

Earth Day
April 19, 2026

*That same day two of them were walking to the village of Emmaus,
about seven miles out of Jerusalem. —Luke 24:13 (The Message)*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" *arr. Mark Hayes*
Choral Introit "O Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord" *Donald Moore*

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Way beyond all journeying, truth behind all mystery, life within all living:

We praise you.

Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness,
midwife of a better future:

We praise you.

Ground of all being, judge of all nations, conscience of the universe:

We praise you.

Maker, Redeemer, confessor, companion;
befriender, inspirer, God beyond all names:

We praise you!

***Hymn 257** "The Risen Christ"

Call to Confession & Prayer

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens; lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth; Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters; in earth, sea, and sky you are ever present, and we give you thanks. But where we have avoided traveling the right roads with you; where we have trampled you in creation; where we have not honored but avoided you in one another; forgive us, and hear our plea for your pardon. For the life of the world and the love of its people, renew us, prepare us, and commit us. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 437**, "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

Passing of the Peace

First Lesson

Luke 24:13–27

Anthem

“Wayfaring Stranger”

arr. Larry Shackley

A Prayer for Children

Second Lesson

Luke 24:28–35

Sermon

The Seven-Mile Walk

Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn 252**

“Day of Arising”

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

With the whole church we affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Building & Grounds Work Day, Bud Weeks & Jim Kisner

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn 543**

“O Christ, Surround Me”

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thour Great Jehovah”, *arr. Hal H. Hopson*

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *The Call to Worship is reprinted from A Wee Worship Book, 5th ed. (Glasgow, Scotland: Wild Goose Publications, 2015), p. 26. The Prayer of Confession and the Affirmation of Faith are adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow, Scotland: Wild Goose Publications, 2017), p. 36 and 65.*

LITURGIST(S): Dick Bobb
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf
LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 149

FLOWERS: Given Alice Cooper In memory of her sister, Carol, and her brother-in-law, Dave
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.



PC(USA)
June 10, 1983 -
our denomination



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina -
our regional leadership



More Light
Presbyterians -
LGBTQ+ affirming



an Earth Care
Congregation -
eco-stewardship



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala - global
partnership



a Matthew 25
Church - social
justice advocacy

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EARTH DAY SUNDAY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:40 Special Film: "The Eagle & The Condor"

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

TUESDAY

9:00 Tax Aide

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

10:30 Naomi Circle

6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY - EARTH DAY!

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

12:00 Presbyterian Advocacy Hour

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

1:30 Trinity Book Group

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

9:00 Building & Grounds Spring Work Day

SUNDAY - 5 CENTS A MEAL

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Missionaries Andy & Ellen Collins

10:00 Children's Sunday School

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy: Harriet Bechtel and family on the death of Ted Bechtel **Hospice:** Art Wayboer **Rehab/Nursing:** Harriet Bechtel (Bella Vista); Don Robinson (Life Care); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nugent Sharp, Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell) **Home:** Kathy Steinbaugh; Cynthia Moser; Brandon Haskins; Barbara Pickwood; Sarah Ogide (John Wright's daughter); Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Leslie Nissen; Kris Grasse; Dave Gilbert; Helen Dearborn; Nancy Twitchen; Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister), Brenda Nelson; Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, people in war-torn areas of the world, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.

THE EAGLE AND THE CONDOR UNITE: DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING. On Sunday, April 19, beginning at 9:40 a.m., all are invited to view the documentary *The Eagle and the Condor Unite – A Story of Climate Restoration*, which addresses the subject of climate restoration through art, indigenous wisdom, spirituality, and emerging technologies. The film offers a message of hope for restoring the climate. **Further ahead:** Trinity's Spring Work Day is Saturday, April 25, 9:00 to noon; mission partners Andy and Ellen Collins will speak on Sunday, April 26, at 9:45 a.m.

A WARM WELCOME TO BROTHERS DISASTER MINISTRIES! Until early June, volunteers with Brethren Disaster Ministries will be in western North Carolina rebuilding houses damaged by Hurricane Helene. During this time, we will host their teams here at Trinity; so if you see some new faces in the coming weeks, please make them feel welcomed!

POSEY PROBLEMS: The florist who has supplied flowers for Trinity's sanctuary this past year will not be working with us as of May 1. So you know, the issue with local florists is NO weekend delivery and cost. Finding a new florist by May 1 is *iffy*. If you've signed up and paid for May, your money will be refunded if we don't have flowers on your date. As of June 1, cost for floral arrangements will be \$60. If this increase is problematic for you, please contact me (mangrumsusan@bellsouth.net). Your name will be removed from the list. Stay tuned for updates. *Susan Mangrum*

REMINDER FROM YOUR FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY There is a sign-up sheet on the cold drinks table in the atrium for anyone who would like to supply "goodies" for the coffee time between worship services. Either home-made or store-bought items are appreciated. (See Lorraine Talbot for questions.) Thanks!

BUILDING & GROUNDS SPRING WORK DAY: Sat, Apr 25, 9AM to 12PM. Join us for our biannual spruce up and help us shine together. We shall bribe all crew with delicious doughnuts. :-)

OUR NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE will be on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th. Our own Mike Shepard will do a presentation at 6:30pm on his trip to the Holy Land. Sign up sheet for dinner at 5:30pm is in the narthex. Please sign up by Sunday the 26th. See you then!

THE BLUE RIDGE RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR IN CONCERT AT TRINITY! Sun, May 3 at 4PM. Suggested donation \$10. An auditioned community handbell ensemble founded in 1995, we are a diverse group of ringers from Henderson, Transylvania, Buncombe, Polk, and Spartanburg (SC) counties. Many also direct or ring with their church handbell groups or other ensembles. We ring five octaves of Malmark and Schulmerich handbells and five octaves of Malmark choirchimes.

VISITORS, Would you like to join Trinity? Let David or Dwight know. We look forward to welcoming you as a member!