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May 17, 2026 8:00AM and 10:30AM Worship

7th Sunday of 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.

**TODAY IS THE FINAL TWO - SERVICES SUNDAY.
NEXT SUNDAY BEGINS ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30am.**

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

GREETING

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

PRELUDE MUSIC

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!
**We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the earth quakes,
and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!**

God is sovereign over the earth, defender of the defenseless, and parent to the
orphans; God creates families for those who are alone.
God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression.

God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives,
bringing forth restoration and justice.
Sing praise to God, rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness.

Proclaim the power of God!
**O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary!
You give power and strength to your people.**

***HYMN #1 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**God most high, we gather to honor and glorify you.
Receive our invitation to dwell with us.
Enfold us in your presence and fill us
again with holy awe and mystery.
We are yours and we claim you as our God. Amen.**

***RESPONSE TO PRAYER #519 “Not My Brother, nor My Sister” (V3)**

*Not my father nor my mother but it's me, O God,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not my father, nor my mother, 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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory.
Forgive us for being self-absorbed
and choosing to live solely for ourselves.
Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit,
your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours.
Grant us courage to share in Christ's suffering,
to be his witnesses, and
to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. Amen.**

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As the Body of Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses. Each of us has our own story of what Jesus' life means for us. Through our life-stories we can convey hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, and peace where there is turmoil. Therefore, let us “clothe ourselves in humility,” sharing the Good News of Christ, that we “may all be one.” In this God is well pleased. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8am)

**“It is Well with My Soul”
Speros Marinos**

ANTHEM (10:30am)

**“Praise God with Music!”
Senior Choir**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

SERMON

HYMN #493

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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 “A 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

The author of the First Letter to Peter encourages us to humble ourselves before God so that we may be exalted by God on “the appointed day.” Let us share in today’s offering with humble spirits and generous hearts.

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

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Ever-present and loving God,
your Word tells us to cast our cares on you because you care for us.
In faith and trust we present these gifts, and ourselves, to you.**

**Bless and multiply them to meet the needs,
both hidden and apparent, of your beloved ones.
Inspire each of us to live as Christ’s witnesses, today and ever more.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #407 “How Firm a Foundation”

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of both sets of our parents by Janet & Steve Sheely.

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 by email:**

chammons1@gmail.com.

MAY is a 5th 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 May 24th to place on the Altar. **Orders due by Wednesday, May 20th. Cost is \$3.00 each.**

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 20th. Please provide name, where graduating from, what plans are and/or major/degree. **We will celebrate them June 7th, 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.**

SUMMER OUTREACH:

The growing season has begun! Please bring in your excess garden goodies. Those of us with not-so-green thumbs can then share in your harvest by placing money in the jar as "payment" for the fresh produce. **This years proceeds will go to the Independent Living Program of Adams County Children and Youth.** The staff work to engage youths 14-20 in Adams County Independent Living services and offer resources designed to support them as they transition to adulthood. After care services are offered until a youth turns 21 to continue assistance with the youth's transition to self sufficiency. More information on this program is available in the Gathering Area. **Please give generously and enjoy the fresh items.**

MISSION TRIP: August 2nd – August 8th @ Appalachian South Forklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia. **More information is available in the Gathering Area.** There is no cost to this week of mission! Financing will come from our New Ministries Initiatives Fund. **Sign-up by May 31st for planning purposes.**

GETTYSBURG CHORAL SOCIETY – “Celebrate America”

A 250th Choral Concert celebrating America.

Saturday, May 23rd @ 3:00pm. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover, PA

Sunday, May 24th @3:00pm. United Lutheran Seminary Chapel, Gettysburg, PA

FUN FEST – Friday, June 12th from 3:00pm – 5:00pm at the Gettysburg Rec Park. FunFest is a **FREE** event that celebrates the kick-off into SummerQuest, the Adams County Library System (ACLS) summer learning program. Over 60 organizations will provide activities for a fun-filled afternoon. **Check out the flyers in the Gathering Area for more information.** **Trinity will have a booth there. Come and join the fun!**

ATTENDANCE 5/10: 8:00am 18; 10:30am 46; On-line 101; Total 165

FINANCE REPORT 5/10:

Envelope Offering Need: \$70,528.00 Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$59,916.64
Property Fund Need: \$7,315.00 Property Offering Rec'd: \$3,425.00

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 5/19: 1:15pm Spiritual Council - *Parlor*
2:00pm Consistory – *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, 5/20: NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
6:00pm Christian Education – *Sunday School Room*
7:00pm Choir – *Sanctuary*

Thursday, 5/21: 8:45am – 10:15am Deb/Bruce out for about an hour and a half
2:00pm – 4:00pm Book Club – *Gathering Area*

Friday, 5/22: DEB & BRUCE OUT OF THE OFFICE/CHURCH through
Memorial Day, Monday 5/25/26.

Saturday, 5/23: 2:00pm RRP Meeting – *Parlor*

Next Sunday, 5/24: PENTECOST SUNDAY – Wear RED
One Service Sunday begins today 9:30am
Rite of Confirmation

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Jen Mickelson 8:00am	Catherine Hammons 10:30am	Liturgists
Sara Shank		Organist/Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussionist
Ann & Buck Harvey		Greeters
Jane Malone 8:00am	Joe Lysitt 10:30am	Ushers
Bonnie Smith		Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Carl Barrick,		Tech Team
George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd,		
Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.		

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**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1. Im-mor-tal, in-vis-i-ble, God on-ly wise,
in light in-ac-ces-si-ble hid from our eyes,
Most bless-ed, most glo-rious, the An-cient of Days,
al-might-y, vic-to-rious, your great name we praise.

2. Un-rest-ing, un-hast-ing, and si-lent as light,
not want-ing, not wast-ing, but rul-ing in might;
Your jus-tice like moun-tains high soar-ing a-bove,
your clouds which are foun-tains of good-ness and love.

3. Your life is life-giv-ing—to both great and small;
in all life you're liv-ing, the true life of all;
We blos-som and flour-ish as leaves and as flowers,
then with-er and per-ish—but naught dims your powers.

4. So per-fect your glo-ry, so bril-liant your light,
your an-gels a-dore you, all veil-ing their sight;
All praise we now ren-der as your an-gels do:
in awe at the splen-dor of light hid-ing you.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

O Jesus, I Have Promised

John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

1. O Je-sus, I have prom-ised to serve you to the end;
re-main for-ev-er near me, my Sav-ior and my Friend:
I shall not fear life's strug-gles if you are by my side,
nor wan-der from the path-way if you will be my guide.

2. O let me hear you speak-ing in ac-cents clear and still,
a-bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self-will!
O speak to re-as-sure me, to has-ten or con-trol!
O speak, and make me lis-ten, O guar-dian of my soul!

3. O Je-sus, you have prom-ised to all who fol-low you
that where you are in glo-ry your ser-vant shall be, too;
And, Je-sus, I have prom-ised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to fol-low my Sav-ior and my Friend!

Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4

How Firm a Foundation

“K” in John Rippon’s *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt.

1. How firm a foun-da-tion for you has been laid,
by God in the Word, in the sac-ri-fice paid!
What more can God say than to you has been said,
to you, who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?

2. “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis-mayed,
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
I’ll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand
up-held by my gra-cious, om-ni-po-tent hand.”

3. “When through the deep wa-ters I call you to go,
the riv-ers of woe shall not o-ver you flow;
For I will be with you, your trou-bles to bless,
de-liv-er-ing you from your deep-est dis-tress.”

4. “When through fi-ery tri-als your path-way shall lie,
my grace all-suf-fi-cient shall be your sup-ply;
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de-signed
your soul to make pure just as gold is re-fined.”

5. “The soul that on Je-sus has leaned for re-pose,
I will not, I will not de-sert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should en-deav-or to shake,
I’ll nev-er, no nev-er, no nev-er for-sake!”

Isa. 43:2–5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5