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May 3, 2026 8:00AM and 10:30AM Worship

Communion

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

PRELUDE MUSIC “Variations on Foundation”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is what the Lord says:

*“Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is,
and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

(Jeremiah 6:16)

Let us worship together in the name of the Triune God.
The Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

***HYMN #400 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Gracious God, we now open our eyes, ears and hearts to listen to you.
Please speak to us and give us your word, for we cannot live on bread alone.
Light up our insides with the work of the living Spirit.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***RESPONSE TO PRAYER #519 “Not My Brother, nor My Sister” (V1)**

*Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O God,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not my brother, nor my sister, 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

**Holy God, we were not able to love you with all our hearts and love
our neighbor as ourselves. We want to be forgiven yet cannot forgive others.
Please give us the grace of forgiveness so that we can get back on our feet
today. There are still conflicts in this world. Guide us with your wisdom to
overcome these tensions and live together in peace. Lead us to a new step,
free from hatred and full of hope for a better tomorrow. Amen.**

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SPECIAL MUSIC (8am)
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
Speros Marinos

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30)
Catherine Hammons

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
³You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me
from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who

believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

SERMON

HYMN #488 “Be Still My Soul”

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

God blesses us abundantly. Let us respond to this great grace, and offer good things to God with thanksgiving and devotion.

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

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, we are grateful for the blessings you have given us,
and so we now return some of them to you.**

May they be useful for the work of your church. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at the Table of Remembrance!

We use Gluten Free bread and grape juice.)

INVITATION

As we come to the table, we remember Christ who earnestly prayed for all of us even in the face of crucifixion, Christ who calls us to break bread together, and Christ who calls us to love one another. Let all those who are reminded of Christ’s love for community, for brothers and sisters who are in need, come and share this bread and this cup.

PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved.

**We rejoice that in a perfect victory over
the grave you raised Christ with power over death.**

**We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church.
With the faithful in every time and place,
we praise with joy your holy name. Amen.**

SANCTUS

#793 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND OF THE CUP

(Please come forward as the Usher directs you up the center aisle. We will form a semi-circle around the Communion Table. You will be individually served the bread first and then the cup. After we commune, the pastor will offer a benediction. Place your cups in the tray provided, return to your seat.)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God of love, let us remember this community that is being formed
around your table today. Let us take this act of communion into the
world with us as we spread the love and the message of Christ.
May it strengthen our faith, increase our generosity to neighbors, and unite
us with others around the world. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***HYMN #386 “The Church’s One Foundation”**

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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Today’s Liturgy has been adapted from:

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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.

Our condolences to Karen & Neal Kendlehart in the death of Karen's mother Jane Miller who died on Thursday, April 23rd. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace to Karen and her family.

NEWS Flash!

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" is Cathy Hammons for the month of May

202-445-7535 or chammons1@gmail.com. Thanks for your input.

MAY IS A 5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen was the second highest chosen by the Congregation on the list of suggestions. Envelopes are available in the pews and Gathering Area.

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

DINNER CHURCH: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH @ 5:30pm A gathering where all the most important things happen at the table. **Please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group.** No reservations needed. Just show up with food.

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 (7th & 21st) 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.

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH - Come to Church – Stay for Lunch (Soup n' Sandwich).
On the 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 17th from 1-5PM

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!

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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Latin, 6th–8th century

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion,
Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
chos-en of our God and pre-cious,
bind-ing all the Church in one;
Ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er,
and our con-fi-dence a-lone.

2. To this tem-ple, where we call you,
come, O God of Hosts, to-day!
With your con-stant, lov-ing kind-ness
hear your peo-ple as they pray.
Give your full-est ben-e-dic-tion:
grace to fol-low Christ the Way.

3. Here re-new your ser-vants' vis-ion,
that by faith they may at-tain
peace and hope, re-newed com-pas-sion,
strength to com-fort those in pain,
Tears and grief trans-formed to glad-ness
in your ev-er-last-ing reign.

Eph. 2:20–22; 1 Pet. 2:4–7

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

Transl. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855; alt.

1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to or-der and pro-vide;
in ev-ery change God faith-ful will re-main.
Be still, my soul: your best e-ter-nal friend
through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.

2. Be still, my soul: for God will un-der-take
to guide in fu-ture days as in the past.
Your hope, your con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
all now mys-te-rious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
how Je-sus' pow-er ruled them long a-go.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here
when we shall be with God whom we a-dore,
with dis-ap-point-ment gone, no grief nor fear,
sor-row re-placed with joy for-ev-er-more.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Ps. 37:7; Ps. 46:10; 1 Tim. 4:10

The Church's One Foundation

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Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.

1. The church's one foun-da-tion
is Je-sus Christ our Lord;
we are Christ's new cre-a-tion
by wa-ter and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us
in love to set us free;
with pre-cious blood Christ bought us
for all e-ter-ni-ty.

2. E-lect from ev-ery na-tion,
yet one o'er all the earth,
one char-ter of sal-va-tion,
one God, one faith, one birth,
One name to-geth-er bless-ing,
one ho-ly food we share,
to one hope we are press-ing,
at one in work and prayer.

3. 'Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion,
and tu-mult of our war,
we wait the con-sum-ma-tion
of peace for-ev-er-more;
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious,
our long-ing eyes are blessed,
and the great church vic-to-rious
shall be the church at rest.

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4. Yet we on earth have un-ion
with God, the Three-in-One,
and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion
with those whose rest is won.
O hap-py ones and ho-ly!
God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and low-ly,
may live e-ter-nal-ly.

Eph. 2:13–22; 4:4–6; 1 Cor. 3:11