



March 19, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Shadow of Servant Leadership

In washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus demonstrated his humble obedience to the will of God, even to the point of death on the cross. Our humble obedience to Jesus' command to serve reflects our discipleship and claims eternity as his gift.

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICE THEME:
SHADOWS OF THE CROSS**

Every Wednesday we will focus on a particular event in Christ's journey to the cross. The shadow of the cross looms over every interaction, to give spiritual insight. Tonight, we focus on the shadow of servant leadership. As Christians, we are called to follow Jesus' example of humble service. As we think of servant leaders, we might lift up Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr., or Dietrich Bonhoeffer. However, we can also think of people in our own network of relationships. We can lift up those who visit a loved one in a nursing home or hospital. We can lift up those who prepare a meal for someone in need. Who else would you name as an example of servant leadership?

Why no alleluias or hymns of praise during Lent? You may have noticed that the hymn of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'"

(http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm).

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God.

We welcome the Rev. Sandy Morris, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher tonight. A graduate of Yale Divinity School, Rev. Morris was ordained in 1976. She currently serves on our Finance Committee and the Pastor-Parish Committee. Rev. Morris served the following ministries:

- 2016-17 Visitation Pastor, Trinity U.C.C., East Petersburg
- 2015-16 Spiritual Counselor, Providence Living Treatment Center
- 2015 Staff Chaplain, Penn State Hershey Medical Center
- 2002-14 Chaplain/Director of Spiritual Care, Hospice and Community Care
- 2000-02 Chaplain, Carlisle Regional Medical Center
- 1979-00 Director of Pastoral Services, Carlisle Hospital
- 1978 Interim Pastor, Trinity U.C.C., Gettysburg
- 1976-77 Chaplain Intern, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, GA

BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!

 **CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY** 

TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

--Share God's love with our community

--Serve God's children

--Bring healing and wholeness to those in need

--Share the Gospel in liturgy, music, and study

PRELUDE

Vater unser im Himmelreich BMV 737

JS Bach

(Please use the prelude as a quiet time to begin worship)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND LENTEN VERSICLES

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross.

Despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

O Jesus, we adore Thee,
upon the cross, our King.

Let us pray together.

We gather to worship, O God, under the shadow of the cross, sign of human shame and divine wisdom. Help us by your grace to follow faithfully in your ways so that we may live to you and die to you. We are your people; we belong to you. Therefore, we offer you our worship and our lives. May your name be glorified in your church as we are open to your presence this night! In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Ways

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CONFESSION OF SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from the bondage of guilt and judgment. We come before God now, seeking grace freely given to us.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LITANY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal,
have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND CHORAL AMEN

God's love is shown to us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. In the name and for the sake of Christ, I say to you: All your sins are forgiven. In the waters of baptism you were joined with Christ, reborn as children of God, and anointed with the Holy Spirit. You are free to live as God's people in the world.

Amen. *(sung)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE EVENING COLLECT

Let us pray together.

Holy God, we thank you that in love you sent Jesus Christ to share our earthly life with its joy and suffering. Give us grace, that in our need we may come to serve you in humility and receive your blessing with open hearts, that we may once again serve you with joy and thanksgiving. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURES

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-8

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 13:1-15

Glory be to You, O Lord. (spoken)

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have

washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ. (spoken)

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Imitating Christ’s Humility”

Rev. Sandy Morris

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

U.C.C. STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

THE EVENING PRAYER

For the peace of the whole world, and for our salvation, we pray to you, O Christ;
Christ, have mercy.

For your church, and for all who minister in it, we pray to you, O Christ;
Christ, have mercy.

For the leaders of nations, that they may ever seek justice and peace, we pray to you, O Christ;
Christ, have mercy.

For all who are traveling, and for those in danger, we pray to you, O Christ;
Christ, have mercy.

For those who are in need, especially those who are hungry, sick, and dying, we pray to you, O Christ;
Christ, have mercy.

For those who are frightened and alone, we pray to you, O Christ'
Christ, have mercy.

For those who are oppressed and suffer injustice, we pray to you, O Christ;
Christ, have mercy.

For rest and refreshment of our minds and bodies, we pray to you, O Christ;
Christ, have mercy.

Now in a time of silence, let us offer prayers for our loved ones who are in need of God's healing love.

THE SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Marvelous Grace

arr. Julia Johnson

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

OFFERING RESPONSE

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;





we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.



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MUSICAL MEDITATION

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

arr. Anne Krentz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministering This Evening

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Preacher: Rev. Sandy Morris

Building Trustee: Steve Gold

Greeters: Gene & Cathy Kopp

Ushers: Karen Olley & Kathy McCarty

DEVOTIONALS: The January-March edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance. Lenten devotionals are available on the table across from the church office.

THE MARCH PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

**LENTEN SERVICES 2025
"SHADOWS OF THE CROSS"**

Each Wednesday we will focus on a particular event in Christ's journey to the cross. The shadow of the cross looms over every interaction, to give spiritual insight.

March 26 (The Shadow of Denial): Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

April 2 (The Shadow of False Accusations): Dr. Randall Zachman

April 9 (The Shadow of a Last Chance): Rev. Dr. Joel Hummel

April 16/Holy Wednesday Order of Healing (The Shadow of Death): Rev. Jack Esbenshade

April 17 (Maundy Thursday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.) Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

April 18 (Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.) Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday 7:45 AM - Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship	Holy Wednesday Order of Healing Service 7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday 2:00 PM 7:00 PM	Good Friday 7:00 PM	EASTER 6:00 AM Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Breakfast 10:30 AM Eucharist
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LOOK FOR THE EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!!

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Sunday, March 23, 2025

Concert – 3:00 PM

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March 27, 1:00 PM

Sign-up sheet on table outside office

COMMUNITY MEAL ON MARCH 27 AT ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LANDISVILLE: Trinity will be cooking and serving a sit-down community meal at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at 85 East Brandt Blvd. in Landisville on Thursday, March 27th at 5:15 PM. **Sign-up sheets are posted in the table across from the church office for food donations and servers.** Persons helping to serve the meal must arrive at Zion Lutheran by 4:30 PM. Contact Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes with questions. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

WELCOME LUNCHEON: The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a welcome luncheon after the 10:30 service on March 30 to welcome new members or recent visitors to Trinity Church. This is a way for us to share with our guests about Trinity's story through the DVD and conversations around the tables. Mike Lichtenwalner and Pastor Rankin have updated the DVD! We hope that Trinity members will attend the luncheon to welcome new people to the congregation! **Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office**

CHURCH MULCHING: The Property Committee is looking for volunteers on **Saturday, April 5 @ 8:30 am** to mulch the church property. We will be doing this in conjunction with the Trinity Preschool families, AA Group, and the Scout troop. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the church office!



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, April 9

Where: Oregon Dairy - in the Meadows Room (back of the restaurant).

When: April 9, 2025 at 12:30

Sign up by date: March 30, 2025 (sign up sheet is located outside the office).

Additional information: We can order off the menu or you can order off the buffet. We will get separate checks for each party.

SPEAK TO DENISE PFEIFER FOR MORE INFORMATION!!

Good Friday Breakfast at YMCA of the Roses

Join us for community gathering that brings people of faith together to mark this important holy day with an inspirational message and ecumenical worship service in keeping with the Christian traditions of the YMCA.

When: Friday, April 18 @ 7:30 am (Doors open at 7 am)

Where: Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

Details: The speaker will be Rev. Dr. John Gordon Smith, Lead Pastor from Lampeter United Methodist Church, along with live music, and a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Call the church office to reserve your ticket.

LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES: The Board of Deacons decided to support the work of Church World Service (CWS) through this year's Lenten Denial offering envelope. CWS and other faith-based relief organizations have been denied government funding for the important work that they do with refugees. This lack of funding has also impacted the way these organizations put an end to hunger and poverty and respond to natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world. Our offering will be sent to both the national office and the Lancaster office of CWS. You can find that envelope in your box of offering envelopes.

Preschool Fundraiser Announcement

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**TRINITY PRESCHOOL
SUB SALE**

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

**Sweet Bologna · Ham · Italian · Turkey
Roast Beef · Chicken Salad · Tuna Salad**

**Each Sub Redemption Certificate:
\$8.00**

Deadline to Order: April 15, 2025

BREAD OPTIONS:

white sub roll • bread • tortilla wrap

CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:

mayonnaise • mustard • creamy horseradish • olive oil • vinegar

CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:

American • Provolone • Swiss

YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:

lettuce • tomatoes • onions • marinated onions • sweet peppers
banana peppers • hot peppers • black olives • pickles
salt • pepper • herb mix • Parmesan

Please make checks payable to: **TRINITY PRESCHOOL**

Sign-up sheet on table outside office



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Registration fees & information:

Registration for a new September school term opens at the beginning of January. Registration fee of \$75 and application are accepted in the order received and are non-refundable. You are invited to call or email for information. All classes are held depending upon enrollment. Registration forms are available on the website

First tuition, due August 15.

Tuition for the 2025-26 term is:

Tiny Tots — \$437.00 (\$48.56 per month)

2-Day Class — \$875.00 (\$97.22 per month)

3-Day Class — \$1,250.00 (\$138.89 per month)

4-Day Class — \$1,688.00 (\$187.56 per month)

1-Day Enrichment Class — \$480.00 (\$53.33 per month) Enrichment begins in October

Our Philosophy

Trinity U.C.C. Preschool provides a developmental approach to learning which cares for the whole child.