

Welcome to
Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
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Sunday, April 9, 2017: Palm Sunday



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OFFERING: Mercy Home, Kenya

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Raising our branches in joy!

One: Joining all who wish to see Jesus eager for a healing touch,
a blessing received. We gather together in this place.

All: Raising our branches in hope!

One: Joining all who wish to hear Jesus longing for a message of welcome
and acceptance on our journey. We gather together in this place.

All: Laying down our branches in fear.

One: Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus through the week ahead,
through anguish, accusations, despair. We gather together in this place.

**People: Waving branches of prayer. Walking toward the Cross, and the
empty tomb.**

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Hosanna, O God in the highest!

You come to us in ways we never expect. A king on a donkey; A Savior on
a cross. How can we recognize you, with us, among us? Will your
message come through? Will the palms we wave with joy today be thrown
down tomorrow with doubt?

May your Spirit guide us through this Holiest of Weeks, **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sing Hosanna, Sing”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: MYSTERY BOX

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross you embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside our attitudes of selfishness and accept the life of your kingdom. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

Where and when we fail, God is there to make all things new. Where and when we reach out with trembling hands and fearful hearts, God holds us close and forgives all things. Be alive in the knowledge that you are forgiven and cherished. **Amen.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Bridgette Hancock (Lay Reader)

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Bridgette Hancock (Lay Reader)

Hebrew scripture: **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Gospel lesson: **Matthew 21:1-11**

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC MEDITATION

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE Pastor Don

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO OFFERING: Bridgette Hancock (Lay Reader)

In this week ahead we will be asked to walk the hard road of faith and face the full cost of discipleship. The sacrifice we are called to share involves true commitment and devotion. In that Spirit, may we share freely our gifts, tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (words on page 5)

PRAYER RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer O God; hear our prayer O God;
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.**

*CLOSING HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” New Century Hymnal #213

*BENEDICTION

Today we shout Hosanna. May this blessed word remain with us in the week ahead. God grant us all to follow faithfully where Christ leads us, and may you all know courage and certainty that God’s Three-in-One presence will lead you ever closer to the grace that is ours to share. **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

If you use social media we invite and encourage you to check in online as you attend today's service.

Portions of this week's service were excerpted and adapted from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress, and from **Gathered Together in Praise: Service Prayers for Palm-Passion Sunday** by the Rev. Susan A. Blain

THE LORDS 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.**

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.

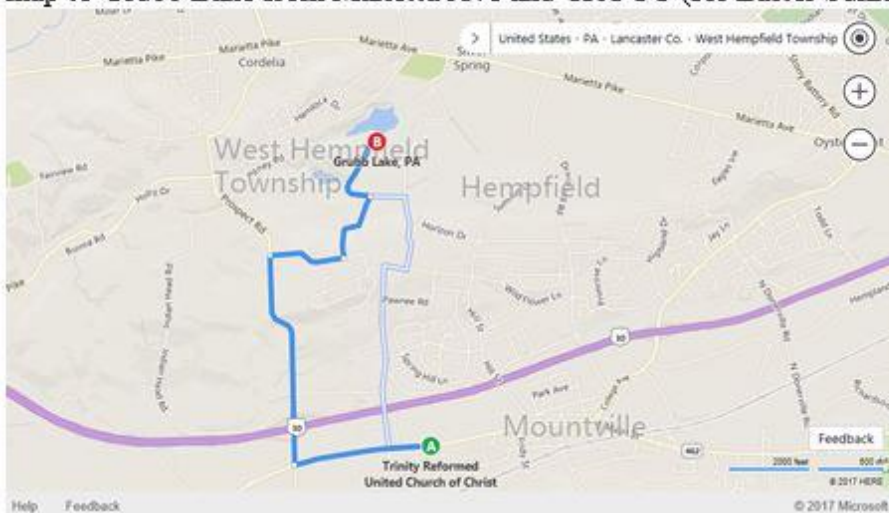
Bible Discussion Schedule – UCC 101 today from 1:00-2:30pm

Mark your calendar for Lent/Easter 2017 schedule for HOLY WEEK

- **Wednesday April 12, 6:30 pm Labyrinth Walk** at First Presbyterian Church, E. Orange Street Lancaster
- **Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday** we will share a simple meal and communion in fellowship hall. All are welcome. Please sign the reservation list in the narthex.
- **Friday, April 14th, 7:00 pm** Good Friday Service

- **Easter Sunday, April 16** Sunrise Service at 6:00 am at Grubb Lake in Mountville. Worship Service with communion at 10:30am back at Trinity.

map to Grubb Lake from Marietta Ave and TRUCC (for Easter Sunrise Service at 6 am)



Nolt Brothers Chicken BBQ—Saturday, April 15th in the Parking lot of TRUCC at 10:00 am - sold out. A meal for \$9.00 includes a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, drink, and snack. A limited number of 1/2 chickens will be available for \$6.00. Instead of cookies the fundraising team is asking for monetary donations to help offset the cost of the dessert which will be provided by The Stroopie Company. Please see Charlie Miller with any questions or to make a donation. We also have the ability to accept credit card payments.

Spring Rummage Sale - Volunteers are needed for our two-day Rummage Sale. Your help is appreciated. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Dates are April 21st. (Friday) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and additional evening hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Plus April 22nd... (Saturday) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). We will have the rummage sale by donation, instead of charging a set price per item. Frozen quarts and pints of homemade soups are available at a set price. Spread the word. Donations of spring and summer items before these dates are appreciated. No furniture accepted. Rummage Sale benefits the church building fund.

Today is Sunday, April 9, 2017
10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship – Kenya Offering
1:00 pm UCC 101

Monday, April 10
8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, April 11
6:30 pm Lions Club
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, April 12
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 13
8:00 am Soup Makers
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 14
7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 15
10:00 am Chicken Bar-B-Que

Sunday, April 16
6:00 am Sunrise Service – Grubb Lake
10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Easter Service - Communion –
Helping Hands Offering

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.

April 16th Volunteers

Trinity Café: Flora Mitchell &
Bonnie Crone

Greeters:

Head Usher: Kathy Brown

Lay Reader: Mary Ann Price

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

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Sharon Smaling

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Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Bridgette Hancock

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: Flora Mitchell & Bonnie Crone

Head Usher: Kathy Brown

Greeters:

Counter:

Children's Christian Education

Nancy Henry, Fred Hooper & Dee Koller

Floral Arrangement

Donated by Chuck & Bill Romberger-Sklarosky for thanksgiving.

April Greeting Cards

Katie Crockett

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.