

Welcome to
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Sunday, March 5, 2017: First Sunday in Lent



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: God, you are our hiding place and our refuge in the time of distress. We turn to you now, seeking comfort from the wounds of the world; seeking the strength to face our afflictions with hope and our persecutors with grace. Be present in our struggle, and help us to rest in your eternal promises, that we might be fed with the bread of the world and the nourishment of your word, encouraged to resist temptation, and faithful in our worship of you. **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

[during the winter months, many people become concerned about the spread of germs that cause cold and flu symptoms; we invite you to participate in the tradition of passing the peace in ways that you are comfortable with while honoring the preferences of others—whether that means shaking hands or simply offering a verbal “peace to you”]

BELL CHOIR

“Down by the River”

[at this time children who are interested in attending Sunday School may go to the classroom downstairs]

CALL TO RECONCILIATION: A reading from Genesis

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation, and we grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds. We take good learning out of difficult situations, but we also find our well-intended endeavors leading to unintended consequences. Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth. Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us acknowledge our sin in silence and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

Silence

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin, our God prepared a way for them to remain connected to the earth and to the living presence of God. So it is with all of us: in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong, assured that our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated) "Give Me a Clean Heart"
New Century Hymnal #188

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Alice Heitmueller (Lay Reader)

God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation. That we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you well into life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Alice Heitmueller (Lay Reader)
Gospel lesson **Matthew 4:1-11**

One: God is still speaking

All: Thanks be to God

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE: Pastor Don

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO OFFERING: Alice Heitmueller (Lay Reader)

One: In the story of Adam and Eve, we see creation's splendid possibilities and humanity's tragic limitations. In Christ, we see humanity's strength and God's glory made manifest –the harmony of creation restored. We offer these gifts and tithes as we seek to restore balance and beauty to a world fractured by temptation and deceit.

OFFERTORY

“On the Way”

(Kyrie Arr. Keveran)

*THE DOXOLOGY

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (x2)

Give thanks.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us)

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN “Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days” NCH #211

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: Beloved of God, go now into the world to be the people of God: Resist temptations that lead to destruction:

All: So that we may create more beauty.

One: Resist temptations that lead to isolation:

All: So that we may reach out more lovingly to a world in need.

One: Resist temptations based on false promises:

All: So that we may find rest in the hope of God.

One: Love creation:

All: So that we may rejoice in its balance and harmonies!

One: And in all these things, let the Spirit of Christ fill and inspire all your deeds as you seek to be a faithful part of Christ's reconciling ministry **Amen.**

*SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)

*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

*POSTLUDE

*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit

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WELCOME TO TRINITY!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here - to explore your faith, to meet new people, and to strengthen your personal relationship with God. If you are a guest here today, please sign our guest book. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pews and put it in the offering plate.

Sunday Bulletins - Trinity offers a Children's Bulletin and a Large Print Bulletin along with the Regular Sunday Bulletin. We also have adjustable audio devices for better hearing. Each can be found in the narthex.

Bible Discussion Schedule – Today from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

Guild Meeting – March 7th, 7:00 pm. Jennie Groff will speak about Stroopies, Inc the company she and her husband founded. A company that has 2 main goals 1) To support refugees starting over in Lancaster. 2) To make high quality Stroopies to sell in Lancaster and all over the US. (Check out the March Newsletter to find more information about Jennie, her Husband and the amazing work they do).

Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sale – We are raising funds for Trinity. The Spring Brochure Program is a simple, delicious and profitable way to raise money. The Spring Brochure Program offers over 80 delicious chocolate treats that make terrific gift and basket fillers. Sales will be till March. Brochures for ordering are in the narthex. For questions see Mary Ibach.

Mark your calendar for Lent/Easter 2017 schedule

HOLY WEEK (times and locations TBD):

- **Wednesday April 12, 6:30 pm** Labyrinth Walk at First Presbyterian, E. Orange Street Lancaster
- **Thursday, April 13:** Maundy Thursday pot luck and communion in fellowship hall
- **Friday, April 14:** Good Friday Service
- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Sunrise Service at 6:00 am at Grubb Lake in Mountville; and regular worship service with communion



Today is Sunday, March 5, 2017

10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship - Communion
1:00 pm Bible Discussion
3:30 pm LIG

Monday, March 6

9:00 am Columbia Ministerium
8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, March 7

7:00 pm Guild Meeting – Guest Speaker –
Jeanie Groff CEO of Stroopies
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 9

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, March 10

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 11

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, March 12

10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship – Kenya Offering
12:00 pm Welcome Table
1:00 pm Bible Discussion

Sunday mornings couldn't happen without the many disciples here at TRUCC. Volunteers are appreciated and needed. If you're interested in serving please see the volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex.

March 12th Volunteers

Trinity Café:

Greeters: Adella Houck &
Wendy McKelvy

Head Usher: Esther Markey

Lay Reader: Mark Cote

Children's Christian Education:
Christine Macready, Esther
Markey & Jenny Hooper

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Alice Heitmueller

Attendance

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Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Alice Heitmueller

Ministry of Music

Music Director, Chancel Choir Shannon Edwards

Bell Choir Director: Daniel Molkenthin

Sound Technician

Mark Cote and Charlie Miller

Ministry of Service

Trinity Café:

Head Usher: Esther Markey

Greeters: Adella Houck & Wendy Mckelvy

Counter:

Communion: Bonnie Crone, Dee Koller & Esther Markey

Children's Christian Education

Karen Robinson, Gladys Drybred & Chuck Romberger

Floral Arrangement

Helen Yohe in memory of her Mother's Birthday.

March Greeting Cards

Mary Ann Price

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ exists to render loving service toward humanity with Jesus as our example. We preach love, teach compassion and social justice, and welcome all into the full life and ministry of the church.