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April 5, 2026 9:00am

Easter Sunday

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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GATHERING MUSIC

EASTER GREETING

PRELUDE "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

With our burdens lifted and our hearts as free as the Easter tomb,
let us greet one another in the joy Christ brings.

***HYMN #233 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing the glad song of victory; God is creating a day of newness and joy.
God is our strength and our song; this is the day of our salvation.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
The one who was rejected assures us: we are accepted and beloved by God.

We are chosen by God as witnesses to the good news.
We will live and recount the deeds of our God.
God reigns; let all nations and people rejoice.
In Christ, all shall be made alive. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CELEBRATION**

Giver of new life, we come this morning with our, Alleluias restored.
We come to worship in beauty and in truth,
because we have faith that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead.
Accept our worship, gracious God. Be present with us as
miracle, mystery, and tender hands of grace.
We celebrate the Risen Christ and join every
creature in proclaiming that Christ is worthy
to receive glory and honor and power forever and ever. Amen.

***RESPONSE TO PRAYER #233 Christ the Lord is Risen Today (v1)**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angel say: Alleluia!
Rais your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heaven, and earth reply: Alleluia!

***EASTER 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 possibility.
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.

ANTHEM
"Mercy Tree"
Senior Choir

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #241 "Joy Dawned on Easter Day"**

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

The gifts that we bring to this community compound and create resurrection power, helping us to awaken wholeness in the broken, strength in the weakened, and liberation for all living in the midst of injustice.

Let us share our generosity with each other and the community.

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

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet,
be the resurrection we need to see in the world. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God thanks and praise.

We give God thanks and praise.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

With all of our hearts, we thank you God. In love, you created all things.

In curiosity, you continue to live with your creation.

In hope, you promised to be with us to the end of the ages, and so we say,

Alleluia.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As we come to your table, God, we remember the
night that Jesus sat with his friends and disciples
who gathered together for a meal of celebration and hope.

As they were eating, Jesus looked at those who had walked with him.

He picked up the bread, gave thanks to you, God most holy,

and he broke it, and looked at them.
With all their eyes upon him, listening intently, they heard him say,
“This is my body, given for you. Eat this and remember me.”

He took a cup, filled with wine.
He gave thanks to you, God most holy, and held that cup close.
He looked at his friends and said,
**“This cup is the new covenant, in my blood.
Each time you drink it, remember me.”
And so we eat, we drink, and we remember.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

**Thank you, God: for the bread and cup, for the life and the love,
for the wisdom to walk into your world.
With your strength, our faith is strengthened.
With your love, our love grows.
Help us to share that love, strength, and faith.
Help us to accept when others share it with us that it might change the world.
In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN #245 “The Day of Resurrection”

*FINAL BLESSING

Because the tomb is empty our lives can be full, so let us
go out to every place and every day as people brimming
with the love of God. Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word,
faithful in deed. Live for the Risen Christ as Christ lives in you.
Alleluia and Amen!

*POSTLUDE

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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 . Thanks for your input.

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE: 5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS RESULTS:

March – Adams Rescue Mission- Envelopes are available in the pews and Gathering Area. Make checks payable to Trinity UCC, memo line – ARM

PIZZA AND HANG TIME – April 26th -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 2:00pm 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 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 to this week of mission! 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!

A total of 2,058 diapers and 1088 wipes were recently delivered to Tender Care. There is a need for sizes 5 – 6 diapers. Thank you for your support and please continue to donate diapers for this much needed community mission.

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ATTENDANCE 3/29: 8:00am 20 10:30am 50 On-line 127 TOTAL 197

FINANCE REPORT 3/29:

Envelope Offering Need: \$48,256.00 Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$40,287.82

Property Fund Need: \$5,005.00 Property Offering Rec'd: \$2,107.50

THIS WEEK

Today, 4/5: 6:30am Early worship with Communion
Straban Township Pavilion behind Tractor Supply
9:00am Traditional worship w/Communion at TUCC

Monday, 4/6: PASTOR FRED OFF

Tuesday, 4/7: 2:00pm Outreach

Wednesday, 4/8: 6:00pm Christian Ed – *Fellowship Hall*
7:00pm Choir - *Sanctuary*

Thursday, April 9th through Saturday, April 18th – Pastor out of office/church

Friday, 4/10: Pastor Fred - Off
9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, 4/11: Private Event – *Fellowship Hall/Kitchen*

Next Sunday, 4/12: Pastor Fred – off
Kara Young – leading Worship
12:30pm-4:30pm – MDANA – *Fellowship Hall*

PASTOR FRED IS OUT OF THE OFFICE/CHURCH FROM THURSDAY, APRIL 9th THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 18th.

Kara Young will be leading the service on the 12th.

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

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young	Pastor
Ann Harvey	Liturgist
Sara Shank	Organist/Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh	Percussionist
Neil Hollabaugh, Terry Krietz	Greeters
Buck Harvey	Usher
Buck Harvey	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.	



Flowers are presented in Memory

In memory of loved ones by Cindy Barley (1 Tulip)

In memory of Carol Zeigler by Carl Barrick (1 Tulip)

In memory of Zoey by Ruth & Terry Krietz (2 Tulips)

In memory of family members passed by

Alison & Joe Lysitt (1 Tulip)

In memory of my Parents Roy & Edna Read by

Nancy MacMeekin (1 Lily)

In memory of loved ones by Jennifer Mickelson (1 Tulip)

In memory of Daniel & Alice Hoffman and Lula & Lawrence

Redding by Nina & Russel Redding (2 Lilies and 2 Tulips)

In memory of Edward Warren, Sr. by Ruby Warren

and Children - Linda, Lisa and Ed, Jr. (1 Tulip)

In memory of Henry & Miles Whitfield by

Phyllis Whitfield (2 Tulips)



Easter Flowers are presented in Honor

In honor of our children and grandchildren

by Sandy & Tom Busche (2 Tulips)

In honor of our children and grandchildren

by Deb & Bruce Guiher (2 Tulips)

In honor of my mother Jane Miller

by Karen & Neal Kendlehart (1 Tulip)

In honor of our present family members

by Alison & Joe Lysitt (1 Tulip)

In honor of Deb & Bruce Guiher for their work behind the scenes

by Jen Mickelson (1 Tulip)

In honor of our early service musicians – Sara Shank, Mark

Luckenbaugh and Speros Marinos for sharing their talents

with us by Jen Mickelson (1 Tulip)

In honor Carl Barrick and Jane Malone for their work on the

History Task Force by Jen Mickelson (1 Tulip)

In honor of the Altar Guild Teams

by Nancy MacMeekin (1 Tulip)

In honor of our family by Maryann & Ken Oelkers (2 Tulips)

In honor of the blessings of our children and their families

by Pat & Jack Ziegler (2 Tulips)

4 Tulips donated to the Church (anonymous)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Mor-tal tongues and an-gels say: Al-le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth re-ply: Al-le-lu-ia!

2. Let the Vic-tor's peo-ple sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al-le-lu-ia!
Dy-ing once, Christ lives to save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where your vic-to-ry, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!

3. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al-le-lu-ia!
Death in vain for-bids Christ rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
God has o-pened par-a-dise, Al-le-lu-ia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head, Al-le-lu-ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

Matt. 28:5–8; 1 Cor. 15:20–22; 54–57

Latin, c. 5th century

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1. Joy dawned a-gain on Eas-ter Day,
the sun shone out with bright ar-ray;
For when the A-pos-tles hid in fear,
the Ris-en Christ to them ap-peared.

2. O Je-sus, Sav-ior, Gen-tle One,
come take our hearts to be your own,
That we may give you all our days
the will-ing trib-ute of our praise.

3. O Sov-ereign One, with us a-bide
in this our joy-ful Eas-ter-tide;
From ev-ery weap-on death can wield,
your own re-deemed for-ev-er shield.

Luke 24:36–37

The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

1. The day of res-ur-rec-tion! Earth, tell it out a-broad;
the Pass-o-ver of glad-ness, the Pass-o-ver of God.
From death to life e-ter-nal, from earth un-to the sky,
our Christ has brought us o-ver with hymns of vic-to-ry.

2. Our hearts be pure from e-vil, that we may see a-right
the Christ who reigns e-ter-nal in res-ur-rec-tion light;
We lis-ten for the teach-ings once heard so calm and plain,
for we, too, want to fol-low and raise the vic-tor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joy-ful, let earth its song be-gin,
the whole world keep high tri-umph, and all that is there-in;
Let all things seen and un-seen their notes of glad-ness blend,
for Christ a-gain has ris-en, our joy that has no end.

Mark 16:1-6