



# Trinity United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 2, 2026

5:00 pm



<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>"I Worship You"</i>	SNW Musicians
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rev. Erica Munoz
<b>Praise Songs</b>	<i>"What a Beautiful Name"</i> <i>"Holy Forever"</i>	
<b>Time of Fellowship</b>		
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	<i>Genesis 2:2-3; Philippians 4:8-9</i>	Tomas Cambara
<b>Message</b>	<i>"All My Days: Praise"</i>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>"Famous For"</i>	
<b>Closing Song</b>	<i>"Your Love Defends Me"</i>	
<b>Sending Forth</b>		



### Prayer Concerns

Sinikka Massa, Judy Porter, Zach, Daisy, Laura Spann, Beth Bracey, Luca Biamonte, Sharon, Jack O'Leary, Frank T. Gizzo, Joe S., Tony, Lisa Gnatz, Neil DeCostanza, Rita Stauffer, Joy Snyder, Laura O., Linda M., Sandy S., Julie, Davey, Janice Miller, Ken, Becky Neidhardt, Gloria Kehler, Sophia Culton, Jamie Kingston, Lt. Christian Bormann Paris, Maureen, Wahnetta Bears, Doris Flynn, Tara, Andy Barber, Lisa Dittman, Jim Cash, Joan Crouse, Sanna, 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, American Soldiers, Carol, The World, Kathy K., Colleen, Stewart, George & Ellen Layton, Erica H., Nathan, Matthew Lott, Ted Ziegert, Terry & Donald Perrine, Anthony Pami, Meghan MacDonald, Matthew McKinnon, Abigail Brown, Linda Blazier, Bradley, Meghan W., Danny

### Scripture Readings

#### Genesis 2:2-3 (NRSVue)

<sup>2</sup>On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

#### Philippians 4:8-9 (NRSVue)

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### Pastoral Team

Rev. Erica Munoz – Lead Pastor

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

Rev. Donald Gebhard – Associate Pastor

## What a Beautiful Name

CCLI Song # 7068424 Ben Fielding | Brooke Ligertwood  
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You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever, God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## Your Love Defends Me

CCLI Song #7064861 Hannah Kerr | Matt Maher  
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You are my joy, You are my song  
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from  
You are my refuge, my whole life long  
Where else would I go?

Surely my God is the strength of my soul  
Your love defends me  
Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone  
Your love defends me  
Your love defends me, yeah

Day after day, night after night  
I will remember, You're with me in this fight  
Although the battle, it rages on  
The war is already won  
I know the war is already won

Surely my God is the strength of my soul  
Your love defends me  
Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone  
Your love defends me  
Your love defends me

We sing, "Hallelujah"  
You're my portion  
My salvation  
Hallelujah  
You're my portion  
My salvation

Surely my God is the strength of my soul  
Your love defends me  
Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone  
Your love defends me  
Your love defends me

# Holy Forever

CCLI Song # 7201044 © 2022 Brian and Jenn Publishing | Capitol CMG Paragon | S. D. G. Publishing | Be Essential Songs  
My Magnolia Music | Phil Wickham Music | Simply Global Songs | Bethel Music Publishing

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb

And all who've gone before us  
and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry holy  
All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven  
and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom  
and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry holy  
All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever

Hear Your people sing holy  
To the King of kings, holy  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

Jesus  
Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
(oh, stands above)  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry holy  
All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever (we cry holy, holy, holy)

Hear Your people sing (we will sing) holy  
To the King of kings (holy),  
holy (holy is the Lord)  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever

# Announcements

## Worship Attendance

April 25/26	In Person	Facebook Peak Views
5:00	49	5
10:00	172	48

Please note that online numbers represent devices.

**-Special Communion Offering** –We will take a special offering during Communion today as we join United Methodists around the world in a one-time offering dedicated to the funding for Theological Education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines This is a worldwide initiative of The United Methodist Church, supported by the Council of Bishops, to strengthen theological education and leadership formation across the global connection. Together, through prayer and generosity, we can support faithful, well-equipped leaders for the Church and the world. We can make a difference!

**-Membership Information Session-** will be held TODAY **Sunday, May 3rd** at 11:15am the Rotunda. Are you interested in knowing more about membership in the United Methodist Church or maybe you are ready to make a commitment and officially join the membership of Trinity UMC? We will gather to talk about the membership vows of the UMC and to share more about the ministries of the Trinity UMC.

**-L.I.F.T.** – This afternoon **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will gather in Starr Hall from 4:30 – 6:30pm for LIFT (Living in Faith Together) which is designed to foster intergenerational community. All ages are welcome. Bring a dish to share, drinks and desserts will be provided. This will be our last L.I.F.T. gathering until the fall.

**-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 TODAY **Sunday, May 3rd** at 12:30 in the Rotunda. Feel free to bring your lunch.

**-UMM Breakfast–** Our **Saturday, May 9th** breakfast will feature Mr. Jason Dennen who will speak to us about his experience of surviving a serious sky diving accident. Jason was recommended to us by Pastor Erica and he will be speaking about his book: **“8 Days Till Sunrise”**, which describes his accident and his remarkable recovery. This will be an inspirational presentation. We continue to collect new underwear and socks, and gently used shirts, pants, and jackets for Midnight Run. Breakfast begins at 8:00am with coffee at 7:45am for early arrivals and ends at 9:30. Everyone is invited to UMM breakfasts. Use Just Say Yes #1 to let us know you will attend.

**-Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** - led by the U.S. Postal Service, brings communities together in a simple but powerful way. Right here at home, the Hackettstown and Budd Lake post offices generously donate all collected food to support The Lord’s Pantry—helping neighbors in need across our community. This year’s drive is happening **on Saturday, May 9th**, and getting involved is easy:

**Donate food:** Just place non-perishable items by your mailbox for your postal carrier to pick up (please, no glass containers).

**Spread the word:** Invite friends, family, and neighbors to join in—the more who know, the greater the impact!

**Lend a hand:** Volunteer with us that afternoon to help collect, sort, and organize donations.

Every can, every box, and every helping hand makes a difference. Together, we can fill shelves—and hearts. If you are interested in volunteering, please use Just Say Yes #7.

**-Golden Gathering** – We will have a Cinco De Mayo Celebration! Come enjoy festive food and fellowship on **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm in the Connection Café in Trinity House. All seniors are welcome. Please use Just Say Yes #2 to let us know you plan to attend.

**-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 **Thursday, May 14th** at 5:30pm with 3 spots available. For more details and to sign up, email Pastor Deb at [ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org).

**-Kara-bout Your Body Lunch & Learn-** Join us for our 3rd Lunch & Learn on **Sunday, May 17th** at 11:30am in the Rotunda. Kara Fragale, Nutritionist, Holistic Nutrition Counselor, A Board-Certified Master Herbalist, a Whole Foods Chef and a Fitness Expert, will be joining us for a fun presentation on health home remedies for various ailments. She offers knowledge of regaining our energy and tips on making it easier to live a healthy lifestyle. She also works one on one with individuals who suffer from arthritis, inflammation, cancer, thyroid problems, weight gain, autoimmune diseases, or simply individuals wanting to feel better, stronger and gain back their energy. Plan to bring a bag lunch. Use Just Say Yes #3 to let us know you are coming.

**-Senior Social** – Join us for an afternoon of fun. Come test your memory of your youth with quizzes and games. Remember to bring a friend to this fun time of fellowship with other seniors. Coffee and a snack will be provided. There will be lots of time for conversation. We will meet in Trinity House on **Thursday, May 21st** from 1:15 - 2:45pm.

**-Voices for Justice** - believes in the sacred worth, dignity and rights of all people because all people are created in God's image - "Imago Dei". Our mission is to support refugees, migrants and immigrants through education, community engagement and action. Use the QR code to learn more or join us on **Friday, May 8th** at 3:30 in the Connection Café in Trinity House.



**-United Women in Faith June Gathering** - Join us on **Saturday, June 6th** from 11:00 am – 2:30 pm in Starr Hall for Self-Care: The Key to Well-Being, featuring life coach and mental health professional Susie the Life Coach. You can learn more about her at [susielifecoach.com](http://susielifecoach.com). Enjoy a light lunch including pizza, salad, soft drinks, cookies, and brownies while connecting with other women in our church and community. As part of our outreach, we invite attendees to bring feminine hygiene products to support the Lord's Pantry and help address a growing need in our community. The cost is \$10. Come take time to invest in yourself while making a difference for others. Register using Just Say Yes #5.

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

**-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 #6. 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).
- **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 #8 or speak with **Trisha Massa**. Thank you for supporting this growing ministry for local middle school students.

## This Week at Trinity May 4 – 10

<b>Monday</b>	12:30pm	Heath Village	Trinity Friendship Circle	
	3:00 pm	Lower Level/Starr Hall	Middle School Drop In	
	6:30 pm	Room 104	Intermediate ESL	
	6:30 pm	Room 105	Guardian Angel	
	7:00 pm	Resource Center	Lord's Pantry Advisory Council	
	8:00 pm	Upper Room	Monday Meet Up	
	<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Room 104	Sister Share
		3:00 pm	Lower Level/Starr Hall	Middle School Drop In
7:00 pm		Room 103	Trinity Banned Book Club	
7:00 pm		Zoom	Tuesday Night Bible Study	
7:00 pm		KidZone	Lay Personnel	
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 am	Connection Café	Wednesday Bible Study	
	10:30 am	Connection Café	Wiseman's Journey	
	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	
	7:30 pm	Music Room	Chancel Choir	
	<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am	Kitchen	Faithful Food Share
		10:00 am	Zoom	Centering Prayer
3:00 pm		Lower Level	Middle School Drop In	
6:30 pm		Room 103	English Conversation	
6:30 pm		Room 104	Intermediate ESL	
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Celebration Praise Band	
	3:00 pm	Lower Level/Starr Hall	Middle School Drop In	
<b>Saturday</b>	3:30 pm	Connection Café	Voices For Justice	
	7:00 am	Room 103	Men's Bible Study	
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Starr Hall	UMM Breakfast	
	8:45 am	Blue Room	Experiencing the Heart of Jesus	
	9:00 am	Upper Room	Confirmation	
	11:15 am	Rotunda	New Member Information Session	
	11:20 am	Room 104	Sunday Morning Bible Study	
	4:30 pm	Starr Hall/ Rm 303	LOL – 5 <sup>th</sup> &6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fellowship	
	6:00 pm	Starr Hall	Pickleball	



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 a scientist - just come ready to have fun!

**NEW FOR 2026...Arts & Crafts Station (Pre-K or Elementary)**

Assist kids with fun, hands-on crafts that connect to the daily theme. Help hand out supplies, encourage creativity, and quick setup/cleanup for the next group – all while having fun. No art skills needed, just a positive attitude and a willingness to help!

**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)

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4. **Breakfast Run**- Our next run into NYC is scheduled for Saturday morning **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at church at 6:00 pm to prepare the food and then go into the city. Just a reminder that you do not have to drive into the city yourself – we will have designated drivers.

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

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

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

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES



## Just Say Yes – Opportunities To Serve

7. **Stamp-Out Hunger Postal Food Drive** - The Lord's Pantry is looking for volunteers to help during the annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Postal Food Drive next **Saturday, May 9**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help drive between the Hackettstown Post Office and Pantry starting at 4:00pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help drive between the Budd Lake Post Office and Pantry starting at 4:00pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help sort and store food from 4:00 – 6:00pm.

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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 to the class fund to support STEM and art sessions.

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

9. **Mother's Day Carnations** - Members and friends of our congregation may honor or memorialize a loved one by ordering a carnation. The cost of each flower is \$3.00. (Use Venmo or send check made out to TUMC with carnations in the memo line to the church office)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Carnations

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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