

Closing Hymn

HWC #505 Love Lifted Me

Benediction

Postlude

“The Gift of Love” by Hal Hopson

Yejin Lee - Pianist

** indicates “please rise in body or in spirit”*

Assisting in our worship service today:

Rev. Andrea Curry - Lead Pastor

Marie Rittenberry - Dir. of Discipleship & Outreach

Jonathan Kroeger – Vocalist

Yejin Lee - Pianist

Ushers - Acolytes

Ruth Ann Kramer - Liturgist

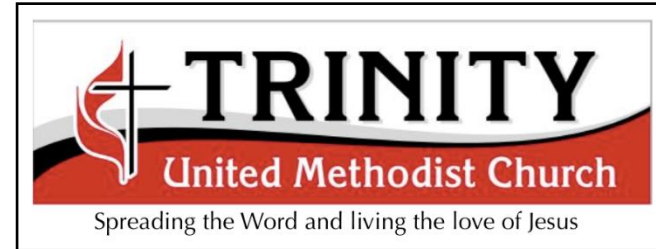
Jerry Milnor & John Rutter - Ushers



Lobby Renovation Update - The lobby renovation is underway! Painting has begun and the old wallpaper has been taken down. When you come and visit during the week you will find contractors at work. The project will continue into the beginning of May as we renovate the kitchenette. Please be aware as you come to visit the church office that there may be tools and other construction equipment in the lobby area. The space will be cleared each week for worship on Sunday. We are excited to see the final project!



Spam Text Messages – This past week, some members of the congregation received spam text messages from an unknown number appearing as Pastor Andrea. Pastor Andrea did not send these and will only communicate with you via her actual phone numbers listed in the bulletin and directory. Please delete these messages and do not respond. Thank you for your understanding.



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Welcome to Trinity! We are so glad you are here today. If you are new here, please be sure to fill out a ‘1st Time Visitor’ card and place it in the offering plate before you leave. You are also invited to visit the Info Station to receive your **first-time visitor gift**. If you have a prayer request that you would like included on our email prayer chain, you can submit your prayer request via email to bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com or fill out an **orange prayer request card** today and hand it to an usher. Your prayer card will be shared during the worship service.

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Prelude – “This is my Father’s World” arranged by Daeyoun Kim

Yejin Lee - Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

We Turn Our Hearts to Worship God

Call to Worship

-Ruth Ann Kramer, Liturgist

Leader: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Leader: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Leader: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

People: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Leader: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

People: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

*Opening Hymn HWC #213 Because He Lives

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message *(All children ages four and over are invited to the front for a time of teaching.)*
Junior Worship Dismissal - *All children ages four and over may go to Jr. Worship with our Jr. Worship leader.*

Hymn of Prayer HWC #529 O, How I Love Jesus

Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

Offering
The ushers will pass the offering plates through the aisles to collect our gifts and tithes. You may also give electronically at bgtrinity.org by clicking on the tithe.ly link or using the QR code in the bulletin.

Offertory “Abide with Me” by Henry F. Lyte

Yejin Lee - Pianist
Jonathan Kroeger - Vocalist

*Doxology UMH #94 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
*Prayer of Dedication

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture John 15:9-17 (NLT) -Ruth Ann Kramer, Liturgist

“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. **10** When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. **11** I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! **12** This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. **13** There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. **16** You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. **17** This is my command: Love each other.
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message *“We Love One Another”* - Rev. Andrea Curry

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open Communion Table. This means that all are welcome to come and participate in the sacrament. We will be receiving Communion in the pews. The Ushers will bring each element to your pew in a tray. Take a piece of bread and a cup of juice and then pass the tray to your neighbor. We will pause after the disbursement of each element to give thanks and take each element together as a congregation.

Those joining in at home via Livestream are invited to join in Communion by gathering simple elements of bread and juice and following Pastor Andrea’s instructions during the service.

Special Music “Lily of the Valley” by William S. Hays

Yejin Lee - Pianist
Jonathan Kroeger – Director

This Week at Trinity!

5/5/2024:

Coffee Hour 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

5/8/2024:

United Women in Faith 10:00am

5/9/2024:

Sew, Knit, Crochet Group 1:00pm
Al-Anon 7:00pm

5/11/2024:

Church Clean-up Day 9:30am

5/12/2024:

Coffee Hour 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am



Prayer Concerns

Congregational Concerns:

- For our college students who graduated last weekend from BGSU.
- For Paul King who had a stroke and is recovering.
- For Linda Hower who fell and fractured her hip.
- For Helen Dukes who fell and needed stitches.
- For our members who are homebound and in nursing care centers.

World Concerns:

- For the peace of Christ to prevail and the violence to end in the Middle East.
- For the people of Ukraine.
- For the families of the law enforcement officers who were killed and injured this past week.
- For safety and peace in our schools, especially college campuses.
- For those affected by the recent natural disasters throughout our country.
- For those without enough food to eat each day.
- For those without sufficient shelter who need a place to call home.

Church Clean-Up Day: We are having a Church Clean-Up Day to spruce up our church on **Saturday, May 11th** beginning at 9:30am. There will be various projects indoors and outdoors that will help clean and beautify our space. Please see the sign-up sheet at the Info Station and volunteer today!



First Responder Greeting Card Drive – Thanks to recent legislation in Ohio, May 24th is now designated for “**First Responders Appreciation Day**”. We want to thank our local first responders by writing thank-you cards. We will be giving them to the **Wood County Sheriff’s Department, Bowling Green Police Department, Bowling Green Fire and EMS, and BGSU Campus Police**. Have you had a personal encounter with a first responder? Has someone come to the rescue of you or a loved one? Do you simply want to express your gratitude?

This is a great way to show our appreciation! You can drop off your cards in the main office during office hours (Monday through Friday 9am to 12pm) or in the basket in the lobby. The last day to drop off your cards is May 22nd. On May 24th, we will be delivering them. Thank you so much!

Rummage Sale: Our annual Spring Rummage Sale will be **Thursday, May 16th from 9am to 6pm, Friday, May 17th from 9am to 4pm, and Saturday, May 18th from 9am to 12pm**. You may drop off donations during office hours: Monday through Friday 9am to 12pm. Please no mattresses, large furniture, baby furniture/car seats, electronics (including televisions and computer monitors). We also need volunteers for the event. You can sign up at the Info Station. Thank you for all your help!



Love Offering for Bishop Palmer – Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer is retiring after serving 24 years in Episcopal leadership. We in West Ohio, have been blessed to have him lead our conference for the last twelve years. First Lady Cynthia Palmer has had a significant role in this conference and in every aspect of Bishop’s stellar career.



In honor of their service to the Church, you are invited to express your appreciation through a love offering. (Please mark your giving envelope “Bishop Palmer”.) Trinity will be collecting financial contributions until May 15th. You may also write Bishop Palmer and his wife a card. Trinity will collect the cards and mail them all at the same time. You may drop cards off in the main office. Please keep the Palmer Family in your prayers as they begin this next chapter of their lives. May they feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as they are surrounded by this outpouring of love and appreciation.



Cookies for Kenwood

Cookies for Kenwood – As part of our ongoing outreach to Kenwood Elementary, we are baking cookies for their D.A.R.E. graduation on May 16th. Please see the sign-up sheets at the Info Station and plan to bake 2 to 3 dozen cookies. If you have any questions, please see Ruth Ann Kramer. Thank you for helping with this outreach opportunity!

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