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**May 10, 2026    8:00AM and 10:30AM Worship**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day*

**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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TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC      “Blessed Assurance”

**\*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, and honor be to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #283      “Spirit of the Living God” x2**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Still-speaking God, we have come here today for many reasons,  
each with our own story. May these reasons and stories be immersed in your  
Sacred Story, finding ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty of Jesus’  
teachings, life, and ministry. Through your Holy Spirit enable us to move  
boldly into the future and to fulfill the hope  
of love that Jesus taught us. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #519 “Not My Brother, nor My Sister” (V2)**

*Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it’s me, O God,  
Standing in the need of prayer;*

*Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it’s me, O God,  
Standing in the need of prayer;*

*It’s me, it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer;*

*It’s me, it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in  
Christ those who are different from us.**

**Forgive us, God.**

**For the times when we oppose you by opposing those  
who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions.**

**Forgive us, God.**

**God in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.**

*(Moment for 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. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another and give ourselves to one another in the joyful community of the risen Christ. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *(8:00am)*

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

**Speros Marinos**

ANTHEM *(10:30am)*

"I Carry You in My Heart"

**Senior Choir**

#### TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

#### SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

<sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

<sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14:15-21

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

## SERMON

HYMN #426      **“O God, Whose Steadfast Love”**

### 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.**

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH #887 The New Creed**

**We are not alone; we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God’s presence,  
to love and serve others,**

to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Let your light shine before people, so that they may see your  
good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #236 “Halleluja” (2X)**  
*Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.*  
*Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

What we have we bring:

**Our good intentions, our unknown motives,  
our uncertainties about life, our grasp of truth.  
Our time, and our uneasiness with what is.**

We offer this amid what remains unspoken.  
And affirm that it is received. Amen.

**\*HYMN #43 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my Mother, Doris Bailey, by Rusell Bailey

*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 “information gatherer” for the month of May is Cathy Hammons 202-445-7535 or [chammons1@gmail.com](mailto:chammons1@gmail.com).**

**MAY is a 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen was the second highest chosen by the Congregation from the list of suggestions. Envelopes are available in the pews and Gathering Area.

**GERANIUMS:** Purchase a Geranium (or more) for Pentecost Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> to place on the Altar. **Orders due by Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$3.00 each.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>** - Come to Church – Stay for Lunch (Soup n’ Sandwich).

**Menu:** Potato Soup, BLT’s and Assorted Desserts. Sign-up in Gathering Area to be sure enough food is prepared.

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER WORKDAY - Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-5pm**

If you need help around your house to prepare for Summer or small jobs within your home, sign-up in the Gathering Area! Or call the church office. We will come to you!

**TUCC GRADUATES!** Are you or do you know someone in our church family graduating from high school, college, military basic training, etc, please contact the office by Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please provide name, where graduating from, what plans are and/or major/degree. **We will celebrate them June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**BLESSING ROOM - Monday, May 25 from 10am - 11am** - (Help needed to set-up 9am-10am /tear down 11am-12pm). **A list of items needed is in the Gathering Area.**

**REMEMBER, if you use it, they use it!** Please keep the products coming. They have expressed their gratefulness for what we are doing. Thank you for your support!

**Members of the Social Concerns Committee**

**MISSION TRIP: August 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup> @ Appalachian South Forklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia.** There is no cost to this week of mission! Financing will come from our New Ministries Initiatives Fund. We will be working with the Center's 55-year-old Workcamp Program while experiencing the cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of Appalachia! **Sign-up by May 31<sup>st</sup> for planning purposes.**

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**ATTENDANCE 5/3:** 8:00am 17; 10:30am 42; On-line 154;  
Dinner Church 13; Total 226

**FINANCE REPORT 5/3:**

Envelope Offering Need: \$66,816.00      Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$55,738.64

Property Fund Need: \$6,930.00      Property Offering Rec'd: \$2,950.00

**THIS WEEK**

**Today, 5/10:** Happy Mother's Day!

**Monday, 5/11:** 2:00pm Care Team – *Fellowship Hall*

**Tuesday, 5/12:** 2:00pm Social Concerns - *Parlor*  
2:00pm Property – *Fellowship Hall*

**Wednesday, 5/13:** 6:00pm Worship - *Parlor*  
7:00pm Choir – *Sanctuary*

**Thursday, 5/14:** CONSISTORY COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE

**Friday, 5/15:** 9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*  
11:30am Lunch with Friends – *Heartland on Bufford Ave.*

**Next Sunday, 5/17:** Come to Church – Stay for Lunch  
1:00pm – 5:00pm Senior Work Day

# Changes Made to Trinity's Worship Service

**May 24, 2026, Pentecost Sunday, Trinity will be begin one-service Sundays.**

**Worship service will begin at 9:30am with Sunday School starting at 8:00am (as decided by Sunday School participants). Choir rehearsal and Tech Team preparations will begin at 9:00am.**

Consistory carefully studied the number-of-services questions by forming a group to weigh the pros and cons, and conducting a congregational survey. Consistory weighted its decision toward member input from the survey as well as considering impacts on Sunday School, Fellowship, Choir rehearsal, and Tech Team preparations. Consistory would like to thank all those who completed the survey and included their thoughts on the subject.

*“Ever-faithful God . . . . Help to find calm and confidence in the sure knowledge that in the midst of change, there you are! . . . . Amen.”*

A portion of a prayer by Eileen W. Lindner, taken from *These Days Daily Devotionals for Living by Faith*, March 2026.

**8:00am Sunday School**

**9:00am Choir Rehearsal**

**Tech Team Preparations**

**9:30am Worship**

## Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me;  
Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1–6; Gal. 5:25

James L. Haddix, 1986; rev. 1994

1. O God, whose stead-fast love true moth-er-hood has blessed;  
who shields the in-fant small up-on its moth-er's breast:  
Em-brace us, too, O God, our God,  
and hold us in your lov-ing arms,  
and hold us in your lov-ing arms.
2. Your prom-is-es, O God, so sure through-out the years,  
have lived in moth-ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth-ers' tears.  
So Sar-ah laughed, and Han-nah wept,  
and sing-ing Mar-y se-crets kept,  
and sing-ing Mar-y se-crets kept.
3. In your great love, O God, full par-ent-hood is known:  
a fa-ther mourns his child, a moth-er's strength is shown.  
Let par-ents' faith-ful lives un-bind  
your love that through them we might find  
Christ's deep-er love for hu-man-kind.
4. May your house-hold of faith one fam-i-ly be-come,  
that love may be in-creased and none may be a-lone;  
That moth-er's love and fa-ther's care  
and chil-dren's joy we all may share,  
and chil-dren's joy we all may share.

Gen. 18:9–15; 1 Sam. 1:1–20; Luke 1:26–56; 2:1–7

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling,  
joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing,  
all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion;  
pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion,  
en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
  
2. Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it  
in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
Let us all in you in-her-it,  
let us find your prom-ised rest;  
Take a-way our love of sin-ning;  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning,  
set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
  
3. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er,  
let us all your life re-ceive;  
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver,  
ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
You we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
love you as your an-gels love,  
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing,  
wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.

## JESUS CHRIST

4. Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion;  
pure and spot-less may we prove;  
Let us see your great sal-va-tion  
per-fect-ly re-stored in you;  
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be  
lost in won-der, love, and praise.

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27