

Let's Worship God Together!

May 31, 2026

Prelude

Aly Soriano

Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

(We are so glad that you've chosen to worship with us today. If you are a visitor, we'd love for you to share with us a visitor card as found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. We want you to know how happy we are that you are here! Nursery/ Sunday School is available downstairs for babies – 5th grade Our 2nd – 5th graders stay in service until after Children's message & then go to Sunday School.)

Vocal Call to Worship

"Move"

Lucas Baughcum

By Jesus Culture

Denise Anderson

*Call to Worship

One: Who is like you, O Lord?

Many: You are not man. You are not woman. Bounds of humanity do not divine you.

One: Who is like you, O Lord?

Many: We are but drops. You are the ocean.

One: Who is like you, O Lord?

Many: We are grains of sand. You are the Great Mystery.

One: Who is like you, O God?

Many: In awe and adoration, we gather to worship. We gather to remember that you are God and we are not.

*Hymn of Celebration

"Let All Things Now Living"

No. 717

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

We are a world that is desperate for you, God. When powers struggle for dominance, and war, oppression and abuse result; when groups of people oppose one another because of ideology, religion or culture; we need a God who is bigger than ourselves, and our personal interests. ***(Prayer may be offered for specific areas of conflict in the world.)***

When people are disregarded and devalued because of poverty, geography or disease; when compassion and justice is withheld to some because of sexuality, race or gender; we need a Savior who is more compassionate than we are who includes even those we would exclude. ***(Prayer may be offered for specific people and places of suffering in the world.)***

When resources are mismanaged and abused, and the world and its creatures are destroyed; when motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply to address the challenges that we face; we need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative than we

could ever be. ***(Prayer may be offered for specific challenges and issues that you struggle with)***

Lord God, Loving Savior, Empowering Spirit, we offer you these prayers because we need you so desperately. Captivate us, call us and fill us, that we may be carriers of your eternal life to this world that you love so dearly. As we pray the prayer, Jesus you taught your disciples saying:

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, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 259

Children's Moment

Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Singing the Psalm

Psalm 8

Psalter 728

Giving our Gifts

You can give online through fccathens.org or at the offering plates as it is passed. As always, we are thankful for your generous support of the mission of our church!

Offertory

Aly Soriano

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God, above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

*Offertory Prayer

Denise Anderson

Just as God has created a multitude of diversity to inhabit the earth, God calls us to correct unjust systems that privilege some bodies over others. May we share our gifts to support the church's work towards disrupting injustice. Amen

Choral Offering

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

OT, page 455

Sermon *"Brave Conversations: When We Speak of God"* Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Music for Meditation *"He Knows My Name"* *Lauren Smith
by the Mcrae's*

Gathering at the Communion Table

(We celebrate an open communion table and welcome all to participate, adults and children alike from all denominational backgrounds. If you sit in the balcony, elements are available at the back on the table. Gluten free communion is also available.)

Invitation to Communion Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Song of Preparation *"Holy Ground"* **No. 112**

Prayer for Communion Sandra Ginn

Sharing Communion Together

(At this time, you may come forward if you are able to receive communion from the pastor, then go to your seat to eat/ drink when given instructions. If you would like us to bring communion to you, raise your hand and an elder will come to you. When finished, place the empty cups in the pew holder in front of you.)

*Commitment Hymn *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* **No. 22**

Life of the Church and Benediction Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Closing Song *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* Refrain
*Sweet, Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove. Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we
have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

Postlude Aly Soriano

Worship Servants Today:

Counters: Susan Mull and Mary Ann Maxwell

Offering: Josh and Karmen Knott

Musicians: Aly Soriano

May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
268 West Dougherty Street
Athens, Georgia 3060
Rev. Elizabeth Hagan, Minister
www.fccathens.org

The Life of the Church

- Our Brave Conversation Series continues next week. What does it mean to have an evolving faith?
- Mark your calendars now for our Intergenerational VBS August 1-2nd at the church!
- This month the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank requests peanut butter, canned beans and cleaning supplies which you can bring to the box in the fellowship hall as part of your weekly offering!

Concerns of the Church

Church members at home:

Mary Beussee
Betty Simmons
Lavonda Cheek
Mike Copas
Gloria O'Riley
Pat Jameson
Ronnie Edgar
Stacy, Kyle & Benjamin Kimmel
Angela Antans
Ann Strawser

Friends of our congregation:

Ron Bates (Friend of Rick Leffel)
John Goldsack (Friend of the VanDycks)
Brooke Korum (friend of Kristin Pope)
Martha Smith (Jeana Allgood's mother)
Gloria Parker (Mallory Reiter's grandmother)
Emily Faith Sir Louis
Russell Sloan (Angie Townsend's son)
Rachel Hagan (Kevin Hagan's mother)
Lauren McClusky (Marguerite Burch's granddaughter)
Carol Lowe (Extended family member of Mike and Marilyn Hiott)
Karen Dolezol (friend of Angela Antans)
Joe Cobb Burch (nephew of Marguerite Burch)
Bill Jordan (son-in-law of Marguerite Burch)