

WELCOME TO
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

May 26, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Trinity Sunday
Memorial Day

Prelude: "In Fond Remembrance"

Moore

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 29)

One: Credit the Holy One with glory and power!

Many: Give God the honor due with worshipful reverence!

One: The Voice speaks and we hear. The Voice thunders and creation moves.

Many: The Voice is strong and mighty, secure and majestic.

One: The Living Water refreshes us. The Holy Spirit strengthens us.

Many: Bless the name of our God!

Invocation (unison)

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh upon us. Renew us by your continued creative acts in the world. Your presence among us is a blessing and a gift. Open us to receive, ponder, and grow as you communicate with your people. In Voice, Body, and Spirit, we worship you and invite your transformative power to be alive among us and at work in us. Here we are, O Triune God, here we are. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "God of Our Fathers"

p.809

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God of mercy and grace, you come to us with loving compassion.

Many: You know our shortcomings and our willfulness. Make us new as we seek to become the people you have called us to be. Help us live according to the spirit and in union with you and community with our neighbors. Give us a burden to be instruments and witnesses of your loving kindness in the world. Hold us accountable

as your empowered people. Let repentance and hope for new life overcome any sense of shame that may paralyze us in our past mistakes and misdeeds as we turn toward you with wonder and expectation that you will lead us into life abundantly for all. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you are known by the Holy One and invited to live into the life shaped for you in the divine image. Shame and discouragement are not your portion. Holy Love meets you with grace and gladness with the gift of new life in Christ. Receive it for the glory of God, our Source, Friend, and Counselor.

*Hymn: "I'll Fly Away" p.779

Scripture: John 3:1-17 p.924

Reflection

A Memorial Day Remembrance

Invitation to Generosity

The Triune God gives with abundance for the flourishing of community. We do not receive gifts, blessings, favor, and resources for ourselves along. We are created to be communal, compassionate, and generous. Let us bring our gifts forward with gladness and gratitude that we have the honor of participating in God's liberating and redemptive activity in the world.

Offertory: "God of All Nations" Higgins

*Presentation of our Gifts and The Doxology

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Generous God, May we give gifts that are sufficient and abundant as you have provided creation with all that we need to flourish. May the fear of scarcity give way to the joy of sharing. Magnify the resources we bring as well cultivate generosity within us so that all needs are met, and all your people may be well and whole in your name. Amen.

Choir Anthem

*The Pastoral Prayer...The 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 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

*Closing Hymn: "This Is My Song" insert

*Benediction

Go forth having heard the call of the Holy One. Go forth loved by the Creator, Redeemer, and Companion. Go forth strengthened by the Sender, the Sent, and the Spirit. Receive the gift of new birth and eternal life. Testify to these things. Enter the kin-dom of God. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Hold Strong the Flags of Freedom" Hughes



Born of Water and Spirit: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Bob and Annie Souder in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S GREETER is Millie Kohler.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Chris Schell.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.



Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection - We are once again collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry at the end of our Sunday School year. We will be collecting through Sunday, June 9. Please place your items in the box outside of Pastor's Office.

Youth Group will be meeting on Friday, May 31 from 6-8:00 p.m.

Wooden Crosses - We are selling wooden crosses for the Cemetery, in your garden at home or to hang on the wall. These are beautifully made and decorated. You can also buy the flower/ribbon portion to attach to the cross you have previously purchased. The attachment costs \$15. See samples after Worship or pick one up for Memorial Day. They are selling for \$30.00 each. See Richard Yeakel or Lisa Talecki.



GriefShare is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This nationally acclaimed course consists of 13 weeks of meetings for support offered to people who have lost loved ones. Each session includes a video to offer thoughts and ideas to learn about. There is a workbook which is helpful for each participant to have to follow along, take notes of the video, and then do some homework before the next session. There is also time to share and support each other through grief. There is no cost for the sessions, but the fee for the workbook is \$15 or whatever you can afford. We meet in the handicap accessible, air conditioned lower social hall. To register for these sessions, or ask questions, you can contact The Rev. Lori Esslinger at MomAndPastorToo@yahoo.com or by calling the church office at 610-966-3601. The course concludes July 24, 2024.

Lunch Bunch will be going to Powderbourne Sportsman's Club, 2071 Baus Road, East Greenville on Friday, May 31st at 12 noon. Please RSVP for this by Tuesday, May 27th. The next **Supper Club** will be meeting at 5:30pm on Friday, June 7th at the Carriage House Restaurant in East Greenville. Please RSVP to Mark or Linda by Tuesday, June 4th. **All welcome!!**

WAWA coupons for a FREE shorti hoagie are once again being sold by the Outlook Committee. They cost **\$5 each**, benefit the church, and you can take the coupon to any Wawa, order your shorti, present your coupon at the cash register, and take away your sandwich for FREE. See me, Brenda Shoemaker, Bobby Schmeltzle or Sharon Trexler. Thanks in advance. **A great gift for Father's Day!**

Yard Sale at my house to benefit the Church and the Window Project, **June 1, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 27 W. Berger Street, Emmaus**. We can always use a hand so stop in and hang out with us. You are welcome to set up a table on my lawn. Or if you wish to make donations for me to sell, please let me know. Thanks for your support! **Rain or shine. All welcome!**

The last day for Sunday School will be June 2. Classes will resume on September 8. And there is always room for more teachers and more helpers!

Ham and Cheese Sandwiches will be available in June. Orders are due Sunday, June 9; pick up will be Thursday, June 20 between 3-5:30 p.m. in our downstairs social room. Thank you for your support!

Looking forward to the **Dillingersville Schoolhouse Annual Celebration on Sunday June 30, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.** As always, we are planning a bake sale. If you would like to bring some food items to donate, please portion them

out in baggies (like 3 cookies or 6 in a bag) or a nice size piece of brownie in a bag, or donate a whole pie, or let us portion it out, etc. We are grateful for your donations. Just bring them to the table at the schoolhouse (or OZ UCC in case of rain) on the morning of worship and we will take it from there. Thanks in advance for your support of the school.



This is a great day to worship our God in the outdoors under a big tent! Mark your calendars for June 30, 2024, 10:30 a.m. at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse, 7226 School House Lane, Zionsville, PA 18092 . Bring your own chair or use one from the schoolhouse for a toe tapping good time with the Heidleberg Brass Band as they present their Polka Service. The service will also include a combined church choir, an offering, and a time for recognizing the oldest person, youngest person present, the farthest traveled and more! This will be followed by more music as we dance and sing our way into lunch offered for a donation: homemade chicken and/or hamburger barbecue, baked beans, macaroni salad, drinks and bake sale items for dessert! Stay a while and hang out with the band as we enjoy fellowship and tours of the schoolhouse which was built in 1885. Questions? contact us at 610-966-3601.

Penn Dry Goods Market - May 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Benefits the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Museum (some of our church records are on file here) - this show will feature our own **Richard Yeakel!!** - Antique Show and Sale featuring Antique and Vintage Needlework, Quilts, Buttons, Clothing, Folk Art, and Americana. Admission is \$9 at the door or purchase advance tickets at info@schwenkfelder.org. Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA, 215-679 -3103. www.schwenkfelder.org

The Evangelism and Membership Committee would like to announce that they have tickets for the **30th Anniversary Riverdance Show** at American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The show is at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2025**. Tickets are \$59.00 each (plus a small service fee -TBD). I know this is a long way off, but I wanted to make sure we had tickets for this special event. **Please, please RSVP (email, call, text, shout, etc.) that you want tickets.** We do NOT need the payment until around the first of the New Year 2025. As always with our outings, we will arrange for carpooling once it gets closer. Also, since this is an early afternoon show, we will probably stop for dinner after the show for those that want to partake. Stay tuned for those details, later.

Sunday, July 14 - 9:30 a.m. Worship and then immediately following worship you are welcome to bring family and friends to share in a time to hear about my

trip and see the pictures I have taken and will put up on the screen. We will have time to sample the many cheeses I brought back from Amsterdam for you as well as the Stroopwafels, chocolate, and salt licorice. Actual start time is about 10:30 a.m.

Week of May 26, 2024:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.
Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: **Tuesday**-Thursday 10am-3pm
(please call before coming)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Windows Committee – Thursday @ 10am

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon @ Powderbourne

Youth Group – Friday from 6-8pm

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School, **Last Day**

10:15am Communion Worship plus Celebrating Graduates

After Worship-Celebrating 5 Years of ATF, plan to stay
for reception

Total Offerings from May 19:

General Offerings: \$2,338.00

Window Fund: \$102.00

Mission: \$155.00

Attendance: 45

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$18.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$10.00

Cemetery: \$0

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.