

*Spirit  
for All*

May 19, 2024

# WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity Reformed UCC, where all are welcome, especially those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, rich, middle-class, poor, LGBTQIA+ (or not), living nearby or far away. No matter where you were born, what language you speak, your skin color, ethnicity, culture, ability, or disability, we welcome you. We love crying newborns, active toddlers, kids, youths, adults, and seniors, and people who are thick, thin, short, tall, or in between. We welcome you whether you can sing high, sing low, sing only in the shower, try to sing, or if you cannot carry a tune in a bucket (our pastor can't either). You're welcome if you are a first-time visitor, have been here before, are a member, or if you do not really know why/what/who brought you here. We welcome you if you attend church weekly, sometimes, rarely, never, or if this is your first time ever. We welcome you if you are baptized, aren't baptized, don't know, or don't even know what that means. We extend a special welcome to you if you have been hurt by the Church and hope you will find nothing but love here. Please know that we welcome you with all your questions, doubts, beliefs, disbeliefs, and unbelief.

In short: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey: You are welcome here.  
Period.

## WEEKLY SERVICES



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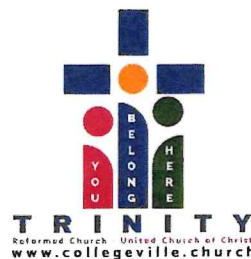
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

### ONLINE

Live at [tinyurl.com/trinf](https://tinyurl.com/trinf)

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## NEW OR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for choosing to worship here today.

We are blessed by your presence.

If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to be contacted, please let one of the ushers know and/or fill out one of the visitor cards located in the pews.

## YOUNG DISCIPLES

We love children! Our greeters have activity pads to keep little ones entertained. Please let us know if you need to use our nursery - we're happy to show you the way. Please also consider enrolling your child in our Sunday School, which meets September-June on the 2nd & 4th Sundays from 10:30-11:30AM.

We look forward to seeing you and your family!

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

May 26 after worship

### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Today, May 19 after worship

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**NEW DATE – 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 25-27

VBS registrations are online.

Go to [Collegeville.church](http://Collegeville.church) for a convenient online registration form

## Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Suzanne E. Schwarz-Green

**Administrative Assistant:** Vacant

**Voice & Bell Choirs:** Cindy Golden

**Organist:** Alicia Hoffmann

**Choir Accompanist:** Mike Ruhl

## Thank You\*

**Flowers:**

**In Memory of Trinity's Faithful Departed.**

**Greeters:**

**Fred and Jane Schuetz**

**Head Usher:**

**Fred Schuetz**

**Reader:**

**May Golden**

Our red paraments, the color of fire, in celebration of the tongues of fire that descended on the crowd in Jerusalem, are dedicated to the memory of Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Hoover, Mr. & Mrs. H. T. Hunsicker, and JoAnn Hunsicker.

## PRAYER BOX For the week of May 19, 2024

Please include the following individuals/causes to your daily prayers this week and also let us know if prayers need added or removed:

**Special Requests:** Steve T & Larry • Cliff P. • Betty and daughter Melissa (friends of Lisa K.) • Richard (brother-in-law of Debbie S.) • Sue (colleague of Chris W.) • Glenn DeWane • Judy S. (request by Sherry W.) • Paula (sister of Sherry W) and her whole family

**Ongoing Prayer Needs:** Don & Joan R. • Beth Z. • Jackie H. (daughter of Angela S.) • Hubie B. • Leslie H. • Ruth F. • Audrey S. • Mike (brother of Heather W.) and friend Jer • George D. • Jenni (daughter of Lisa & Jim K.) • Father of Jim K. • Gloria Z. (mother of Tim Z.)

**Congratulations, Thanksgiving, and Blessings:** Josslyn M. who will be confirmed in the faith today.

Dear Beloved Community,

We are overjoyed and deeply humbled by the incredible generosity shown by our church family during the Warm Hearts Campaign. To date, we have raised \$20,934.08 through your combined efforts, bringing us one-third of the way to our \$64,000 target. We are so grateful for every person who has contributed in their own unique way to this cause, and we celebrate the unity and love demonstrated by our congregation.

In addition to our own initiatives, we have also applied for a grant to help make our church more accessible to all. If approved, this State grant for the ADA project will allow us to provide better access to the lower level of the church and renovate the lower-level bathrooms for wheelchair accessibility. We appreciate your continued prayers as we await the outcome of this application.

Lastly, mark your calendars for an exciting event! On September 28, 2024, we will be hosting a gift card bingo fundraising event that will bring our community together while raising funds for the Warm Hearts Campaign. Stay tuned for more details!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how you can support our efforts, please reach out to any member of the fundraising committee: Ed Snowden, Fred Schuetz, Linda Jessup, Peg Schwarz-Green, Shannon Conard, Pastor Suzanne, or Leda Peterson, or email the committee at [impactfund@collegeville.church](mailto:impactfund@collegeville.church).

Thank you for being a part of our loving church family. Your presence, prayers, and support are invaluable as we work together to create a warm and welcoming space for all who enter our doors.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
The Fundraising Committee



# Order of Worship

May 19, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

PRELUDE

ALICIA HOFFMANN

OPENING WORDS

PASTOR SUZANNE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NCH #272

ON PENTECOST THEY GATHERED Vs. 1, 3, 4

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world.

C: **The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God**

I: The Spirit spreads like a fire, bringing energy for all who bear witness to God's love.

C: **May the Spirit of the living God come to us, and transforms us, with Pentecost power!**

L: Come to us, God Almighty, Send your spirit. Ignore the fire in our hearts and feed your flame within. Rustling wind, blow on us. Grow the sparks and spread them. Let your Spirit prepare, strengthen, and equip us. Come to us, Spirit of truth, consume us with your fire. Let your love full our world with compassion, joy, and hope. **Amen.**

\*CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: The Spirit of God intercedes for us and helps us in our weakness. Together may we confess what the Lord has already heard.

**ALL Merciful God, Our hearts cry out to you to make us whole again. Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be one with yours. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us . Amen.**

*(Moment of silent contemplation, confession, and prayer.)*

KYRIE (RESPONSIVE)

NCH #750

(LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, CHRIST..., LORD...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Spirit is within you. Love one another. Forgive one another. Seek peace and practice mercy together. And the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding will be with you. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God for this Good News. Hallelujah!

\*HYMN

NCH #290

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

Vs. 1, 4, 5

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (LED BY READER)

**All: Holy Wisdom, By the power of your Spirit, settle now into our hearts and illumine your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

<b>READINGS</b>	Hebrew Scripture	Ezekiel 37:1-14
	Acts of the Apostles	Acts 2:1-21
	Gospel	John 15:26-27 & 16:4B-16

**SERMON TAG, YOU'RE IT!**

**\*HYMN THEY KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE – SEE INSERT ALL VERSES**

### **CONFIRMATION & AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

#### INVITATION, SENTENCES, AND QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

##### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Do you believe in God?	People:	I believe in God.
Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ	People:	I believe in Jesus Christ.
Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?	People:	I believe in the Holy Spirit.

#### PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATE

#### PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

**ALL:** Almighty God, who in baptism received this your servant into the church, forgave her sins, and promised her eternal life, increase in her the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen her for her ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### ACT OF CONFIRMATION & PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

#### ADDRESS & QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

##### \*WELCOME

Pastor: Let us, members of Trinity Reformed Church United Church of Christ express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Congregation: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Pastor & Church Representative: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of Trinity Reformed Church UCC, we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

#### PRAYER & BENEDICTION

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PRAYER RESPONSE (BLUE HYMNAL, UNDER PEW, #501)**

**Sung Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Hear our prayer, O Lord; And grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

L: Pentecost People – we have received gifts of time, talent, and treasure, too numerous to count. Now let's give, in thanks and joy, to enable the church to be a Pentecost presence in the community.

(YOU MAY PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE OFFERING PLATE. OR GIVE ONLINE USING THE QR CODE)



**OFFERTORY** CHANCEL CHOIR COME, BLESS THE LORD LAU

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (BLUE HYMNAL, UNDER PEW, #506)**

**Sung Response We give Thee but Thine own, What'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: God be with you C: And also with you  
P: Lift up your hearts C: We lift them to God  
P: Let us give thanks to God Most High C: It is right to give God thanks and praise  
P: It is indeed right to praise you, surprising God.....And so we sing for joy:

(“Holy, Holy, Holy” #522 – BLUE Hymnal - under pew in front of you)  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy Glory'  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

**THE STORY REMEMBERED**

P: Most surprising of all, you came to live as one of us...  
...And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**THE SPIRIT TRANSFORMS**

P: Come, Holy God, come...  
...And now, as beloved children of a loving God, we pray the prayer of Jesus, saying:

All: 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, forever. Amen

THE POURING AND BREAKING AND SERVING

P: Through the broken bread C: We participate in the body of Christ

P: Through the cup of blessing C: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**All: We thank You, O God, for the nourishment and strength we have received at your table. We thank you, O Christ, for the new life that we enjoy, and which we now take into the world. We thank you, Holy Spirit, for comforting us, teaching us, and guiding us toward a more faithful way of living. May your grace, love and friendship surround us and flow through us all, now and forever. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\* 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, forever. Amen**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NCH #282 EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT ALL VERSES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

L: Now go in hope, in peace, in joy; go to love and serve God.

All: Thanks be to God

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NCH #812 THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE Improvisation ALICIA HOFFMAN**

*\*Congregation may stand.*

*Please join us after the service in Hendricks Room for light refreshments.*

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***About Communion at Trinity***

*The sacrament of Holy Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or Eucharist, meaning "thanksgiving," celebrates not only the memory of a meal that is past, but an actual meal with the risen Christ that is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet at which Christ will preside at the end of history. At this table we hear, taste, touch and receive the grace of God revealed through Jesus Christ in a unique way. This is God's table and not ours; therefore, here at Trinity, this table is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people, regardless of age, state of baptism/confirmation, church affiliation, or state of confession. Jesus did not reject people, neither do we.*



## On Pentecost They Gathered

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981  
 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns  
 ... of the Holy Spirit do not mention

Tune: MUNICH 7.67.6.D.  
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693  
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

# Spirit of God, Descend upon my heart

Gal. 5:25; Matt. 22:37; John 1:32

George Croly, 1854; alt.

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?  
4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;  
5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;  
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,  
No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
I see your cross—there teach my heart to stay;  
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
O let me seek you, and O let me find.  
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

George Croly, ordained in the Church of Ireland, was well known in London literary circles and served a poor parish. This hymn is from a collection he compiled for that congregation. Hellespont was the original name for the tune Morecambe.

Tune: MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.  
Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

# 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

### *Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. —

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)  
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

ST. BRENDAN'S  
76.76.86 with Refrain

## Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American spiritual

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God  
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

*Last time, end*

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -  
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.  
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

*to Refrain*

Among the thousands of spirituals that exist today are songs of  
grief and sorrow. This well-known spiritual is a song

Tune: African-American spiritu  
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 19

# PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

Acts 2:1-21

## “Spirit for All”

*Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Today many churches will receive the Strengthen the Church offering.

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.\*

It's especially poignant to receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost, the day in which God's presence as wind and fire was heard, felt and seen by all those gathered. As winds of the Spirit swept over the waters in Genesis beginning Creation, the winds of Spirit sweep over people creating community anew.

On this day, we remember that we are co-creators with God of the reign which is to come. Pentecost reminds us that we are never alone in this co-creation. Both those within our church walls and those without can be vessels of the Holy Spirit, and when we speak, we will be heard and understood. And the promise of Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit does not just fill us with words, but also incites us into action on behalf of the divine.

Look around! What work is the Holy Spirit ready to do through your community? How might the Strengthen the Church offering be a part of that work?

\*<https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church/>



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