

**OBETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 31 May 2026**

**Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday\*\***

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements (*To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew*)

\*Greeting\*\*:  
No one has ever seen God;  
**If we love one another,  
God lives in us, and God's love  
is perfected in us. 1 John 4:12 Alt.)**

\*Praise Choruses: 2023 "How Majestic Is Your Name"  
3017 "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

\*Opening Prayer\*\*:  
Everlasting God:  
You have revealed yourself as Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit,  
and ever live and reign in the perfect unity  
of love.  
**Grant that we may always hold  
firmly and joyfully to this faith,  
and, living in praise of your divine majesty,  
may finally be one in you;  
who are three persons in one God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**  
*(Church of South India, 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Opening Hymn: 64 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 79 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"  
*(Verse 4 only)*

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalter: 743 *(Response 1)* Psalm 8

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Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

\*Hymn of Preparation: 77 "How Great Thou Art"

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

\*Affirmation of Faith: 85 "We Believe in One True God"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Children's Time

\*The Peace: Let us offer one another  
signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer  
ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering

\*Doxology: 92 *(Verses 1,4, 6)* "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Prayer of Dedication: 456 "For the Courage to Do Justice"

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 2241 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

\*Closing Prayer: 669 "The Apostolic Blessing"

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

\*Going Forth

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\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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**“Peace with Justice Sunday: Observed the first Sunday after Pentecost, this day witnesses to God’s demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world;”**

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY PRAYER\*\*:**

(Response: **O Lord, deliver us**)

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,  
and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others, **R**

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill, **R**

From trusting in the weapons of war,  
and mistrusting the councils of peace, **R**

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations, **R**

From suspicions and fears that stand  
in the way of reconciliation, **R**

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice,  
and hatred;

from everything that prevents us from fulfilling  
your promise of peace, **R**

**Amen.** (U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent., Alt.)