



Shaped by the Story

Creation and the Virtue of Humility

June 15, 2025 + Trinity Sunday

Humility is the root, mother, nurse, foundation, and bond of all virtue.
John Chrysostom (4th c.)

Crossing the Threshold

Praying with St. Francis

*Wisdom, simplicity,
Poverty, humility.
Holy love and surrender.
God within all.
Vices face away,
As these virtues guide my way.
Help me walk in obedience,
God over all.
This is my mission,
Perfect submission.
This I desire, this my soul loves.
Virtues transcending,
Grace never ending.
This I desire, this my soul loves.*

"This My Soul Loves"

Praying with Our Bodies

Being the Bridge

*Created world. Creative world.
Between two worlds a bridge.
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Between two worlds a bridge.*

"Created World, Creative World"

*Be sure you understand this, be sure you understand.
Be sure you understand this, between two worlds a bridge.*

*You yourself, within yourself,
Between two worlds, a bridge.
You yourself, within yourself,
Between two worlds, a bridge.*

Contemplating the Story

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17

And the LORD God formed the human of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life. And the human became a living soul. And the LORD God planted a Garden in Eden, in the East. And there he put the human whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the Tree of Life also in the midst of the Garden, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil....

And the LORD God took the human and caused him to rest in the Garden of Eden, to serve it and to protect it. And the LORD God commanded the human, "You may freely eat of every Tree of the Garden, but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Meditation

Song of Response

"The Heart You Require"

*A Heart of devotion that loves who you are,
Contented to rest in your presence.
A heart of reflection in love with your word,
That's seeking your wisdom and guidance.
A heart full of action that loves as you love,
That selflessly lives out your calling.
Devotion, reflection, and action combined,
This is the heart you require.*

*To act justly,
and love mercy,
And walk humbly with you, God.
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and love mercy,
And walk humbly with you, God.*

Offering Ourselves

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in the "Temple" of your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Abba, Spirit, Jesus, Beloved or Light.

Returning to the Source

"Grounded in You"

*Every mountain points the way to you.
Every clump of earth,
Recalls how we were made.
Every rock sings out,
Songs of faithfulness,
And reminds us all that is true:
We are grounded in you.*

Receiving Holy Communion

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Receiving a Good Word



Our Staff

Haley Brown – Associate Director of The Anchor House

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Quartet

Jimena Montserrat – Soprano, **Krista Pape** – Alto, **Dallas Gray** – Tenor, **Nathan Holmes** – Bass

Today's Music

'This My Soul Loves' – Peter Johns, **'Created World, Creative World'** – Michael Sciretti Jr.,

'The Heart You Require' – Peter Johns, **'Grounded in You'** – Peter Johns.

For information about The Center for Christian Spirituality and upcoming events, visit:

www.TheCenterFCS.org.

Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

Centering Prayer

Immediately following worship | The Chapel

Worship Response

10:00 a.m. | The Anchor House

Poetry Circle

Tuesday, June 17 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for the next meeting of the Poetry Circle with Mark Jodon. The Center's poetry circle will share and critique our poems, explore poetic forms and devices, try our hands at writing prompts, and grow together in fellowship and community. This circle is for anyone who loves poetry, no matter your writing experience level. For more information, contact Mark Jodon at MJodon@littler.com

Summer Solstice

Saturday, June 21 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come take a "pause" in your journey with us. There are lots of options for this drop-in, come and go, night of prayer and creativity on the Summer Solstice. There will be opportunities to walk the labyrinth outside as well as inside, create a SoulCollage card, or simply sit and bask in the last hours of light on the longest day of the year with a cup of coffee and labyrinth cookie!



Community Gathering and Potluck

Sunday, June 29 | The Anchor House | Immediately following worship

Join us for a community gathering and potluck in The Anchor House for a time of fellowship before we break for our time of sabbath during July. Bring your favorite summer sweet or savory dish to share. The Anchor House will be open before worship for folks to drop off their dish.

The Anchor House Hours

Resumes August 19

The Anchor House Hours are suspended for the summer, from May 26 through August 18. You may still schedule time at the Anchor House during the summer. If you would like to request a room for spiritual direction, counseling, or for your own time of retreat, please contact Haley. Regular Anchor House Hours will resume on August 19.

Holding One Another in the Light

As our commitment to one another deepens, we want to be able to pray for one another – bearing burdens and joining in celebrations. Here is how to participate:

1. *Make a request for prayer or thanksgiving using the QR link or go to thecenterfcs.org*
2. *Opt in to receive the weekly prayer list by emailing Rachel.*
3. *Then spend time holding one another in the Light.*

