

## Trinity Worship Services

Trinity worships on Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM, both onsite in the sanctuary and livestreamed on the Trinity YouTube channel.

We warmly welcome you to join us at Trinity on Sunday morning for our worship service in the sanctuary. For your convenience, hand sanitizer is provided near the entry doors. We understand that you may be more comfortable in an indoor environment while wearing a face mask, so we embrace your personal choice to do so.

The weekly Communicator, prayer request slips, offering envelopes and other event information flyers are available on the table in the center of the narthex. Hymnbooks and Bibles are located on a cart near the sanctuary entrance doors for your use during the worship service. Worship service bulletins are provided by ushers as you enter the sanctuary. Offering envelopes and completed prayer request slips are to be placed in the two baskets just inside the sanctuary or placed in the offering plates on the information table after the service concludes.



See,  
I am making all things  
*new.*

Revelation 21:5, NRSV

For those who choose to participate in our worship service remotely, Trinity offers the service online, livestreaming at 10:15 AM on YouTube, with Trinity announcements and other information shown as a prelude at about 10:10 AM. To watch the video live click on the link below, which will direct you to the Trinity YouTube channel, and then click on the video in the displayed list with the LIVE box illuminated. We encourage you to click the "subscribe" link on this page.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn4Bfx9UtjiaWsrXObnly6g>

If you are not able to watch the worship service at 10:15 AM, beginning on Sunday afternoon the worship service recording is available for view on the Trinity YouTube page, as well as prior Sunday worship services. These video recordings are also available through the Trinity website at the link below:

<https://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/sermons/>

**In Case of a Pastoral Emergency:** Please Call: Deacons-on-Call: Ginny Kramer 513-829-4658 or Joleen Goens 513-858-9815

**Office Hours** 9:00-11:30-12:30 2:00 Monday-Thursday

When the office is closed on Fridays and the weekends, if you have a prayer request, please call Connie Williams at 513-370-7903

## Prepare for Worship 5th Sunday in Lent

### John 12:1-8

“Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ‘Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii<sup>1</sup> and the money given to the poor?’ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.’”

### Reflection

Does Judas’ tongue reveal what is in his heart? Does Mary’s washing Jesus’ feet with expensive perfume show what is in her heart? How is God calling us this Lent to take a good look at purifying our intentions? Do our actions reflect our love for God?

### Morning Prayer

O God, you are not content simply to return or restore us to former things. You want to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life. Create a clean heart in us, O God, as we repent and seek the new life you offer to us in Jesus Christ.

—adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1* © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press

*Create in me a  
clean heart,*



*God,  
and renew a  
right spirit  
within me.*

*Psalms 51:10, ESV*

### Faith’s Role in Love

In *It’s Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can’t love that way without faith, Walsh writes. “I’m not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn’t do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We’re called to love him with more.” That “more,” she explains, involves these paradoxes: “We love with all our heart, even when it’s broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it’s almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don’t understand.”

Even if God’s purposes and plans don’t make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: “When we cannot trace [God’s] hand, we must trust his heart.”

Week of March 28			
Monday	Noon	Book Club	<b>Contact</b> Connie Williams
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	7:00-7:45 PM 7:45-8:30 PM	Bell Choir Vocal Choir	Davis McKinney

### Worship Volunteers for April 3

**Liturgist** Connie Williams  
**Ushers** Ginny Kramer, Allison Schuler  
**Communion Serv.** Donna Schuler, Linda North, Emmanuel Bime, Wilson Tayong

### Book Club—Today

Join us today at noon for a brown bag lunch and discussion of *Chasing Fireflies* by Charles Martin.

### Next Sandwich Making—April 7

We will be making sandwiches for *Our Daily Bread Pantry* on **Thursday, April 7**. For those **making the sandwiches at Trinity**, we will **begin at 9:30 AM**. For those **dropping off sandwiches**, please deliver them at Trinity **by 10:30 AM**. **This month we will be making only “sandwiches with meat”** Your homemade sandwiches of: baloney and cheese, salami and cheese or some other meat should be **individually wrap** or put the sandwiches in individual baggies and mark or add a tag that notes the kind of sandwich inside. Please **do not add any condiments**. We appreciate your help with this Mission Outreach Project.



April 10

### Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Palm Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 PM. To assist with this project the congregation is being asked to help by purchasing a dozen (or two or three) plastic eggs to fill. The Sunday prior to the egg hunt, April 3, following worship, candy will be available to stuff the eggs. The Fellowship Committee will be providing the treats to insure peanuts are not included in case there are children with nut allergies.

### Session Notes

Edna Campbell was approved to serve Communion. The Easter Egg Hunt was approved for Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. The budget was approved for 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an elder.

## MAUNDY

### Thursday Maundy Thursday



On Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6:00 PM we will once again have a simple communal meal of soup and bread. A variety of soups will be offered, and the worship service will follow at 7:00 PM while we are seated around the table.

### Lenten Mission Project

Please follow your Lenten calendar and return your food items, personal care items and pet food by **Maundy Thursday, April 14**.

### Aspire

Ladies join us for: “Aspire” a night (3hours) full of laughter, learning, stories and music “Just for Women” on Friday, **April 29 at 7:00 PM**, Urbancrest at Lebanon, 2634 Drake Rd. Lebanon, OH, 45136. Cost: \$25. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are interested in going.

# THE GOOD NEWS

As of March 27

## Keep in your Prayers

Drew, D. Hess' son	Healing/hospitalized for liver and kidney issues
Linda Kramer, G. Kramer request	For Good test results
Julie Ilg, K. Harring's niece	Healing/treatment for breast cancer
G. Kramer's neighbor	Healing/ massive heart attack
Cindie Postell	Thanksgiving/birthday blessings
Jean Parsley	Healing/heart problems
Emmanuel Bime's mother	Healing/ hospitalized in Cameroon
Connie Williams and family	Bereavement/loss of her Uncle, Rev. John Williams
Chris, Betty Liles' daughter	Healing/diagnosed with breast cancer
Bob and Jerry Miller, D. Schuler's brothers	Correct diagnosis for their medical concerns
Catie Mayborg, D. Hess request	Healing/9 yr. old with major health concerns
Fran Thomas	Healing/recovery back surgery
*Myria, B. Pratt request	Healing/her unborn baby has heart condition
*Eileen Dyer	Healing/bronchitis
Penny Fraley	Continued healing
Bill Tope	Healing/strength
Glenn Mojzer	Healing/recovery from stem cell transplant /MDS
Betty Liles	Healing/recovery surgery/knee replacement
Susan, D. Kosey's cousin	Healing/invasive cancer/chemo and radiation
Kim Whitney, K. Kessler's daughter	Continued healing/diverticulitis/other concerns
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father	Continued healing/swallowing problems
All peoples in the Middle East	Peace and reconciliation
All Elected Government leaders	Wisdom/support/enlightenment
Support for all our military	Strength/discernment/God's protection
For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B. )	Protection/blessings/fruitful mission work

*Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk (\*).  
If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

Please include in your prayers all the requests we receive from the community on our website.  
The link is : <https://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/prayer-wall/>

## Financial Information

Donations Received on 3/27      \$1,423  
Per Capita 2022 paid              \$598  
(18 members paid)  
Per Capita for 2022 remains at \$33

Attendance March 27      39

## Worship Schedule

April 3	Rev. Kate Mauch
April 10	Rev. Tom Dunlap
April 14	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Maundy Thursday	
April 17	Rev. Kate Mauch
Easter	

The Presbytery of Cincinnati publishes a weekly newsletter called "The Cincinnati Sampler." To subscribe to The Sampler go to: <https://www.presbteryofcincinnati.org> and click on "Sign Up For The Sampler" at the bottom right corner of the page.

## One Great Hour

### Refugees ‘just want to go home’

March 15, 2022 by Mike Ferguson



Asked during Monday’s *Between Two Pulpits* broadcast to discuss the need that’s on the hearts and minds of people around the world – the care and safety of millions of Ukrainian refugees and displaced people – Susan Krehbiel said what we often forget is that those who have fled the fighting “just want to go home. In these early days of war, people want to stay as close to home as possible. Once you are separated, it can be really hard to be reunited.”

Krehbiel, associate for Refugees and Asylum with *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*, was the guest Monday of *Special Offerings’* Dr. Bill McConnell and Lauren Rogers... As they updated the work being done alongside partners of the PC(USA).

“It is a crisis situation. People are running for their lives, and there is damage all across the country,” Krehbiel said. Even people not directly impacted by the violence have lost access to water, electricity, “all sorts of basic needs,” Krehbiel said. PDA is working alongside partners in the region, including *Lutheran World Federation*, *Hungarian Interchurch Aid* and “a number of other organizations who know how to get this work done,” Krehbiel said.

“They know how to work in partnership with the locals so they can get the aid where it’s needed,” Krehbiel said. “We’re talking about a very large crisis, but it is in Europe. There’s food in Europe. There’s clothing available in Europe. We don’t need to ship those things from here. They can purchase them there and they have the expertise to know how to disseminate those goods to people in the region.”

In addition to giving, “we can pray for them and advocate for peace,” Krehbiel said. “Peace talks haven’t been successful yet, but we need to keep up hope, because as we said earlier, people eventually really want to go home – and that means peace.”

Krehbiel thanked Presbyterians who have faithfully supported the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. “It gives us readiness to respond when a crisis comes up,” Krehbiel explained. “We often say the church may not be the first one in, but we are often the last one out. We know this will be a long-term response.” ....

### The One Great Hour Offering will be received on Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday.

“We’ve all gone through these periods. We wonder: Are we doing this work in vain?” Krehbiel said. “What came to my memory is how much waiting is part of a refugee’s life.” The refugee waits for aid, and “once you’ve fled, you’re waiting for the opportunity to go home.” Jesus’ parable about the barren fig tree. Until Ukraine, Europe’s most recent large emergency was in the former Yugoslavia during the mid-1990s. Krehbiel met some survivors of the Srebrenica massacre, including a woman who’d been living in a refugee camp for three years. During the first two years, she’d decided not to plant tomatoes there because “she had such hopes of returning that she didn’t believe she’d be there long enough to see the fruit,” Krehbiel said. “Finally, she decided to plant the tomatoes because she would be there long enough to harvest them.”

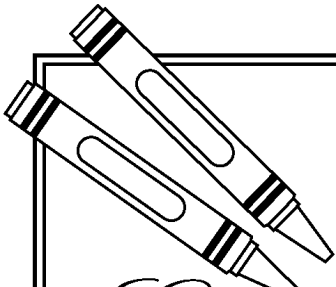
“That’s so beautiful,” Rogers told Krehbiel, adding that parable of the fig tree “is the perfect passage not just for the refugee crisis but for so much of what PDA does ... It’s going to take a while for people and ecosystems to recover. There’s a lot of patience in your work.”

“So often, we talk about rescue and aid efforts as if we are the people of faith coming with all these gifts,” Krehbiel said. “My experience has been it’s the refugees I meet and the people I meet in this work who help me see the strength of faith. I am always in awe when I witness that.”

In fact, she said when asked about her hope for the future of the Church, it’s that “we really do live into seeing Christ in everyone we encounter, that we offer assistance and service always with humility to others, because really, they know their needs....”

McConnell closed with prayer, lifting before God “our siblings who are in harm’s way and are fleeing for their lives ... and for those who will be serving them as they cross into new places, into situations they have never experienced before. Give them safety and give them strength. Uphold them by your Spirit. Thank you for the opportunity to partner with those who serve them, that we may be your hands and feet, and that in each of them we may see you.”

– edited Presbyterian News Service on March 3, 2022, full article at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/story/refugees-just-want-to-go-home/>



# Just for KIDS

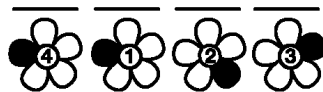
*God's teaching is like....*

In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.

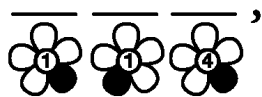
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“Let my teaching fall like



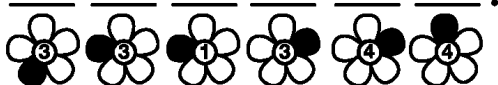
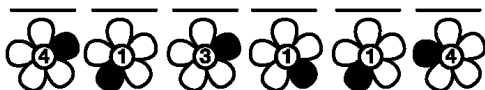
and my words descend like



like



like abundant



Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants

# DIRT CUPS

Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

## What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

## What you do:

1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.

## Believing in Brings New Life

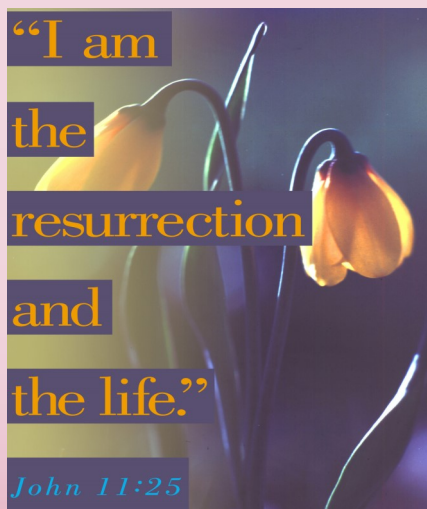
Sometimes we get caught up in thinking we need to understand God in order to have faith. But faith is more about trust than knowledge; it's more about believing in someone than believing information. A child, for instance, doesn't have to know the precise roads to Grandma's house; he only needs to believe *in* his parents and their ability and desire to get him there safely. Similarly, we need not understand all the intricacies of how God works; we can take a cue from the disciples and let belief *in* the risen Christ transform and empower us.

In the words of Madeleine L'Engle (*The Rock That Is Higher*): "The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid."



Elders	Class Year—Term Expires
Linda North	2022
George Fraley	2022
Cindie Postell	2022
Barb Pratt	2023
Kurt Schuler	2023
Wilson Tayong	2023
Emmanuel Bime	2024
Donna Schuler	2024

Deacons	Class Year
Joleen Goens	2022
Jennifer Reese	2022
Ginny Kramer	2023
Valentine Nyamusa	2023
Ethel Bime	2024
Allison Schuler	2024



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