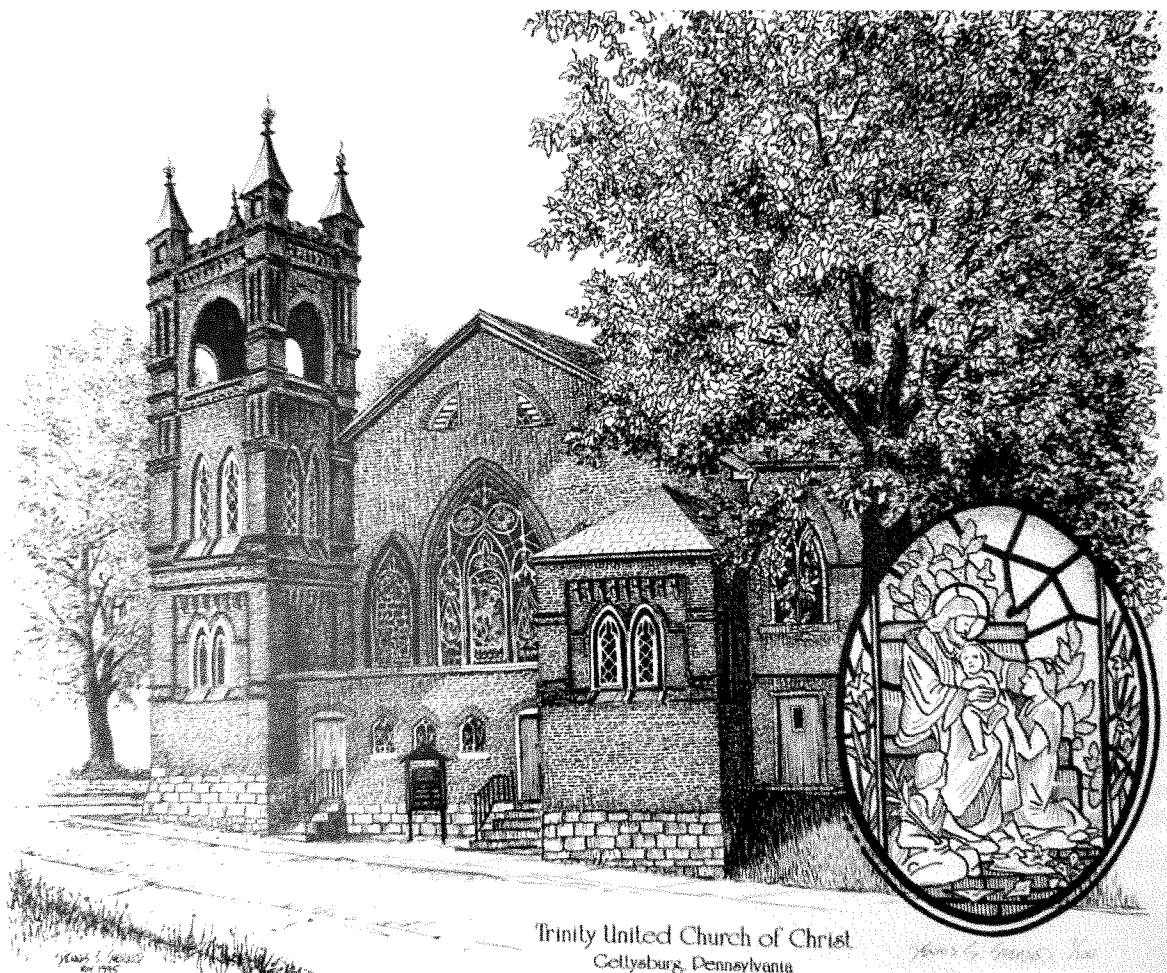


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August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Biblical Character Series - **Lydia** (Wealthy Lady from Thyatira)
Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

****Please stand as you are able; BOLD print - congregational response***
****All words provided on the screen***

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC “10,000 Reasons”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Laugh Children of God!

Let years of joy baptize your eyes and your cheeks.

Give God thanks and celebrate!

It is Good to be alive!

Dance! Children of God!

Lose yourself in the choreography of the Spirit.

Life is a dance and God is the orchestra.

It is good to be alive!

Embrace! Children of God!

Open your arms and feel close to each other.

It is in our openness where life takes on meaning!

It is good to be alive!

Give God thanks and celebrate!

It is good to be alive!

***HYMN #4 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”**

***PRAYER**

God, we need peace, so we come for quiet.

We need joy, so we come for singing.

We need to let things go, so we come for forgiveness.

We need hope, so we come for scripture and community.

We come this morning from our own agendas

**Help us to leave with the blessings we long for
and your unexpected gifts. Amen.**

***SUNG RESPONSE “Sanctuary”**

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and Holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We live in the shadow of peace, O God, but too often we face the shadow and not the light. We pray for peace today because we know we are not a whole people without it. Forgive us for our warring madness,

our abuse of power, and our disregard for the rights of others. Lift from us the burden of the need to always be in control. Teach us the ways of mutual love for all people. Help us give peace a chance. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Catherine Hammons

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

⁵Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.

⁹I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁰I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted”;

¹¹I said in my consternation, “Everyone is a liar.”

¹²What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst,

O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Acts 16:14-18

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her."

And it came out that very hour.

SERMON

Lydia (A Woman of Great Hospitality)

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#36 "To God Compose a Song of Joy" (*Remain Seated*)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #886**

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
Good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**

**You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

A New Zealand Prayer Book

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #562 “Take My Gifts” (V1)**
*Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loves of love to multiply!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #59 “Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

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Today’s worship elements have been adapted from:

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ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of departed family and friends, by Phyllis Whitfield.

PRAYER LIST: A list is available in the Gathering Area when it is updated. Please call the office to be removed from the list.

****USHERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER** – please sign up in Gathering Area.

ALTAR CARE: I am looking for a few good people to Care for the Altar to prepare communion, change paraments and candles and order Altar Flowers. Please call Nancy MacMeekin 717-334-2111

SENIOR SOCIAL: Tuesday, August 25th 1:00pm Get out of the house! Come and enjoy games, snacks, and most of all - fellowship or just come and hang out. Learn a new game or play an old one. Bring your favorite game. Socials will continue the fourth Tuesday of each month.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th SERVICE instead of SERMON: Bring scissors to worship! Cut fabric along the lines drawn; Decorate the cut fabric to make the face; Stamp the church's name on the fabric. We need volunteers with sewing machines to sew the fabric together to make the hand puppets in September.

HYMNALS! They are more than just songbooks. Stop by the History Cabinet to see what else our hymnals provide for our faith journey. **Trinity's History Task Force.**

AUGUST is a 5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION month: The Adams County Library System was the third highest charity chosen by the Congregation from the list of suggestions earlier this year. Envelopes are in the pews and Gathering Area.

NEWS FLASH! 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 August "info gatherer" is Carl Glover 717-253-1402 or by email: glover@msmary.edu**

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 guests while Carl Barrick and/or Jane Malone are giving the actual tours.** Contact 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. **Proceeds will go to the Independent Living Program of Adams County Children and Youth.** More information on this program is available on the Summer Outreach table.

ATTENDANCE 8/9, 2026: 9:30am 47; On-line 200; Total 247

FINANCE REPORT 8/9/2026:

Envelope Offering Need: *\$118,784.00* Envelope Offering Rec'd: *\$103,420.50*
Property Fund Need: *\$12,320.00* Property Offering Rec'd: *\$11,362.50*

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 8/18: 1:15pm Spiritual Council – *Library* 2:00pm Consistory – *Sunday School Room*
Thursday, 8/20: **DEB & BRUCE OUT** through MONDAY, 24th
Friday, 8/21: **DEB & BRUCE OUT** through MONDAY, 24th
2:00pm & 3:00pm Stained Glass Church Tours

****PASTOR FRED WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE:**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH through SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

HE IS AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCIES

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Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Scott Wehler

Sara Shank

Mark Luckenbaugh

Buck Harvey, Neil Hollabaugh

Catherine Hammons

Janet Sheely

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,

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

Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn

Pastor

Liturgist

Organist/Choir Director

Percussionist

Greeters

Ushers

Acolyte

Tech Team

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;
Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-flect
your rays,
Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing
sea,
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise
should be.
3. You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;
Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;
Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.
Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Ruth Duck, 1986

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Ps. 98

1. To God com-pose a song of joy;
to God make mel-o-dy,
Whose arm of strength does won-drous things,
whose hand brings vic-to-ry!
2. Be-fore the na-tions God re-veals
a just and righ-teous will,
Re-mem-ber-ing in faith-ful love
the house of Is-ra-el.
3. In ev-ery cor-ner of the earth,
God comes to save and free;
Break forth with shouts of ho-ly joy;
all lands, make mel-o-dy.
4. With trum-pet, with the sound of horns,
with strings, yes, with the lyre,
With voic-es praise the sov-ereign God,
a lust-y, joy-ous choir.
5. Let seas in all their full-ness roar;
sing, peo-ple of all lands;
Let moun-tains join and sing for joy;
let riv-ers clap their hands.
6. The God of jus-tice comes to save;
let earth make mel-o-dy;
For God will judge with righ-teous-ness
and rule with eq-ui-ty.

Timothy Rees, 1922; alt.

1. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing
 in the ho-liest realms of light;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing
 o'er a world of gloom and blight;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing
 earth-bound souls to glo-ry high;
 Liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it;
 you we praise and mag-ni-fy.

2. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er breath-ing
 on the church the breath of life;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing
 through your peo-ple's cease-less strife;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing
 in the church the mind of Christ:
 In our wor-ship we will praise you
 for your fruit and gifts un-priced.

3. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing
 through the church-'s min-is-try—
 Quick-ening, strength-ening, and ab-solv-ing,
 set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing
 age to age and soul to soul,
 In com-mu-ni-ty un-end-ing
 you we wor-ship and ex-tol.