



# Trinity United Methodist Church

## Saturday, April 11, 2026 - 5:00 pm



**Gathering Music**

*"You Alone"*

Meanz of Grace

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Don Gebhard

**Praise Songs**

*"How Great is Our God"*

*"The Heart of Worship"*

**Time of Fellowship**

**Scripture Reading**

*John 21:1-14*

Dale Hart

**Message**

*"Now What? Life after Easter"*

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Closing Song**

*"Good Good Father"*

**Sending Forth**



### Prayer Concerns

Becky Neidhardt, Domenic Mezzino, Chaplain David Cabush, Charlie, Sharon, Craig Good, Gloria Kehler, Sophia Culton, Jamie Kingston, Lt. Christian Bormann Paris, Maureen, Wahnetta Bears, Doris Flynn, Tara, Andy Barber, Una Kilkenny, Lisa Dittman, Susan, Joan Crouse, Frank, Ruth Hammond, Roger Hammond, Jamie, Lori Murray, Bennett Onderko, Hope Dingley, Mary Lou Dunn, Phil & BJ Hammel, Hana Hund, Norm & Edna Barrier, Evan Duryea, Joe Carr, George Hackett, Luke McKinnon, George Weiser, Annette Parker, Jennifer Bush, Diana Karns, Skylar Lynn, Laurie O'Mally, Russell Blazier, Stanley Jacobowski, McKayla Brown, George Fisher, Doris Fisher, Edna Burton, Dolly Miranda, Gean, Julius Somogyi, Claude Buchman, Evan Fondiller, Candace, David Izatt, Arthur & Jean Koenig, Jack Bozzuffi, Candice, Sarah Hergert, Pilot Alesio, Pilot Erin, Gabriele, Kathy K., Colleen, Stewart, George & Ellen Layton, Erica H., Nathan, Matthew Lott, Ted Ziegert, Terry & Donald Perrine, Gary Valentine, Anthony Pami, Meghan MacDonald, Matthew McKinnon, Abigail Brown, Linda Blazier, Bradley, Meghan W., Danny

Sympathy to Linda Mezzino and family on the death of her mother Marian Sterner

### Scripture Reading

**John 21:1-14 (NIV)**

**21** Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. <sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. <sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

# How Great Is Our God

CCLI Song Number: 4348399 Authors: Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves  
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The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

## The Heart of Worship

CCLI Song #: [2296522](#) Written By: Matt Redman Copyright: © 1997 Kingsway's Thankyou Music

### Verse 1

When the music fades  
All is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring  
Something that's of worth  
That will bless your heart

You search much  
deeper within  
Through the way  
things appear  
You're looking into my heart

I'm sorry Lord for the thing  
I've made it  
When it's all about you  
It's all about You Jesus

### Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart  
of worship  
And it's all about you  
It's all about You Jesus

### Verse 2

King of endless worth  
No one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor  
All I have is Yours  
Every single breath

### PreChorus

I'll bring you more than  
a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what You have required

## Good Good Father

CCLI Song # 7036612 Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett © 2014 Capitol CMG Paragon / Common Hymnal Publishing

### Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

### Verse 2

I've seen many searching  
For answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
For answers only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

### Chorus

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

### Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

### Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

## This Week at Trinity April 13 - 19

<b>Monday</b>	3:00 pm	Lower Level/Starr Hall	Middle School Drop In
	6:30 pm	Room 104	Intermediate ESL
	7:00 pm	KidZone	Finance
	8:00 pm	Upper Room	Monday Meet Up
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 pm	Lower Level/Starr Hall	Middle School Drop In
	6:00 pm	Connection Café	Stamping Angels
	7:00 pm	Zoom	Tuesday Night Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 am	Connection Café	Wednesday Bible Study
	10:30 am	Blue Room	Staff Meeting
	4:00 pm	Lower Level	After School Program
	4:00 pm	Room 103	English Conversation
	5:30 pm	Starr Hall	Community Dinner
	6:00 pm	Music Room	Agape Ringers
	6:30 pm	Upper Room	Youth Ministry (Grades 7-8)
	6:30 pm	Offsite	Youth Council (Grades 9-12)
	6:30 pm	Room 104	UWF Think Tank
	7:00 pm	KidZone	Trustees
	7:30 pm	Music Room	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am	Kitchen	Faithful Food Share
	1:00 pm	Trinity House	Senior Social
	3:00 pm	Lower Level/Starr Hall	Middle School Drop In
	6:00 pm	Connection Café	NAMI Family-to-Family Class
	6:30 pm	Room 103	English Conversation
	6:30 pm	Room 104	Intermediate ESL
	3:00 pm	Lower Level/Starr Hall	Middle School Drop In
<b>Friday</b>	3:30 pm	Connection Café	Voices for Justice
	4:00 pm	Panera Bread	Faithful Food Share Fundraiser
	8:00 am	Room 103	Men's Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Starr Hall	Voices for Justice Free Resources and Hospitality
	1:00 pm	Room 301	Sew & Sews
<b>Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Blue Room	Experiencing the Heart of Jesus
	9:00 am	Upper Room	Confirmation
	11:20 am	Room 104	Sunday Morning Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Offsite	Sr. High Sunday Social (Grades 10-12)
	6:00 pm	Starr Hall	Pickleball

### Pastoral Team

Rev. Erica Munoz – Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Deb De Vos – Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation & Discipleship

Rev. Donald Gebhard – Associate Pastor



VBS 2026  
July 27 – 31 | 9:00am – 12:15pm



**RainForest Falls**  
*Exploring the Nature of God*

Step through the mist into **RainForest Falls** where kids grow strong roots of faith! Use the QR code to volunteer and/or register your participants.

Here is a list of our **Rainforest Ranger** (volunteer) opportunities:

**Crew Leader (Elementary/Grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Guide a group of elementary-aged kids through each day's activities—no prep work needed. Crew Leaders serve as friendly mentors for the kids and supportive helpers for the station leaders, asking thoughtful questions, listening closely, and encouraging kids all week long.

**Crew Leader (Pre-K 3-4 yrs & Kindergarten)**

Participate in fun activities while shepherding a group of children ages 3 - 6 through each day's activities. For some, it is their first time attending VBS, and they will need extra care and love.

**Fun & Games Station (Pre-K or Elementary)**

These high-energy volunteers lead groups through exciting games and activities. No athletic experience required - just bring your energy and love of fun! The Elementary station meets outdoors (weather permitting), and the Pre-K station is held indoors.

**Imagination Station (Pre-K or Elementary)**

At **Imagination Station** we bring the Bible point to life using interactive illustrations, science, and creative experiences. You don't need to be artistic - just come ready to have fun!

**Music Station (Pre-K or Elementary)**

Lead opening and closing sessions in Starr Hall as well as participate in 20-minute sessions repeated each day. All singing abilities are welcome, lots of energy is the **ONLY** thing required.

**Sticky Scripture Station (Pre-K or Elementary)**

Share the daily Bible point with kids using fun, hands-on illustrations. No experience needed, we give you everything you need to succeed!

**Tech Support**

Help ensure that all music and videos play for opening and closing sessions as well as support the stations with tech (Sticky Scripture, Music etc.) throughout the day

**Transformation Team (Saturday, 7/25, 9:00am - 3:00pm)**

Join the team that creates our RainForest Falls fantasy! Can't make it then? There's lots to be done in the weeks before! Sign up and let us know how you can help.

**VBS Office**

**Not sure about working with kids or having a special talent?** The VBS Office could be perfect for you! This team keeps the week running smoothly through check-in, donations, daily prep, party planning, and more.

**Come be a part of the excitement and help create unforgettable moments!**

*Any questions?* Contact Rachel Savokinas  
973-713-2831 | [rsavokinas@catchthespirit.org](mailto:rsavokinas@catchthespirit.org)

# Announcements

## Worship Attendance

April 4/5	In Person	Facebook Peak Views
5:00	78	8
10:00	482	65

Please note that online numbers represent devices.

**-All My Days, Spring Sermon Series, Begins April 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>-** Prayer can be an abstract idea for some of us. When, where, what, and how do we pray? And why would we do it? Cultures and religions throughout time and space have turned to tangible objects to help them answer these questions. In this worship series, we will explore the ancient and cross-traditional use of prayer beads as a way to connect with the Holy and with each other for “all our days.” Join us Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 10:00am.

**-New Young Adult Group Forming-** If you are in the age range of 18 - 25(ish) join us weekly in the Upper Room on Mondays at 8:00pm beginning April 13<sup>th</sup> for Monday Meet Up.

**-Appalachia Service Project Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction –** will be held on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** in Starr Hall from 6:00-8:00pm. Tickets for adults are \$18.00, for children ages 6-10 are \$11.00 and children under 6 are free. The proceeds will benefit this year's ASP mission trip. Tickets can be purchased from ASP team members, through the church office, or use Just Say Yes #3. We are also looking for desserts. Use Just Say Yes #4 to let us know you can provide a dessert.

**-Faithful Food Share Panera Fundraiser –** On **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 – 8:00 pm enjoy dinner at Panera Bread (2045 State Route 57, Hackettstown). Flyers can be found in the foyers or from the church office or use the code FUND4U when ordering. Faithful Food Share will earn 25% of the net sales to be used to support their distribution of meals to conquer food scarcity among local residents.

**-Tailgate Yard Sale –** Are you in the mood to declutter and earn cash by selling clothes, furniture, and household items? Join our Tailgate Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** (rain date May 9<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00-4:00pm. Reserve a parking spot for \$35.00 or two spots for \$50.00. Tables are also available for \$5.00. Use Just Say Yes #5 to let us know you are interested.

**-Bread of Life Mission Opportunity-** On **Saturday, May 2nd** we will be traveling to the First Presbyterian Church in Newton to help those that could use a boost with a meal, toiletries, and clothing! We could use toilet paper and paper towels, as well. The clothing should be for spring/summer/fall--can be gently used or new! Any canned goods are also appreciated! We are looking for donations as well as volunteers. For details and the list of specific donations needed use Sign Up Genius link- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F48A4A629A4FA7-63275929-bread#/>.

**-Spring Small Group – The Message of Jesus -** will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom for 6 weeks beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>. Pat Riegler will be the facilitator. Use Just Say Yes #6 to join.

**-Senior Social –** Join us for a casual Tea Party (and coffee too)! Remember to bring a friend to this fun time of fellowship with other seniors. Come and enjoy lots of time for conversation, too. Join us in Trinity House on **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 - 2:45pm.

**-Voices for Justice Free Resources and Hospitality Event –** will be held on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in Starr Hall. Event features free homemade food and dishes from local restaurants, gifts for small children, guest speakers and tables with representatives from community support organizations. Everyone is welcome! Use the QR code to RSVP and/or learn how you can volunteer or donate towards the event.



**-Savor Supper** - This is an opportunity for ladies to gather with other women for a simple meal, fellowship and great conversation. The next Savor Supper will be held in Hackettstown on **Friday, April 24th** at 6:30pm with 5 spots available. For more details and to sign up, email Pastor Deb at [ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org).

**-Golden Gathering** – April Showers bring May Flowers - Let's plant some seeds, take them home and watch them grow!! We will also enjoy some sweet treats. All seniors are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 1:00 pm in the Connection Café in Trinity House. Use Just Say Yes #1 to let us know you are coming.

**-Movie and Discussion – The Six Triple Eight** - During WWII, the only US Women's Army Corps unit of color stationed overseas takes on an impossible mission in this film based on a true story. Rated PG13. The movie will be shown on **Sunday, May 3rd** at 12:30 in the Rotunda. Feel free to bring your lunch. Use Just Say Yes #7 to let us know you are coming.

**-Spring Into Spring** – The UMM is again working with Donaldson's Greenhouse and Nursery to help you with your spring planting. The UMM are selling \$10 vouchers that can be used for any plant or product at Donaldson's Greenhouse and Nursery. Vouchers, which expire on August 30th may be purchased from all members of the executive committee of the UMM, the church office, or by using Just Say Yes #8. All proceeds go to the Torgersen Scholarship Fund.

**-Hackettstown Middle School Drop-In Center – Current Needs** - With the rapid growth of the Hackettstown Middle School Drop-In Center (now averaging about 40 students per day), we are grateful for the many people who have asked how they can help. **Current needs include:**

- **Adult volunteers** to help supervise activities and engage with students
- **Gently used musical instruments** in working condition (violins, and full-size electronic keyboards). Volunteer instructors are available to teach if instruments are provided. (Instruments will remain on campus in practice rooms).
- **New or gently used Chess Games** for our newly formed chess club.
- **Donations to our class fund** to help purchase STEM and creative arts lesson plans through Teachers Pay Teachers
- **Small bottles of water**, which we go through quickly each week

If you would like to volunteer or contribute, please complete Just Say Yes #9 or speak with **Trisha Massa**. Thank you for supporting this growing ministry for local middle school students.

**-Appalachia Service Project** - The Appalachia Service Project Team is taking applications for their summer service trip! Trinity's ASP mission seeks to share the love of Jesus Christ through volunteer home repair in central Appalachia. The trip is July 4 - 12 and youth must have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade or up to participate. Applications are available on our website.

**-Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Do you know someone that is ill or could use the comfort of a handmade blessed Prayer Shawl? You are welcome to help yourself to one from the container over the coatrack in the Rotunda.

**-Trinity Scholarships Available** - Applications for the 2026 Trinity United Methodist Church's student scholarships are available in the foyer, the church office, and on the Trinity website. All completed applications are due by **Thursday, April 30th** at 12:00 noon. There are ten(10) different scholarships available: three(3) for beginning students, six(6) for beginning and/or continuing students, and one(1) for post graduate students only. The description of each scholarship and their qualifications are included in the application package. Students are encouraged to apply for all the scholarships that they are qualified for. Last year 10 Trinity students were awarded scholarships, totaling over \$24,000 under this program.

## Just Say Yes - Opportunities To Serve

1. **Golden Gathering** – April Showers bring May Flowers - Let's plant some seeds, take them home and watch them grow!! We will also enjoy some sweet treats. All seniors are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 1:00 pm in the Connection Café in Trinity House.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/we would like to attend the Golden Gathering on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2. **Explore: God's Word & God's Creation** - We live in a beautiful part of God's creation - let's go explore it! **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** - Urban Hike in NYC, approximately 4 miles. A hike in NYC? Yes! Starting with a ferry ride across the Hudson River, we will walk from Hudson Yards, down the entire length of the High Line, explore Little Island, have lunch at Chelsea Market, then reverse course back to the ferry. This hike will be easy, mostly flat and paved surfaces. Plan on spending approximately \$50 (~\$25 for parking/ferry, ~\$25 for lunch). *Trail highlights: Hudson Yards, art installations & other sights along the High Line, Little Island, Chelsea Market.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to attend the hike on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

3. **ASP Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction** - will be held on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** in Starr Hall from 6:00-8:00pm. Tickets for adults are \$18.00, for children ages 6-10 are \$11.00 and children under 6 are free. The proceeds will benefit this year's ASP mission trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets at \$18.00 each.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ child tickets at \$11.00 each.

4. **Desserts Needed-** for the ASP Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction which will be held **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** in Starr Hall from 5:00-7:00pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will provide a dessert for the ASP pasta dinner and silent auction.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in reserving a spot for the Tailgate Yard Sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to attend The Six Triple Eight on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES



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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in buying \_\_\_\_\_ vouchers at \$10 each.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to volunteer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to donate a musical instrument.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to donate a Chess game.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to donate to the class fund to support STEM and art sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can donate small bottles of water.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_