

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey
(Prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Call to Worship
Open your eyes!
Christ is here!
Open your ears!
God is still speaking!
Open your hearts!
The Spirit is moving!
Open the doors for worship has begun!
Hallelujah! We're gathered in the house of the Lord!

*Opening Hymn *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* 454

*Opening Prayer
God of Easter Hope,
Grant us the courage to believe in your resurrection miracles. Burn your message of abundant life into our very souls. Open our eyes that we might see you standing before us. Help us to see you in the faces of strangers. Stay with us this hour and every hour, revealing your word and guiding us with your wisdom, for we pray in the name of the One who died so that we may live, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Psalter Psalm 100 *Response 1* 821

*Affirmation of Faith *"A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"* 883

*Gloria Patri 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing of the Peace: *Let us greet one another with love and peace.*

"Let the Children Come!"
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

Scripture Lessons Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-31 Page 760-761 (O.T.)
1 Peter 2:19-25 Page 223 (N.T.)

*Gospel Lesson Mark 2:1-11 Page 38 (N.T.)
Sermon A Culture of Friendship in a World of Us and Them Rev. Joel Jones

*Hymn of Invitation *"Blessed Assurance"* 369

Prayer of John Chrysostom 412

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* Rhett Hook

*Doxology 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Closing Hymn *"God Be with You till We Meet Again"* (vs. 1 & 4) 672

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *"May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You"* Choir & Congregation

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Leading in Worship Today

Worship Leader: *Tom Geddens* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
Guest Speaker: *Rev. Joel Jones* AV Assistants: *Chris Derrick; Erin Derrick*
Music Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* Liturgist: *Michael Kaven*

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning.

We welcome **Rev. Joel Jones**, retired United Methodist pastor, as our guest speaker today.

Today's Lovely Flowers are given to the **Glory of God.**

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...

Marie Stiles	Marilyn Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Rhett Hook	Raleigh Carter	Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine	Diane Muszynski	Ray Frady	Latson Lewis	English Percy	Jeanette Hornsby
Hannah Glanz	Hilda Edwards	Fran Laska	Kaye Floyd	Libby Strickland	Jan Stamps

Shut-Ins: Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

Family and Friends: **Connie Crouch** (*friend of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Kristie Carter** (*niece of Faye Grahl*); **George Hough** (*brother of Mary Louise Robinson*); **Cody Linholm** (*husband of Taylor Linholm*); **Donna Eidson** (*former Trinity pastor*); **Ghent Brewer** (*brother-in-law of Jeanette Hornsby*); **Kim & Sandra Meetze** (*friends of Martha Cooke*); **Matt Imel** (*husband of Holley Gleaton Imel*); **Cayla Watters** (*friend of Karen Carter*); **Tommy Stokes** (*nephew of Joyce Robinson*); **Kati Flowers** (*mother of friend of Blake Kamoroff*); **Christina Lindemuth** (*daughter of Karen Carter*); **Kathleen Varnadore** (*Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor*); **Paul Frenzel** (*friend of Chris Derrick*); **Sissy Henry** (*former member of Trinity*), **Colby Martin** (*son of Donna Muszynski*); **Lynne Powell** (*friend of the Ballentines and Branhams*); **Bryan Collard** (*brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Mary Davis** (*daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland*); **Connie Mason** (*friend of Lynn Martin*); **Nancy Wilson** (*friend of Jeanette Hornsby*); **David & Kristen Turner** (*brother and sister-in-law of Pam Turner*); **Chip Mixon** (*friend of Tommy Gleaton*); **James Boggs** (*father of Claire Boggs*); **Robert Bradley** (*Business Associate of Simon Ross*); **Monnie Tiller** (*friend of Chris Derrick*); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (*stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey*); **Haidee Baehr** (*friends of Ruth Frady*); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (*cousins of Gale Frady*); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (*friends of Gale Frady*); **Janet Beck** (*friend of Jo Ann Heiting*); **Adam Lavender** (*son of Phil Lavender*)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 04/19 SS: 13 Worship: 35

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 04/19 \$ 3,192.10

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS."

Upcoming Events

TODAY Taste of Trinity

04/27 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

04/29 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

04/30 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

05/01 Office Closed

FH Reserved

05/02 FH Reserved

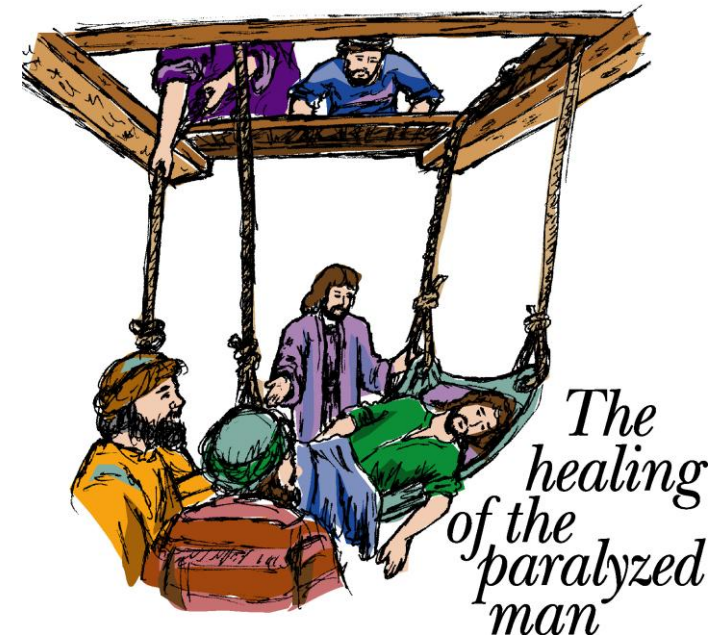


Ministers
Pastor
Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

The Congregation
Darlene L. Kelley
Leonard Fairley
Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



**EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
SUNDAY, MAY 10**

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Because of our support last year Epworth served 2,230 children and families through its statewide programs in 2025. On Sunday, May 10th, 2026, we will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to help Epworth make a difference in the lives of children and families every day. For more information about Epworth, visit online at www.epworthsc.org.



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, May 12**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 12**, at **11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



Our Love Your Neighbor Ministry continues as we meet at The Pines at **2 p.m.** on **Sunday, May 3**, to share Comunion with the residents. On **Wednesday, May 20**, we will provide **a light lunch for six to 10 residents and staff members**. Three or four volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve and clean up. Please let Darlene know if you can help.



**Dinner/Brunch
& A Movie**

There will be two opportunities to see the documentary *Happy* at Trinity. The first will be on **Friday evening, May 15th at 6:00 p.m.** and dinner will be served. The second will be on **Sunday, May 17th right after church** and brunch will be served. Invite your family and friends. This is not a children's movie, but is appropriate for anyone twelve and older. Watching this movie might make your life just a little better.



**Saturday, May 23
9:30 a.m.**

The Ladies Group will meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy #1 in Lexington, at 9:30 a.m. on May 23. Marie Stiles will send out an email each month to obtain your RSVP. If you are not on Marie's group email and wish to be added, contact her at 803.463.9706 or mariebstyles@gmail.com.