

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominating culture, where yielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.

Prayer As You Enter: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the people on earth. Shape us into wiling servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- --Share God's love with our community
- --Serve God's children
- --Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- --Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We give praise to our God who gathers us as one people.

We delight in our God who has mercy upon us.

We seek to be one with refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants.

Clear our eyes that we may see the sufferings of displaced people. We welcome those whose lives have been dislocated by war, famine and injustice.

Open our ears that we may hear the cries of those deep in despair. We express our solidarity with all who search for a new life, a new home, a new promise.

Guide our feet that we may spread comfort; loosen our tongues that we might speak words of hope.

Give us open hearts that we may be truly welcoming to the stranger in our midst.

God, remind us that through our acts of hospitality we are restored to you.

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and the risen Christ.

We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is our God.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing in this time of silent prayer. (SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins together.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Let us pray the collect together.

O God, in the name of Jesus Christ who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give life itself for us, we approach your Word with awe. We live in different times but in the same world in which Jesus ate and drank, lived, and died. We share the same baptism and have the same opportunity to know your love and serve you. Help us dare to believe and trust and live our days returning your love through the neighbors near and far who need to know your care; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALTER Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble;

I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrew 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Serving Christ One Step at a Time" (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

Pastor Rankin

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love, we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all your ignorant and wayward people find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to new understanding and joy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

Holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless pastors, elders, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF THE CROP WALKERS

Pastor: Would all our CROP Hunger Walkers please come forward.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world today. Many people in our community struggle from meal to meal – not knowing if they will have nutritious food to feed their children and our brothers and sisters globally are seeing children die from starvation. Today is the CROP Hunger Walk – an opportunity to walk in solidarity with our vulnerable neighbors and raise awareness and funds to alleviate their hunger permanently.

Congregation: May you walk safely, remaining mindful of all who struggle to find enough to eat.

Walkers: We walk because they walk. May each step remind us of the daily journeys of millions of our sisters and brothers who have no choice but to walk for food, water, employment, safety.

Pastor: This walk would not be successful if it weren't for the people who generously sponsor our walkers.

Walkers: We give thanks to God for the generosity of all those who sponsored us.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for the work of Church World Service. They are our hands reaching out to a world in need.

Congregation: May the ministry of Church World Service enable all God's people to have enough to eat, clean water to drink, and a safe place to call home.

Pastor: We also pray for the Lancaster Food Hub, our local hunger fighting agency that we support through the CROP Hunger Walk.

Congregation: May the hungry of our community be nourished in body and spirit through their ministry.

Pastor: Today, we recall the unfinished task of building a world of peace and justice where hunger has no home. As Father Veronis often reminded us, no one should ever go without food!

Congregation: May our lives reflect our values and our vision. Let us walk with the world, today and every day, so that all God's children might have enough to live in dignity. Amen

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Pastor Rankin's family in honor of the 20th anniversary of his ordination on October 24!

The Worship Aids are given by Pastor Rankin in recognition of clergy and lay leaders who have played an important role in his call to ordained ministry.

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Worship Attendance, October 13 Sunday School 7:45-10 10:30–87

TOTAL - 97

Ministering Today

Preacher Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Lector Rev. Jack Esbenshade

Money Counters Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller

Altar Guild Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Nancy Enders

Building Trustee John ShelskyKoinonia Gene Kopp

Ministries Card Prayer Shawl (Betty Tyndall)

Called to Care Nancy Enders Visitation Denise Pfeiffer

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday Parish Post Deadline

7:00 PM - SOT Choir/8:15 PM - Bells

Wednesday 8:30 AM – Clergy Breakfast @Family Fare

Thursday 1:30 PM – Pinochle

6:00 PM – Scouts

Saturday 6:30 AM -Depart for Washington, DC

8:00 PM – Alanon/AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM – Special Koinonia to Recognize 50-year members

10:30 AM – Eucharist 4:00 PM – Brass Concert

Happy Birthday!

Tuesday – Elizabeth Rohrer Wednesday – Megan Minder Thursday – Erika Richards

Friday – Kelly Schuessler

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Rhonda Hartenstine Janice Jenkins Betsy Bailey

Betty Fogle Denise Huggins Bob & Marlyn Wible Don & Pat Miller Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman Harry Himelwright Dr. Janet Harriger Joann Peck Scott & Jane Owens

The Lehman family Mary Lou Shaab Carmen & Jerry Richards

Donna Wolf & Family George & Ellie Latsha Lainie Christensen

Sam Minder III Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley Hank Fox

Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser Donna Zirkel Danielle Huggins Holbein

Kathleen Sensenig Adams Betty Tyndall and family Michael McDonough Kelsey Minnich Burgo Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline Joann & Dawn Garvin

Erika Otthofer Ron Becker Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman

Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Alice Palmer (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)

Carmen Sweigert (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)

Glenn Wible (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible/cousin of Lon Wible)

Diana Landefeld (niece of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christesen) & Joppatowne School

Joe Harriger (brother of Janet Harriger)

Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)

Carol Hooper (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)

Marlene Harlow (friend of Gail Kogut)

Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)

Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Rev. Jim Martin (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's former pastor)

Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

The Herr Family (Former Trinity Preschool Family)

Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)

Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)

David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)

Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig)

Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)

Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)

Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)

Harvey & Dianne Sick (friends of Judy Chapman)

Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)

Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)

John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)

James Malone & family

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)

Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)

Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)

Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)

Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)
Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)
Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton World Peace

THE OCTOBER PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building. The deadline for the November Parish Post is tomorrow!

UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.:

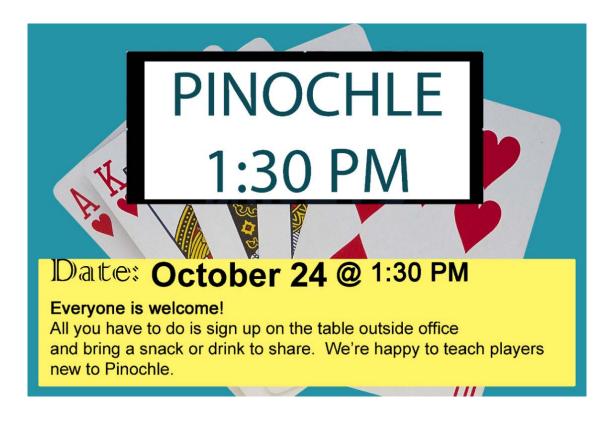
The Christian Education Committee is planning to sponsor a trip to Washington D.C. on October 26. We will be visiting the National Cathedral and the Holocaust Museum. The tentative cost of the trip (Cathedral and bus) is \$50 for adults and \$45 for children (5-12 years old). The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. We have 5 seats available! For more information, speak to Sue Bowman or Pastor Rankin.

THE RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS will take place during both services on October 27. This will coincide with the congregation's 176th anniversary on October 26. There will be a special koinonia on October 27!

LUNCH BUNCH: The Parish Life Committee is planning another lunch bunch on Sunday, November 3 following the 10:30 a.m. service at Ciro's. Sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. The deadline to sign-up is October 27!!!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 3: We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 5, 2023. If you have a name of a family member or friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. The deadline is October 28.

GRIEF GROUP: Since the first grief group ended last month, Pastor Rankin would like to form another group(s) beginning soon. If you are interested in this small group, look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Contact Pastor Rankin if you have any questions.

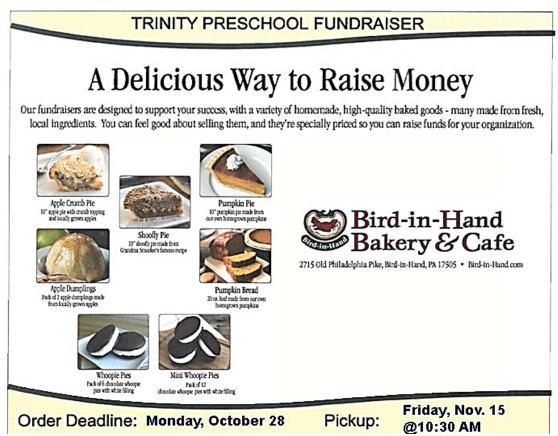


DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of greeters, ushers, and nursery care volunteers for the 10:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving as an usher or greeter. Please contact Betty Fogle if you are interested in serving as a nursery attendant (717-471-1026 or bettsfog@comcast.net).

"I PROMISE" FORMS are still being accepted! We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2025. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.



Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office or you can call the church office to place your order!!!

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: November 3, 17 & 24. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are December 22, 24 & 29. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.



Check out all event details at LutheranCamping.org

LUTHERAN CAMPING EVENT DATES

Dinner church at the Wittel Farm:

Nov. 3 – starting at 5 PM.

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa October 27 - 1pm

Lutheran Camping Quilt Auction at Nawakwa November 3 - 2pm

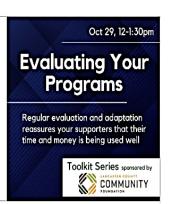
Evaluating Programs

ZOOM ONLY

PRACTICAL SKILLS

TOOLKIT SERIES

October 29th 12:00 - 1:30 PM



Creating Sacred Spaces Retreat

IN PERSON ONLY

CONTEMPLATIVE

November 2, 2024 9:00 am - 12:00 pm





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U.S. Naval Academy Orchestra and Mariachi Band

Under the Baton of Monte Maxwell Sunday, November 3, 2024, 4:00 pm

The Brigade of Midshipmen perform both on and off the Yard in everything from chapel services to musicals and concerts, highlighting both soloists and ensembles. One of their newest ensembles is the Mariachi Marineros, who play a genre of Latinstyle music we will hear in this concert.



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Highland Chancel Choir and Orchestra in Gloria

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 4:00 pm

Once again, the Highland Chancel Choir presents its annual concert on a Sunday afternoon in Christmastime. This year, their performance features Vivaldi's *Gloria* and other traditional favorites for orchestra and chorus. Please join us in celebrating Christ's birth with song and string.



The Kid: Silent Film with Don Kinnier, Organist Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00 pm

Don is known as the premier silent film accompanist in the northeastern United States. His programs are easygoing and feature a large dose of good-natured humor. *The Kid* (1921) stars Charlie Chaplin as a tramp who finds love and acceptance with an orphan and his mother.

TODAY IS THE DAY FOR THE LANCASTER CROP WALK: Trinity

Church was recently recognized as being 34th in the U.S. to raise funds for the 2023 CROP Walk!! Also, the Lancaster CROP Walk was recognized for being ranked 16th in the U.S. and 2nd in Pennsylvania for the 2023 CROP Walk! Pastor Rankin continues to serve as the Lancaster CROP Walk Coordinator!

CROP Walk at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Registration begins at 1 p.m. and a program follows at 1:30 p.m. The walk will begin at 2 p.m.

Mark & Chris Eyer are once again serving as the coordinators for Trinity Church. The following people from Trinity have already signed up for the walk: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Nancy Enders, and the



Church World Service Certificate of Appreciation to

Trinity United Ch of Christ

A national 2023 Cream of the CROP top fundraising team with the Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk to end hunger and poverty around the world.



National Community Engagement Manager April 5, 2024

Rankin family. You can also give our walkers money. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP! The Consistory has approved to donate \$3,000 from our Hunger Ministries fund to support the CROP Walk!

You can register for the walk on the table across from the church office or at https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/trinity-east-pete

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT: We recently heard a presentation by Donna Geisler and Dr. Bill Lovett about their medical mission work in the Dominican Republic. The Board of Deacons decided that the Undesignated Funds from the recent Our Gifts to Others offering will support this mission project.

NEWS FROM THE PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE: THE KEYSTONE PROJECT

In January 2022, the Conference Ministers of the four Pennsylvania Conferences gathered to discuss the urgency of issues confronting all settings of the UCC. They met with an eye toward confronting the divisions and hostilities of our world, and listening with a deep sense of our responsibility to answer Jesus' prayer, 'that they may all be one. They identified the spiritual hunger of our church people and pastors and the call to support and develop the local church. They dreamed about new ways to serve Jesus and our churches by drawing on the strength and giftedness of our clergy, congregations, leaders, and Conference staff.

We are not the church that we were when the denomination was formed in 1957 and our current contexts of ministry are different. The pandemic exacerbated the challenges we face. We acknowledge our responsibility to provide support and nourishment to the local church. We recognize our duty to find and develop the leadership needs of our congregations. We own the very real financial challenges that impact the future of our ministries.

Our four conferences share these challenges. Our response to them is strongest when we respond in partnership with each other. The "Keystone Study Group," a group of representatives from all four PA Conferences, was created to explore the possibilities of responding as one.

The information about this possible merger was presented at this year's annual meeting of the Penn Central Conference. The meeting included the other three conferences (Penn West, Penn Northeast, and Pennsylvania Southeast). The delegates from Trinity were George DeLong, Diane Rice, and Pastor Chris. The vote on the merger will be held by all four conferences on November 9. Each conference must receive a 67% affirmative vote in order for it to be sent to the General Synod of the U.C.C. in 2025.

George, Diane, and Pastor Chris were the delegates to this year's Penn Central Conference meeting. We invite you to look at the information found online at https://psec.org/keystone/. If you have any questions or concerns about this possible merger, please contact George, Diane, or Pastor Chris. We would like to hear from you before the November 9 vote.



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TAKE-OUT AND CURBSIDE AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS

Before you pay your bill, please mention Trinity United Church of Christ and 10% of your bill will be donated to Trinity.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY!!!

(WATCH FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THESE EVENTS)

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 service on November 10 (the date was incorrect in the September Parish Post). We will gather for lunch and then conduct the business of the church (2025 budget and election of leaders). Watch for more details in the bulletins and the November Parish Post.





AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER CHRISTMAS SHOW

We have reserved seats for the American Music Theater Christmas Show on Saturday, December 14th. The cost to see the show is Adults \$43, students \$22. To reserve your seat use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. For more information, speak to Jeff Hackenberger.



THE 2024 CONCERT SPONSOR FORMS are available on the table across from the church office.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

5But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 91:9-16

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him.

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Next Sunday's Readings: Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36, OR 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

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