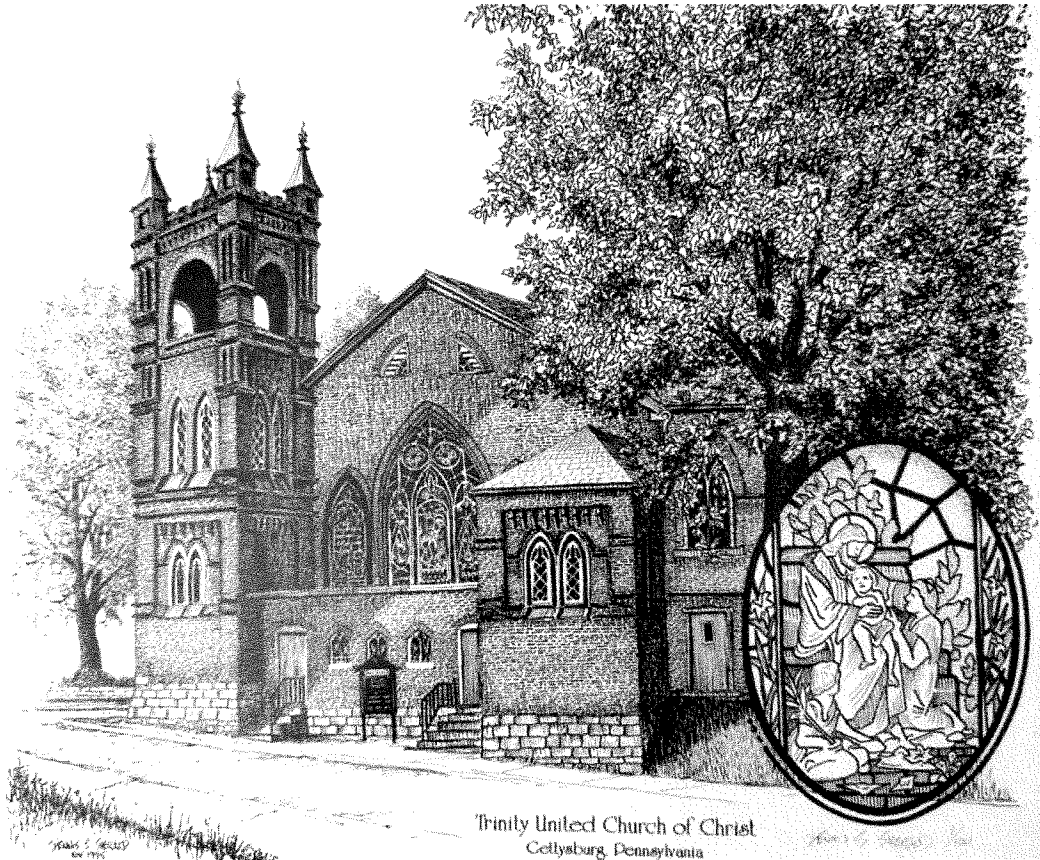


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July 12, 2026
7TH Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Biblical Character Series – **Job**

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Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

Red is the color of Pentecost Sunday, red flames of the Spirit uncontainable, filling and releasing the faithful at once in hope. Yet the color of the season following Pentecost is green: the green of steady growth, of the most “ordinary time.” The church began in passionate blaze of the Spirit, when boundaries of languages and cultures were transcended for a time, and all heard the good news in their own language. Delight is only part of the story. The work of living the Gospel depends more on sure, slow, steady patient work, prayer, sacrifice and action. We savor the Pentecost moments, the joy of being released in the dance of the Spirit, but we live in the steady gaze of the first disciples who encourage us to grow slowly and steady in our faith.

*Please stand as you are able; **BOLD** print - congregational response

*All words provided on the screen

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC “Healer *with* Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning has broken. Let us give thanks for the gift of life
and for the presence of the Holy One among us.

Thanks, belong to God. Let us worship with one voice.

*HYMN #281 “Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

*PRAYER

O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise
that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you.

**Be among us this day. Hear the confessions of our mouths
and the yearning of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness
of our vision and the pettiness of our living.**

Make us new again with your holy grace. Grant us maturity to accept
your many gifts in humility and to use them with faithfulness.
**Grant to us your spirit that our worship may have integrity and energy,
ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives.
We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE #73 “Enter Rejoice, and Come In”

Enter, rejoice and come in. Enter, rejoice and come in.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.

Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray, always willing
to give more than we either desire or deserve; pour upon us the abundance
of your mercy; forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask,
except through merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus.
See us and forgive us anyway. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news: In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,
we learn that God's love has no bounds.
In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 1

- ¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
²but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Job 1:1-12

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. ²He had seven sons and three daughters, ³and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.
⁴His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts."

This was Job's regular custom.

- ⁶One day the angels^[a] came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan^[b] also came with them. ⁷The Lord said to Satan,
"Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth,
going back and forth on it."

⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

¹² The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."
Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

SERMON

"Job, Man of Undeserved Suffering"

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN #433 **"In the Bulb, There is a Flower"** *(Remain Seated)*

*AFFIRMATION 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**

As we celebrate our gifts, may we give of ourselves
so that others might see that with God, all things are possible.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #778**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Good and Gracious God, use these gifts and us to their fullest.
May their abundance provide more than enough for all of your children
to live strong and healthy lives. Amen.**

***HYMN #25 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

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Today's worship elements came from *Service of the Word II* in the front pages of our New Century Hymnal. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 1995.

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Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

1. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, heaven-ly Dove,
with all your quick-en-ing powers;
Kin-dle a flame of sa-cred love
in these cold hearts of ours.
2. In vain we tune our for-mal songs,
in vain we strive to rise;
Ho-san-nas lan-guish on our tongues,
and our de-vo-tion dies.
3. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, heaven-ly Dove,
with all your quick-en-ing powers;
Come, shed on us the Sav-ior's love,
that it may kin-dle ours.

John 1:32

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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Natalie Sleeth, 1985

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter-flies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.
2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
there's a dawn for ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y,
un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.
3. In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;
in our doubt there is be-liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni-ty.
In our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,
un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

- 1 O God, our help in a-ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shel-ter from the storm-y blast,
and our e-ter-nal home:
- 2 Un-der the shad-ow of your throne
your saints have dwelt se-cure;
Suf-fi-cient is your arm a-lone,
and our de-fense is sure.
- 3 Be-fore the hills in or-der stood
or earth re-ceived its frame,
From ev-er-last-ing you are God,
to end-less years the same.
4. A thou-sand a-ges in your sight
are like an eve-ning gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
be-fore the ris-ing sun.
- 5 Time, like an ev-er-roll-ing stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly for-got-ten, as a dream
fades at the o-pening day.
- 6 O God, our help in a-ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while trou-bles last,
and our e-ter-nal home!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given in memory of our parents by Barbara & Oscar Spicer.



For an updated prayer list, please check the front table of the Gathering Area. Please call the office to be removed from the list.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Barbara Muller who died Monday, June 29. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace to her family and friends. Funeral arrangements are scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th at Trinity. 10am -Visiting; 11am Service; Fellowship gathering after the service in the Fellowship Hall

MISSION TRIP: Would you like to help the Mission Team? Prepaid Visa cards for any amount to help with gas and food for the trip down and back would be a great help. Also snacks of any type would be appreciated. If you can help, please bring the cards and snacks to the office. Thank you for your support!



In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the wider community of what is happening in our church, the Communication 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 month of July "info gatherer" will be Joan Peck at 717-253-1348 or by email: denjopeck@comcast.net**

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 19TH – CHRISTMAS IN JULY! Celebrate Christmas early this year. We will sing Christmas Carols, hear about Mary, and decorate the tree.

SUNDAY, JULY 26 AT 10:30AM – ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC at the Gettysburg Rec park Lions pavilion. Bring a dish to share and your chairs. Fellowship will provide the chicken, cold drinks and place settings. Please sign up in the Gathering Area (and choose your chicken). Following lunch there will be an "old fashioned cake walk". If you would like, please bring an item for the walk. Be aware of the July heat when considering what to bring. Doesn't need to be an iced cake, could be fruit pies, cookies, brownies, breads, etc.

STAINED GLASS TOURS: Friday afternoons at 2:00pm and 3:00pm. The tours are free, donations accepted to help fund the Stained Glass Restoration project. **Greeters are needed at the door to welcome the tourists while Carl and/or Jane are giving the actual tours.** Contact the Jane or Carl if you would like to help.

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.** Engage youths 14-20 in Adams County Independent Living services and offer resources designed to support them as they transition to adulthood. More information on this program is available on the Summer Outreach table. **Please give generously and enjoy the fresh items.**

MISSION TRIP: August 2nd – August 8th @ Appalachian South Folklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia. More information is available in the Gathering Area.

ATTENDANCE 7/5: 9:30am 49 ; On-line 126; Total 175

FINANCE REPORT 7/5:

Envelope Offering Need: \$100,224.00 Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$84,745.78

Property Fund Need: \$10,395.00 Property Offering Rec'd: \$4,487.50

THIS WEEK

Today, 7/12: 12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – *Fellowship Hall*

Monday, 7/13: DEB/BRUCE late coming in – *12:30pm-1:00pm*

Tuesday, 7/14: Barbara Muller Funeral at Trinity

10:00am Visitation

11:00am Service

Fellowship time following the service .

Thursday, 7/16: Parking lot closed for the Housing Summitt at the Borough office.

Next Sunday, 7/19: Christmas in July!

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Penny Frantz

Sara Shank

Mark Luckenbaugh

Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert

Ann & Buck Harvey

Janet Sheely

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,

George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd,

Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.

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