



Trinity United Church of Christ of Collegeville

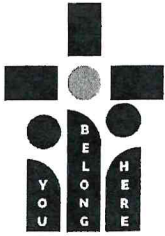
East Main Street Collegeville or [www.collegeville.church](http://www.collegeville.church)

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM ONSITE and ONLINE (live at [tinyurl.com/trinf](http://tinyurl.com/trinf))

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A large graphic for Easter Day. The background is a warm, orange-toned bokeh effect. In the foreground, there are several hands raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, some holding small, colorful Easter eggs. The text 'Easter Day' is centered in a white serif font within a thin white rectangular border.

# Easter Day



## WELCOME TO TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF COLLEGEVILLE

Many churches say everyone is welcome. We mean it. Whether you are a lifelong churchgoer or someone who hasn't stepped inside a church in years — or ever — and regardless of your economic situation, skin color, ethnicity, ability, immigration status, marital status, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression — you are welcome at this church.

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

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**NEW OR FIRST TIME HERE?** We're so glad you came! If you have questions, need anything, or would like us to reach out, put a note into the offering plate or let an usher or greeter know.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES.** We love having children in worship — wiggles, giggles, and all! Activity pads are available from our greeters, who can also answer questions about Sunday School and quiet spaces for little ones. We're glad your family is here!

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### WHO WE ARE

Following Jesus' call to love God and neighbor, we covenant to, in all things, practice GRACE:

<b>G</b>	<b>Grateful Hearts</b> ( <i>1 Thessalonians 5:18</i> ) We are grateful for this community, for grace as we grow and learn together, and for one another's differences — which we embrace as gifts that strengthen us.
<b>R</b>	<b>Respectful Relationships</b> ( <i>1 Thessalonians 5:11</i> ) – We build each other up and treat each other with respect and love. We honor each person's gifts and participation. We are hard on problems and gentle with people.
<b>A</b>	<b>Authentic Communication</b> ( <i>Ephesians 4:25</i> ) – We talk to each other and not about each other, gently redirecting if someone brings a concern about another person. We don't gossip or triangulate. We assume good intentions.
<b>C</b>	<b>Compassionate Understanding</b> ( <i>Ephesians 4:32</i> ) - We listen to understand, not to judge or fix. We seek to truly hear each other's perspectives, recognizing that different viewpoints help us all see more clearly. We stay curious rather than certain.
<b>E</b>	<b>Embracing Unity</b> ( <i>Ephesians 4:3</i> ) - We are rooted in Christ's love and committed to what unites us. We trust God works through our community in both agreement and disagreement, drawing us ever closer together. We choose love over being right.

Nobody gets this right all the time — including us. When we fall short, we commit to working things out the way Jesus taught us: face to face, with grace, involving others only as needed, and always with love as the goal.

## Order of Worship

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

Organ Proclamation	Resurrection Fanfare	Alexander Därr
Processional	Christ Rose Up From The Dead	NCH 239 VS 1, 3, 4

Call to Worship

L: This is the good news — the cross is empty. The grave is empty!

**C: Alleluia!**

L: This is the good news — the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**C: Alleluia!**

L: This is the good news — the Word is near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart.

**C: Alleluia!**

L: This is the good news — once we were no people. Now we are God's people.

**C: Alleluia!**

L: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed.

**ALL Alleluia!**

Christ Rose Up From the Dead Refrain

Welcome

Bell Acclamation

Bell Paeon

Derek K. Hakes

Invitation to and Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we come with alleluias on our lips and doubts in our hearts. We want resurrection without the waiting, new life without the letting go, hope without the cost of love. We cling to what is familiar even when you are doing something new. We trust what we can see more than what you have promised. Forgive us, O God. Turn us again toward life. Teach us to walk in the way of your risen Son. Amen.

*(Silence is kept)*

Kyrie (responsive) NCH 750 (Lord, have Mercy upon us, Christ..., Lord...)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: The tomb is empty. Death does not have the last word. The powers of this world have not won.

**C: In Jesus Christ, a new creation has begun. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

L: Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

# Hymn of Faith

# Morning has Broken UMH

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Am Em/G

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, you moved over the waters at creation and breathed life into dust. Move now over this ancient story May the words we hear become the truth we live. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

Epistle

Acts 10:34-43

NT pg 129 in Pew Bible

Gospel

John 20:1-18

NT pg 114 in Pew Bible

Sermon

Who Are You Looking For?

Pastor Suzanne



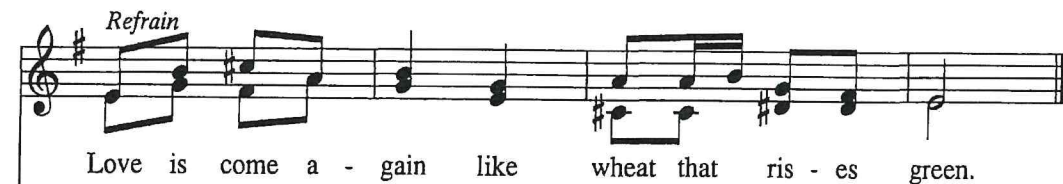
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;  
 2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
 3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,



Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;  
 Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE OFFERING

Offertory See, What A Morning (Resurrection Hymn) Chancel Choir

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Table

This table belongs to the risen Christ — not to any congregation, any tradition, any particular way of believing. It is open to all who are hungry, all who are seeking, all who want to be made new. You don't have to be certain. You don't have to have it together. You simply have to be willing to receive. Come.

# The Great Thanksgiving

Preface:

Pastor: ...Therefore, with everyone who has ever come hungry to your table, with the whole company of heaven and earth, we join the ancient song:

(Preface)

*Leader* *All*



The Lord be with you. \_\_\_\_\_ And al -

*Leader*



so with you. \_\_\_\_\_ Lift up your

*All*



hearts. \_\_\_\_\_ We lift them up to the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

*Leader* *All*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give our thanks and praise. \_\_\_\_\_

Sanctus



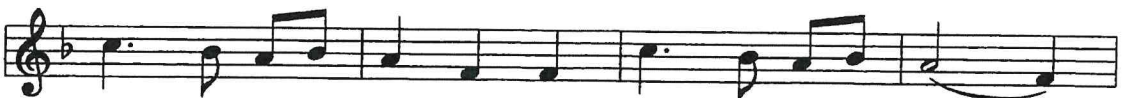
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of



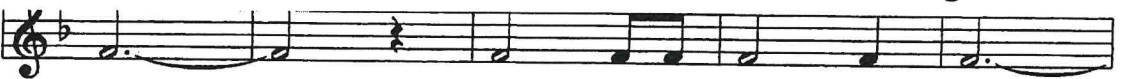
power and might. \_\_\_\_\_ Heav - en and earth are



ry. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -



san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -



est! \_\_\_\_\_ Blest is the one who comes \_\_\_\_\_

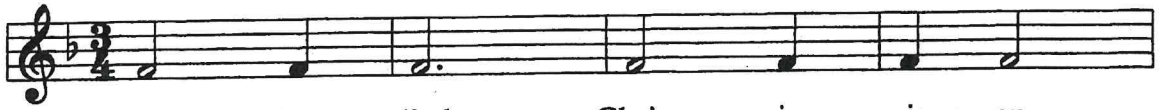


\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -



san - na in the high - est! \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: ...we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,



Christ will come a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -



san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -



san - na in the high - est! \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: ...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer            SUNG            SING AS DIRECTED

Breaking of the Bread

L:     The bread we break is the body of Christ,

**C:     People: given for all.**

L:     The cup we share is the new covenant,

**ALL:    poured out for many.**

Pastor: Come. Everything is ready.

*(Distribution of the elements in the pews, please remain seated. Communion Song NCH 336 "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face")*

Bell Interlude

Rondo Festivo

Cynthia Dobrinski

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Risen God, we thank you for the gift of this day and for the good news that met us here: that the tomb is empty, that love is stronger than death, and that your life is already at work in the world. You have turned our mourning into dancing, our fear into hope, our waiting into praise. You have planted resurrection in the soil of our lives and called us into the joy of your new creation. Send us now as people who live by your promise, who trust your power to make all things new, and who follow Christ in the way of life. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Because He Lives

UMH

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,  
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
and feel the pride and joy he\* gives;  
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,  
and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

*Keight*

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;  
 be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;  
 be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,  
 and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

Benediction

Postlude

Up From the Grave He Arose

Arr. F.R.J. Rudolph

2026 Easter Lilies

**Given By:**

Carol Washburn & Cliff Porter  
 Earl Hallman  
 Cheryl Hallman  
 Skip & Sopa Schauer  
 Deb & Ed Snowden  
 The Ullman Family  
 The Ullman Family  
 The White Family  
 Pastor Suzanne Schwarz-Green  
 Peg Schwarz-Green

**Given By:**

Steve Taylor

**In Memory of:**

Our parents  
 My parents  
 My parents  
 Howard & Lorraine Schauer  
 Our parents  
 George  
 Ava  
 Kathye & Bob Handwerk  
 My Mother  
 My Parents

**In Celebration of:**

Trinity Chancel Choir



## JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

**ONSITE and ONLINE** ([tinyurl.com/trinf](http://tinyurl.com/trinf)) at 9:30 a.m.

**For more info visit us on the web at** [www.Collegeville.church](http://www.Collegeville.church)

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## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

**RED CROSS** – March 20; April 24; May 8 ALL from 10am-3pm

**PLASTIC PALOOZA EVENT** APRIL 11 9AM-1PM IN HENDRICKS (PLEASE SEE BEVERLY ALTEMOSE FOR INFO)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** –April 12 and 26 after worship

**CONCERT** April 13 6:30pm. Trinity at Ursinus Presents Saint-Seans “Organ Symphony” at Bomburger Hall, Ursinus University

## RECURRING CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS/MEETINGS AT TRINITY

**Rehearsals** – Thursdays @ 6PM Bell Choir and at 7PM Chancel Choir

**Progressive Women’s Alliance of Montgomery County** - Mondays @ 7 PM in Hendricks

**12-Step Meetings** - NA Sundays @ 6:30 PM, AA Fridays @ 7:30 PM in Hendricks Room

**Boy Scouts** – Wednesdays @ 7PM in Hendricks Room

**Girl Scouts** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Hendricks and Freeland Lounge

## THANK YOU

Reader: Peg Schwarz-Green

Ushers/Greeters: Ed & Deb Snowden

Flowers given in honor of Trinity’s Dearly Departed (to sponsor, [email flowers@collegeville.church](mailto:flowers@collegeville.church))

## **Prayer Box for the Week of March 29, 2026**

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: Jennifer M. (niece of Jim G.) • Alice Golassi (Aunt of Robert R) • Owen and family (friends of Bev A.) • Peggy S. (Dianne S.’s mother in law) • Mike (son -in-law of Joan Auch) • Carson (Chris W. colleague) • Nancy • Susan • Brandon L. (brother of Nicole P.) • Josh (family of Deb S’ friends) • Jon )friends of Deb S.) • Ronnie A. (friend of Sherry W.)

Ongoing Prayer Needs: Joan R. • Ruth F. • Audrey S. • Glenn D. • Cliff P. • Ben and Jess. (Beth Z. godson and wife) • Leslie H • Maria L. (mother of Nicole P.) • Jane D. • Nicole P. • Shannon C • George D. • Janet B.

# E A S T E R   D A Y

April 5, 2026

John 20:1-18

## Easter

There has always been something powerful about Mary's lonesome walk to the tomb that first Easter morning as each grief-filled step leads to renewed hope. And the beauty is that while we know what awaits her — not a lifeless body, but rather the Risen and Resurrected Lord — she doesn't.

In her pre-dawn funeral march, she has no clue that with just a few more difficult steps she will understand how God's promises are true. She will be awed to see how death doesn't get the victorious last word. She will hear the blessed new hellos that come after the heart-breaking good-byes.

Whenever I find myself moving in slow motion and the weight of loss makes it hard to take even one tiny shuffle forward, I take my side next to Mary. I imagine walking with her to the tomb of death that will be revealed as the tomb of life. I walk with her noticing how the darkness gradually changes color. One step forward and the black sky turns to gray. Another step forward and the gray lightens with twinges of pink. Yet another step and the pinks give way to dazzling golden hues. Each step, a step of faith. Each step, a step of promise. Each step leading to the promise of a resurrected life.

It happened to Mary, and it can happen to you on this day, the Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday!

Remember Mary and find the courage in your losses of life to keep stepping forward, for those are the steps leading to hope and healing. Those are the steps that will reveal to us the loving compassion of our Risen Lord and Friend.

*God of Resurrection Hope, we praise You for the new day dawning. In Jesus, our hopes are renewed. In Jesus, grief will turn into joy. In Jesus, our tombs will indeed be made empty. May the steps of faith we take be strengthened by Your Love and may we never step moving forward toward Your beautiful promises. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today's Sunday Bulletin.)

