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**April 12, 2026**

**9:00am**

***Second Sunday after Easter***

**Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young**

***Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!***

*Easter Sunday begins the fifty days of the Easter season with the story of the empty tomb and the charge by the messenger to “go and tell!” For the next forty days – until Ascension Day – Christians tell and retell stories of Jesus’ first followers who encountered him against all hope – amidst doubt, fear, and longing – risen from the dead.*

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\*Please stand as you are able; **BOLD** print - congregational response

\*All words provided on the screen

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## TIME OF SHARING

### GREETING

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!  
We gather this morning in the name of the Triune God, The Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

PRELUDE "A Joyous Acclamation"

**Doug Mummert**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.  
**When we abide in the love of Christ . . . love, joy, and peace grow.**

We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.

**With the faithful of every race, tribe, people and nation we sing: Blessing, glory wisdom, thanks honor and might to be God for ever. Amen.**

### \*HYMN #240 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

#### \*PRAYER

**Adam Blevins**

**Dear God, we gather here today with open minds and grateful hearts. Fill us with your Spirit and peace. Lord, hold our hands and guide us as we praise your holy name. We love you and worship you alone. Amen.**

#### \*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #240 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (V1)

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!*

*Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!*

*Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!*

*Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask your**

**forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way that love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.**

*(Moment of Silent Prayer)*

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Take Heart: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. We are forgiven people. Amen.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30AM)

#### SCRIPTURES

##### ***1 Peter 1:3-9***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

##### ***John 20:19-31***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my

God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

<sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

Kara Young

HYMN #242 “The Strife is O’er”

PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope.**

**We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibilities.**

**We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry, who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture, who calls us by name to enter the dance of life.**

**We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave the tomb-like safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully.**

**We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church. And making us people who practice kindness, encourage beauty and work for justice and freedom.**

**We believe we are an Easter people, a sign, that with God all things are possible. Amen.**

\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

Through Christ, we receive “an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.” Let us express our gratitude to God by sharing the gifts we receive. Let us bring our material offerings for tangible ministry to spread the good news in our community and world.

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #236 “Halleluja” (2X)

*Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Autumn Blevins**

**Gracious God, you are the giver and the provider of all things. We give thanks for who you are and what you have given. We ask that this offering honor you. Amen.**

\*HYMN #253 “Yours Is the Glory”

\*FINAL BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE “Easter Voluntary”

**Doug Mummert**

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**\*\*\*\* For an updated prayer list, please check the front table of the Gathering Area. Please call the office to be removed.**



**In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the wider community of what is happening in our church, the Communications Committee is seeking information to pass on. If your committee is doing something you would like to share, please let the Communications Committee know.**

**The “info. gatherer” for the month of April is Ruth Krietz. Contact her at 717-337-1395 where you may leave a message, or at [ruthkrietz@gmail.com](mailto:ruthkrietz@gmail.com) . Thanks for your input.**

**DID YOU KNOW? April is National Volunteer Month.** Trinity has many volunteers. Take a minute to thank one. By the way . . . Trinity is in need of volunteers - Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, and Acolytes. Please let the office know if you would be interested in volunteering for one of these positions. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**COME TO CHURCH – STAY FOR LUNCH (Soup n’ Sandwich) April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**following the 10:30am worship. Please be sure to sign-up so enough food is prepared.**  
Menu: Crab Soup, BLT’s sandwiches, and assorted desserts.

**PIZZA AND HANG TIME – April 26<sup>th</sup> -6:00pm-8:00pm** – Bring at least one friend. Bring games, cards and yourself. Hang Time is unscripted and full of surprises! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT!!!! Who doesn’t love Pizza! Sign-up in the Gathering Area.

**TRINITY’S READING GROUP IS RE-CONVENING.** We look forward to reading and discussing *Small Victories* by Anne Lamott during the month of May. **We will meet on the first and third Thursdays of May from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the church.** The book focuses on finding joy, hope and faith in the midst of both tough and easy times. One reviewer said it was both “profound and hilarious”. If you wish to join us, please sign up in the Gathering Area. **If you wish to buy a book, please add that request to the sign-up sheet, and a book will be ordered for you. Readers will cover the cost of their book.** If you have any questions, please see Cathy Hammons or Jane Malone. We look forward to an interesting and helpful Spring discussion.

**MISSION TRIP: August 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup> @ Appalachian South Forklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia.** Join us for Trinity’s very first Mission Trip! You must be at least 13 yrs old to 99 yrs young. There is no cost to this week of mission! Financing will come from our New Ministries Initiatives Fund. We will be working with the Forklife Center’s 55-year-old Workcamp Program while experiencing the cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of Appalachia!

**ATTENDANCE: Maundy Thursday 7:00pm 29; Easter Sunday 6:30am 12; 9:00am 84; On-line 102; TOTAL 215**

**FINANCE REPORT 4/5:**

**Envelope Offering Need: \$51,968.00      Envelope Offering Rec’d: \$43,279.82**  
**Property Fund Need: \$5,390.00              Property Offering Rec’d: \$2,197.50**

**THIS WEEK**

**Today, 4/12:** Pastor Fred off  
Kara Young is leading worship  
12:30p-4:30p MDANA – *Fellowship Hall*

**Monday, 4/13:** Pastor Fred off

**Tuesday, 4/14:** Pastor Fred off

**Wednesday, 4/15:** Pastor Fred off  
7:00pm Choir - *Sanctuary*

**Thursday, April 16:** Pastor Fred off  
CONSISTORY REPORTS DUE

**Friday, 4/17:** Pastor Fred - off  
9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*

**Saturday, 4/18:** Pastor Fred – off

**Next Sunday, 4/19:** Come to Church – Stay for Lunch Soup n' Sandwich

**\*\*\* PASTOR FRED IS OUT OF THE OFFICE/CHURCH  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Carl Glover 717-253-1402 is the On-Call-Pastor for emergencies.**

**Worship Participants**

**Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young**

**Cindy Blevins** 8:00am      **Rylan Weiant** 10:30am

**Sara Shank**

**Doug Mummert** 10:30am

**Mark Luckenbaugh**

**Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert**

8:00am      **Carl Barrick** 10:30am

**Bonnie Smith**

**Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Russell Bailey,**

**Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Ruth Krietz, Terry Krietz,**

**Garrison Redding, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.**

Pastor

Liturgists

Organist/Choir Director

Guest Organist

Percussionist

Greeters

Usher

Acolyte

Tech Team

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

St. 1 transl., *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

St. 2–5 transl., *The New Century Hymnal*, 1994

1. Je-sus Christ is risen to-day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our tri-um-phant ho-ly day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who did once up-on the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Suf-fer to re-deem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!
  
2. To the tomb the wom-en bring, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Spic-es rich, an of-fer-ing, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Ask-ing where might Je-sus be, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sav-ior come to set us free, Al-le-lu-ia!
  
3. There the an-gel clothed in white, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Tells the news with great de-light, Al-le-lu-ia!  
This the news the an-gel gives, Al-le-lu-ia!  
That the Sov-ereign glo-rious lives, Al-le-lu-ia!
  
4. “Has-ten now to Gal-i-lee,” Al-le-lu-ia!  
“Tell the oth-ers what you see!” Al-le-lu-ia!  
With ex-cite-ment trem-bling, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Off they run, good news to bring, Al-le-lu-ia!
  
5. Christ ap-pears in full ar-ray, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sing with joy this Pas-chal day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ now from the dead is raised, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Ho-ly Trin-i-ty be praised, Al-le-lu-ia!

Matt. 28:1–10; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–10

## The Strife Is O'er

Latin, c. 1695

Transl. Francis Pott, 1861; alt.

*Refrain: (sung before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat-tle done,  
the vic-to-ry of life is won;  
The song of tri-umph has be-gun. Al-le-lu-ia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their le-gions has dis-persed:  
Let shouts of ho-ly joy out-burst. Al-le-lu-ia!
3. The three sad days are quick-ly sped,  
Christ ris-es glo-rious from the dead:  
All glo-ry to our ris-en Head! Al-le-lu-ia!
4. Christ, by your wounds on Cal-va-ry  
from death's dread sting your ser-vants free,  
That we may live e-ter-nal-ly. Al-le-lu-ia!

*Refrain:*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1 Cor. 15:53–57

A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!  
 (Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Edmond L. Budry, 1904  
 Transl. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1993

1. A toi la gloi-re, ô Res-sus-ci-té!  
 A toi la vic-toi-re, pour l'é-ter-ni-té!  
 Bril-lant de lu-mière, l'ange est de-scen-du,  
 il rou-le la pier-re du tom-beau vain-cu.  
 A toi la gloi-re, ô Res-sus-ci-té!  
 A toi la vic-toi-re, pour l'é-ter-ni-té!
  
1. Yours is the glo-ry, Res-ur-rect-ed One!  
 End-less is the vic-tory you o'er death have won.  
 An-gels clothed in ra-diance rolled the stone a-way;  
 con-quer-ed is the grave in which your bod-y lay.  
 Yours is the glo-ry, Res-ur-rect-ed One!  
 End-less is the vic-tory you o'er death have won.
  
2. See, it is Je-sus, Je-sus has ap-peared;  
 do not doubt at all for noth-ing you will fear.  
 Let the church with glad-ness hymns of tri-umph sing;  
 tell it with-out ceas-ing: Death has lost its sting.  
 Yours is the glo-ry, Res-ur-rect-ed One!  
 End-less is the vic-tory you o'er death have won.

EASTER SEASON

3. Am I still fright-ened? One whom I a-dore,  
Je-sus, lives a-gain, gives peace for-ev-er-more.  
Je-sus is my vic-tory, life and strength and Head;  
Je-sus is my glo-ry, noth-ing shall I dread.  
Yours is the glo-ry, Res-ur-rect-ed One!  
End-less is the vic-tory you o'er death have won.

Matt. 28:1–10; John 20:19–29; 1 Cor. 15:54–55