

HOLMDEL COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 31, 2026 – Trinity Sunday

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40 W. Main Street, Holmdel, NJ 07733

*Our mission is to deepen our relationship with God,
follow Jesus in service to our community,
and work for justice and peace.*

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

bold type denotes collective response

❖ means please rise in body or in spirit.

Large print bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Hearing enhancement devices are also available.

Please remember to turn off your cell phones.

Words for Meditation:

**A purpose is not an objective, it's not a mission statement –
a purpose is an unambiguous expression of that which
people jointly wish to become.**

- Dee Hock quoted
in *Impact Networks*

PRELUDE

Go Gently

Suzanne Ciani

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

❖ GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

(Don't forget to turn around and wave to our church family online!)

INTROIT

Go Into the World

Natalie Sleeth

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 8)*

Vera Kradjel

O Holy God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name
in all the earth!

We admire the work of your hands.

O Holy God, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name
in all the earth!

Who are we that you come to us, empower us and give us rest?

O Holy God, our Companion, how majestic is your name
in all the earth!

**Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory!
How majestic are your many names in all the earth!**

❖ OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

No. 2

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

Voice, Body, Spirit, we acknowledge your presence gathering us together as your church. Today, may we encounter you in new ways. May we find a joyful resting place in you and with one another. You have made us in your image and enabled us to be in community with you, O God. You call us to service, justice with peace-making, and caretaking. Most of all, you invite us to love and to be loved. Let your name be praised. Let us receive your word. Let us embrace and live your truth. Amen.

❖ GLORIA

to the tune of No. 35

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amanda Spagnolia

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Great Commission

Mary Kay Beall
& John Carter

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 8

Vera Kradjel

Matt 28:16-20

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

SERMON

"Ours the Journey"

❖ HYMN

Creator God, Creating Still

No. 62

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity

Vera Kradjel

Musical Offering

Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh

❖ Doxology (*Tune is Old Hundredth*)

No. 48

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer ending with the *Casa del Sol* version of *The Lord's Prayer*

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.**

**May we know your presence; may your longings
be our longings in heart and in action.**

**May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.**

**Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.**

**Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.**

**For the light of life, the vitality of life,
and the glory of life are yours now and forever.**

Amen.

❖ CLOSING HYMN

Ours the Journey

**No. 458,
v. 1 & 4**

❖ BENEDICTION

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Lorie Line

*After the Postlude, you are invited to join us next door.
This is a wonderful opportunity for us
to connect with one another; coffee and refreshments served!*

Liturgical Resources: D. Hock cf. *Impact Networks* by David Ehrlichman
(BK Pub., 2021)

Portions of liturgy from *Worship Ways* @ ucc.org

Trinity Sunday – Yr A by Rev. Dr. C. Lindsay.

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Land Acknowledgement: Our buildings stand on the ancestral land of the Munsee Lenape, Lenape Haki-nk (Lenni-Lenape). We acknowledge these Indigenous Peoples and decry the unjust taking of their land, the unfulfilled promises of U.S. treaties granting land access, and the still unresolved traumas of forced migration, genocide, and theft. We acknowledge and affirm Native American values and Indigenous cultures while holding space for atonement and healing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for visiting with us today! It is a pleasure to have you here. Feel free to get information about our church from the table by the church entrance. Please sign our guest book by the door, so that we can send you our monthly newsletter and other information (make sure to include an email address!).

Thanks to today's **Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Nada B. Sellers, Minister; Vera Kradjel, Liturgist;

Susan F. Davies, Minister of Music; Amanda Spagnolia, Children's Minister;

Michelle Ucciferri, Slide Changer; Karen Chesney, Greeter/Usher;

Stephen Polly, Sound Board Operator

PastorRev. Nada B. Sellers
Ministers Members of the Church
Minister of Music Susan F. Davies
Children's Minister Amanda Spagnolia
Office Manager.....Lynn C. Hudzik

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Celebrate 250th Anniversary of our County
with Monmouth County! Scan the QR Code
at right to participate in the HCUCC
Contribution to this wonderful and fun
event throughout the month of May!



TODAY!

2nd Hour, May 31
Seeking the Way of Welcome:
Reflections from a Pilgrimage along the Camino Sanabrés

This spring I completed a seven-day bicycle pilgrimage along Spain's Camino Sanabrés, an ancient route leading to Santiago de Compostela.

On May 31, I will share a special second hour with photographs, stories from the road, and reflection on what the pilgrimage taught me about welcome, humility, gratitude, and spiritual growth in everyday life. I hope you will join me as we consider how these simple practices can shape our lives of faith and our life together as a church community.



Current Cybersecurity Threat Environment (NJCCIC)

Monday, June 1

Crimes Against Children (NJSP)

Tuesday, June 2

764 NVE / Sextortion (NJOHSP / FBI)

Wednesday, June 3

Elderly Fraud / House of Worship Fraud (NJSP)

Thursday, June 4

IC3 Overview (FBI)

Friday, June 5

The Interfaith Advisory Council Cybersecurity Program will be conducted fully virtually via Zoom and will run each evening from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Register Here:



MAY	JUNE					
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10am Service	9:15am-11:15am Postcarding at Bell Work	7:15pm Scouts	2pm Care Team	6pm-7pm Elderly Fraud Webinar (See flyer in bulletin)	7pm-9pm Girl Scouts	10am Meditation with Grace
2nd Hour: Howard Kradjel's Pilgrimage: Seeking the Way of Welcome			7pm Worship & Music	6:30pm-8:30pm MOCA Gathering at Tino's in Red Bank		Font Color Key
			8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		Conference Rm Fellowship Hall Zoom or Other Sanctuary

American Cancer Society

fundraiser

Natasha Beck-King is running the Philadelphia Marathon on November 22nd with the American Cancer Society. This fundraiser helps continue ACS's work to end cancer. After losing two grandparents to cancer, this fundraiser is incredibly personal. Every mile ran is a mile for both her Granny and Pepa.

Please consider donating what you can to the link below. With your help, we can reach our goal of ending cancer forever!

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/BK>



Open and Affirming Statement of 2009

We rejoice in the good news that in Jesus Christ we find that we are all God's children through faith without distinction. (See Galatians 3:26-28)

God calls all faithful people together to be a community of justice and peace. We lament that throughout history, and even in our own time, churches have silently allowed or actively called for hatred, hostility, and exclusion, and have failed to live up to God's call to inclusion and sanctuary.

Therefore we, the members of Holmdel Community United Church of Christ, covenant together to welcome and embrace all people into the life and ministry of our congregation regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, age, mental and physical condition, race, ethnicity, nationality, or economic status. With God's help, we promise to be a church of open arms and open doors, and to celebrate the diversity that reflects the glory of God's creation. We seek to live as a compassionate community united by faith and diverse in its expression.

Join Us



Sunday June 14 after service

**Franks, burgers, veggie burgers, and drinks will be provided.
Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.**

RSVP to Regina 732 320-6210 regcris35@gmail.com

Celebrate the father figures in your lives!

HCUCC Fathering Sunday Brunch



Sunday, June 21

(during Coffee Hour)

Go to <http://bit.ly/3PJQ7cO>
if you are able to provide
donations of food. Please
contact Sue Field \at
sfield@georgian.edu for any
additional questions.

MENU

**Philly Cheesesteak Sandwiches
(with Chicken and Vegetarian options)**

Greek Salad

Waffle Fries

Bloody Marys

Truffle torte

Coffee and Tea

Free-will donations to support the church's budget are gratefully accepted.



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ASBURY PARK PRIDE PARADE & FEST

June 7, 2026

12pm: Parade starts at
Asbury Park City Hall

11am-6pm Festival

We need:

- volunteers to staff the table
- marchers to represent us in the parade
- donations of giveaways for the table - think rainbow-themed stuff like beaded necklaces, candy, pencils etc....

Celebrate the
Freedom of Love

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