africana Worship Book, Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 34.



OUR PURPOSE

To grow a welcoming community where people of all ages and stages on their faith journey can come to experience the love, grace and compassion of Jesus Christ. Provide various worship and other spiritual growth opportunities communicating the Gospel to inspire and encourage a deeper understanding of God while developing relationships with each other, leading to service locally and beyond.

St. Andrew By-The-Sea is an open, nurturing body of Christian believers seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 4, 2023

10:00 am

PRELUDE

Soon and Very Soon
Julia Buzzard, flute

A. Crouch

RINGING OF THE TRINITY CHIMES

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kerry Tilden, liturgist

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, November 2022

We come today to worship the Triune God, even as we, like the Eleven on the mountainside, have our doubts.

Holy Trinity, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.

We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

Holy Trinity, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.

We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us, and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

Holy Trinity, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.

We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

God, immerse us in the life of the Holy Trinity that we might go and welcome others into the dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #347** *Spirit Song*
(Sing twice)

SPIRIT SONG

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Moment of Silent Reflection

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - #881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascend-
ed into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI - #70** *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Connie Borgianini

ANTHEM *One Step He Leads* P. Choplin
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20
Pg 30 of the New Testament in the pew Bible
Alan Prochazka

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

***FAVORITE HYMN #474**
Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Wesla Fletcher
“What You Might Find in the Desert”
Acts 8:26-39

WE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We acknowledge with gratitude all who give in-person and online

OFFERTORY *What Wondrous Love is This* Arr. Purifoy
Julia Buzzard flute

***DOXOLOGY - #95** OLD 100TH

WE GO FORTH AS DISCIPLES TO SERVE

Our service of worship has ended, our worship through service now begins.

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP - #328**
Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place WOLFE
(sing twice)

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Go In Peace*

***POSTLUDE** *Recessional* HUGHES
**Please stand as you are able*

*The sanctuary flowers today are given by
Carlene and Jim Kilgore to the glory of God and in loving
memory of Jim's parents, J.C. and Mildred Kilgore*

ILL OR CONVALESCING

Joy MacDonald, Kendall Brodie, Ben Klahr, Cheri and Will
Jobbins, Jane Giddings, Martha Johnson

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Sara Borton and family, and to Martha
Johnson at the passing of our Christian Brother Brett
Borton on May 30, 2023. No service information is availa-
ble at this time.

Our condolences also are extened to Lynda Castle and
family at the passing of her sister-in-law Peggy Worley on
May 27, 2023, in VA.

NEW WOMEN’S SUMMER STUDY TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

*Beach Calling - A Devotional for the Middle Years
and Beyond*

WEDNESDAYS, June 7 - 28, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Coligny Beach
(Please note day correction)

The beach is a special place for many people, but what can
it teach us about our faith? Join us at the beach to experi-
ence the sea, the sand, the sky, and the glory of the One
who created it - as we share our reflections of the weekly
devotionals. Email Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com
to reserve a book and sign up. Cost of book - \$15

SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

With many St. Andrew members and regular attenders on
vacation or with company in town, it is important to en-
courage everyone to be mindful of regular stewardship
commitments. Visit our website at
hhiumc.com/donations or scan the QR code
to see several convenient ways for your
weekly or monthly giving to continue. Your
gifts are critical in supporting our purpose as
stated in the box on the back of this bulletin.



2023 SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This week, June 4-7, clergy and lay members of the South
Carolina Annual Conference will convene at the Florence
Center, Florence, SC. Every year, the Conference meets to
attend to the important needs of the South Carolina Unit-
ed Methodist Church. Rev. Frank Lybrand and Bill Putnam
are the delegates from St. Andrew.

The annual conference votes on the recommended
candidates approved for ordination by the Board of
Ordained Ministry, the conference budget for 2024, the
missional focus of the annual conference for the coming
year, to mention a few of the items we will be considering
at the session.

We ask that you pray for the delegates as they hear,
ponder, and prayerfully make decisions for the United
Methodist Church in South Carolina.

St. Andrew 2023 Graduates

- ❖ **DALTON BROWN** will graduate from Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL with a BS in Business Administration. Dalton is the grandson of Larry and Ann Brown.
- ❖ **NOAH GORRELL** will graduate from Hilton Head Island High School and plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA this fall. Noah is the son of Lynn and Mike Gorrell.
- ❖ Judith and Wes Warren have two graduating grandchildren:
 - ANNA JORDAAN** will graduate from Colorado Academy in Denver, CO. She then plans to enter the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD where she aspires to play on the tennis team.
 - RICHTER JORDAAN** will graduate from M.I.T. University in Cambridge, MA. He plans to pursue his PhD in math at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA.
- ❖ Norm and Andi Argast have two graduating granddaughters:
 - SARAH ELIZABETH KAMINSKY** will graduate from Villanova University in Villanova, PA with a Masters in Biochemical Engineering.
 - EMILY ROSE KAMINSKY** will graduate from Fordham University in Bronx, NY with a Masters in social work.
- ❖ **JOSHUA KERR** will graduate from St. Francis High School in Traverse City, MI and plans to attend Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT this fall. Joshua is the grandson of Joe and Sue Kerr.
- ❖ **KAITLYN MITCHELL** will graduate from Science Hill High School in Johnson City, TN. She will attend the University of Alabama in the fall, majoring in Communicative Disorders and will do her Masters in speech pathology. Kaitlyn is the granddaughter of Dave and Linda Haleks.
- ❖ **BROOKS HAVLYN RISHER** will graduate from Hilton Head Island High School and plans to attend Hamilton College in Clinton, NY in the fall as part of their women's swim team. Brooks is the daughter of Tom and Jennifer Risher and the granddaughter of Tom and Dianne Risher.
- ❖ **LILAH GRACE SHEPHERD** will graduate with honors from Pautuxent High School in Lusby, MD. She plans to attend Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA in the fall. Lilah is the granddaughter of Jack and Nancy Biel.
- ❖ **WILL SNYDER** will graduate from University of Louisville in Louisville, KY with a BS in Chemical Engineering. Will is the grandson of Bob and Karen Gentzler.
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