**Bearing Fruit – May 30, 2021**

**Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day Weekend**

Trinity Sunday is a day to remember that our God is One—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—something totally other than what we are and can ever completely understand. The Bible, in both the Old and the New Testaments, alludes to God active in the world in this manner, though the word *trinity* is never used.

Trinity Sunday is a transition Sunday. The first half of the Christian year, from Advent to Pentecost, is devoted to tracing the grand arc of God’s saving action in Jesus Christ. The second half is a long stretch called Ordinary Time or Kingdomtide (from Pentecost Sunday to Christ the King Sunday). Ordinary doesn’t mean second rate, but every day. “Every day we live the Kingdom considering all the implications of God’s salvation in Jesus Christ.” (Philip Reidners)

Generally, Trinity Sunday’s color is white, but we intentionally kept the red of Pentecost up because we will be looking at the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

Today we welcome Karen Archbold as our substitute music director and her husband, Tim Archbold, as our cellist. We also welcome their three delightful daughters: Eleanor and Lucy, who play violin and viola respectively, and Abigail, who will help us center on God as we worship by lighting our candles during our opening prayer. Karen is a friend to many in the congregation. She has studied widely both in the United States and Europe. Karen also has a great love and appreciation for vocal and instrumental chamber works and has performed often (before the pandemic) in small ensembles. She currently performs with her husband, specializing in Australian works for voice and cello. Karen teaches private voice lessons at her home in Wheaton. Thank you, Archbold family.

Our flags are in front of our sanctuary today in honor of Memorial Day. With gratitude and honor we remember those who have died while in service to our country.

**With choicest flowers of springtime....let us in this solemn presence renew**

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