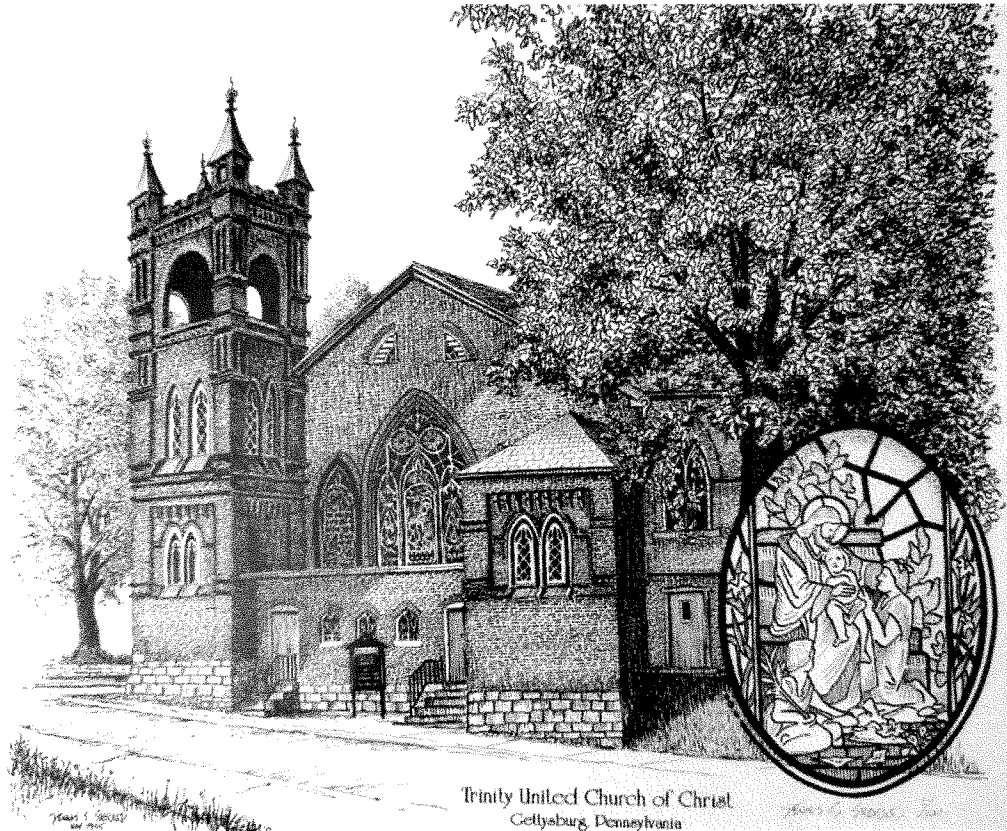


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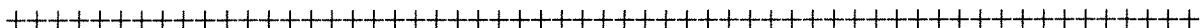
Third Sunday after Easter

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.*



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 "Abide with Me"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rising One, come to us this day. Transform dark to light.

Returning One, come to us this day. Hear and then soften the sounds of my cries.

Rising One, come to us this day. Wake us and move us to dance.

Returning One, come to us this day. Sing in us songs of peace.

Rising One, come to us this day, appear over and over again.

Returning One, turn toward us as we turn toward you during this season of Easter.

*HYMN #471 "What a Covenant"

*PRAYER

Pat Ziegler

Spirit of God, we come together once more to listen to your word.

As we pause from our routines and concerns that tend to overwhelm us, we pray that you remove the static of our busyness beyond these walls, so we may hear more clearly and understand your intentions for us this week.

Softens our hearts that we may feel that pain of brothers and Sisters who pass our way.

Instill in us a willingness to show interest in their story. Open our minds that we may envision ways to bring kindness into their lives by thought, word or deed.

Teach us the joy of being a faithful servant. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #99 "Abide With Me" (V1)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;

The shadows deepen, Lord, with me abide;

When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Surprises, God of Resurrection, God of Unity, we are still celebrating Easter! And in our excitement, we can be blind to what is happening around us. Most of the time we are still unsure about how to live out the message of resurrection. Hate and fear fill seep into our hearts and minds from our surrounding culture. We know this is not the oneness in you that you call us to be. Give us the courage to fully open ourselves to you and to follow you so that we become your hands, feet, love and presence while we walk with you in your world. Amen.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

With our confession we are assured of God's grace. Whoever we are, whatever our story, wherever we find ourselves, God loves us. Praise be to God! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:00am)	"A Holy Jesus"	Speros Marinos
ANTHEM (10:30am)	"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"	Senior Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 1:14-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What

are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

HYMN #284 **"Blessed Quietness"**

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**

Bountiful are God's gifts to us. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #236 "Halleluja" (2X)**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Along with these offerings we bring our hope that you continue to open our eyes to Jesus just as you did for the travelers on the road to Emmaus. Help us to see all of creation – the world and all who live in it – through your eyes. Help us to see and act, listen and pray, feel and respond to your larger vision of what can be. Help us to grow in you. Amen.

***HYMN #473 "Blessed Assurance"**

***FINAL BLESSING**

Carl Glover

May the blessings of God be with you. Go now in peace. The work of peace is in your hands. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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CENTERPIECE: Dedicated to all of Trinity's volunteers. You are greatly appreciated. In honor of all of you all! THANK YOU! by Deb & Bruce.

*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 717-337-1395 or ruthkrietz@gmail.com. Cathy Hammons is for the month of May 202-445-7535 or chammons1@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!

BINGO April 25th: Tickets are sold-out but we could use volunteers to help in the kitchen, please arrive by 4:15pm. Congregation is asked to donate desserts for this event as well. Please call the office if you can help in the kitchen.

PIZZA AND HANG TIME – April 26th -6:00pm-8:00pm – Bring at least one friend, games, cards and yourself. Hang Time is unscripted and full of surprises! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT!!!! Sign-up in the Gathering Area.

JUST A REMINDER THAT *THE BLESSING ROOM WILL BE OPEN MONDAY, APRIL 27th FROM 10:00AM-11:00AM.* Supplies are needed (list in the Gathering Area), as well as volunteers to help set up and tear down. Please arrive at 9:00am to help set-up. Tearing down takes about an hour. Remember, anything you use, they use. **NO oral drugs please!**

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 at the church on the first and third Thursdays of May from 2pm to 4pm 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 2nd – August 8th @ 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! Financing will come from our New Ministries Initiatives Fund. We will be working with the Folklife Center’s 55-year-old Workcamp Program while experiencing the cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of Appalachia!

THIS WEEK

Today, 4/19: Come to Church – Stay for Lunch

Tuesday, 4/21: 1:15pm Spiritual Council -*Parlor*
2:00pm Consistory – *Sunday School Room*

Wednesday, 4/22: NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
7:00pm Choir - *Sanctuary*

Thursday, 4/23: 8:45am-10:15am DEB/BRUCE OUT for 1-1/2 hours

Friday, 4/24: 9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, 4/25: 6:00pm – Polish Pottery Bingo – Sold-Out – Volunteers needed.

Next Sunday, 4/26: 6:00pm – 8:00pm Youth Hang Time

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young			Pastor	
Jane Malone	<i>8:00am</i>	Catherine Hammons	<i>10:30am</i>	Liturgists
Sara Shank				Organist/Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh				Percussionist
Sandy Busche, Suhua Dong				Greeters
Scott Breininger	<i>8:00am</i>	Janet Sheely	<i>10:30am</i>	Usher
Bonnie Smith				Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Russell Bailey,				Tech Team
Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Ruth Krietz, Terry Krietz,				
Garrison Redding, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.				

ATTENDANCE 4/12: 8:00am 17; 10:30am 29; On-line 106; Total 152

FINANCE REPORT 4/12:

Envelope Offering Need: \$55,680.00 **Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$45,152.14**

Property Fund Need: \$5,775.00 **Property Offering Rec'd: \$2,307.50**

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1. What a cov-e-nant, what a joy di-vine,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all a-larms;
lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain:

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?
I have bless-ed peace with my Sav-ior near,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain:

Deut. 33:27

Joys Are Flowing like a River

(Blessed Quietness)

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.

1. Joys are flow-ing like a riv-er, since the Com-fort-er has come;
Christ a-bides with us for-ev-er, makes the trust-ing heart a home.
Blessed quietness, holy qui-et-ness, what as-sur-ance in my soul.
On the storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease
to roll.
2. Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a-round, this heaven-ly
Guest
Ban-ished un-be-lief and sad-ness, changed our wea-ri-ness to rest.
Blessed quietness, holy qui-et-ness, what as-sur-ance in my soul.
On the storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease
to roll.
3. Like the rain that falls from heav-en, like the sun-light from the sky,
So the Spir-it too is giv-en, com-ing on us from on high.
Blessed quietness, holy qui-et-ness, what as-sur-ance in my soul.
On the storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease
to roll.
4. See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of righ-teous-ness;
And the streams of life are flow-ing in the lone-ly wil-der-ness.
Blessed quietness, holy qui-et-ness, what as-sur-ance in my soul.
On the storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease
to roll.

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

5. What a won-der-ful sal-va-tion, when we al-ways see Christ's face,
What a per-fect hab-i-ta-tion, what a qui-et rest-ing place.
Blessed quietness, holy qui-et-ness, what as-sur-ance in my soul.
On the storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease
to roll.

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine!
O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
born of the Spir-it, washed in Christ's blood.

Refrain:

This is my sto-ry, this is my song,
prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;
This is my sto-ry, this is my song,
prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light!
Vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
An-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove
ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.

Refrain:

3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest,
I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blessed;
Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,
filled with God's good-ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain:

Acts 17:30–31; Rev. 7:9–14