

<p><b><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u></b>  <b><u>Acolyte:</u></b> Alonzo Cunningham  <b><u>Cross Bearer:</u></b> Jennifer Lingle  <b><u>Elder(s) of the Month:</u></b>  Tony Wells &amp; Dawn Kilby  <b><u>Nursery Attendant:</u></b> Sonya Starnes</p>	<p><b><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></b>  <b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Jo Ann Simmons  <b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b> Tera Rockett  <b><u>Flower Calendar:</u></b> Natalie Inman</p>
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*Please contact by TUESDAY of the week you have flowers.*

**THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
YOUTH CONFIRMATION CEREMONY  
MAY 01, 2022—10:30 A.M.**

*\*Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**PRELUDE**

Marty Light, Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joye Lane, Liturgist

Through every age and in every place, the Christ in whose name we gather, calls disciples with a simple invitation and words of challenge: "Come follow me."

*And where is it that we go with Christ?*

Christ leads us into uncharted places of spiritual wilderness where the way and the will of God are the only reliable guides. Christ leads us to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

*We gather today to worship the God who loves us and leads us. May we grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Him and the courage to follow Him daily.*

**\*HYMN**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

#377 Blue Book

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Joye Lane, Liturgist

Holy and Sovereign God, you have placed us in a world of endless variety and fascination. Keep our feet steady on the path of Christ and our hearts close to your purposes so that we might be equipped for the journey and energized by your presence in our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*PIANO INTROIT**

Marty Light

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Peggy Stout

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

*Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, wash away our sin, and heal our wounded spirits.*

We ask all these things in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray:

*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.*

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE**

*“On Eagle’s Wings”  
And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my hand.*

*(Please be seated.)*

**LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *(Unison)* Jennifer Lingle, Lay Reader  
*Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Psalm 119:9, 11, 15-16* Jennifer Lingle, Lay Reader  
The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**ANTHEM** *“The Borning Cry”* Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

**\*GOSPEL READING** *Luke 2:41-52* Rev. Peggy Stout  
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
*All praise to you, Christ our Lord!*

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**ORGAN MEDITATION** Marty Light

**BAPTISM** Alonzo Cunningham  
*(Son of Sonya Starnes & David Cunningham)*

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**INVITATION**

We now share in the ancient rite of Confirmation. Confirmation is the act of “Confirming our Baptism” and it signifies the close of a time of study to prepare our young people for responsible leadership in our church. As I call the names of our confirmands and their mentor, would you please come forward and assemble before the altar?

**INTRODUCTIONS OF OUR CONFIRMANDS**

Nicholas Anderson (mentor—Richard Bowers)  
Alonzo Cunningham (mentor—Richard Bowers)

**SHARING OF THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION** *(to the Confirmands)*

**EXPLANATION OF THE 2021-2022 CONFIRMATION SYMBOL**

**SENTENCES TO THE CONFIRMANDS**

**QUESTIONS OF THE CONFIRMANDS**



**ATTENTION GRADUATES:** If you are graduating this year, we need some information from you—your full name, photo, school graduating from, degrees earned, and future plans. TODAY is the LAST DAY for information. Please call or email Tamara (828-464-8226, [trinityucc@trucc.net](mailto:trinityucc@trucc.net)).

**Graduates’ Recognition & Scholarship Presentations**  
Sunday, May 15th—10:30am

**Upcoming Board Meetings:**

- TONIGHT at 6:00pm—DCE Search Committee Meeting
- TUESDAY, MAY 3rd at 7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Meeting
- TUESDAY, MAY 10 at 5:30pm—Board of Property Meeting

*Singles:*

Our next Singles’ Outing will be held on **Tuesday, May 10th**. We will be traveling to Casa AZul Mexican Kitchen. Please meet at the church at 4:30pm to carpool—or meet us at the restaurant at 5:00pm! Our group is open to ALL adults age 18 and over!



*Kidz Club:*

Our next Kidz Club activity will be held on **Sunday, May 15th at 11:30am**. We will go to the Conover City Park for a picnic lunch, games, and fun!

*Please bring \$5 for lunch!*

**Please RSVP to Jessica Spain by May 8th**—828-228-0035.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits**

<b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b> Jacob Conner      Rev. Earle Potts Jane Bartholomew      Linda Hill Debbie Crotts      Martha Sigmon Virginia Brown      Peggy Wright Margie Reaves      Paul Towery Mabel Lawing	<b><u>TRINITY VILLAGE</u></b> Sarah Hoffman (Room 809-A) Bobbie Whisenant (Room 302) <b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b> Jo Ann Simmons      Sherry Eckard Jeff Whisenant      Gene Hamilton Randy Steelmon      Donna G Cox Rockie Saine Ted Setzer (surgery May 5) *Ron Rutledge (significant other of Sandy Lawrence) *Michael Gantt (son of Charles & Brenda Gantt) *Gary Hollifield (Rev. Sandi Hood's father) - cancer *Alana Meyers (friend of Deb Hill)  <b><u>UPDATED ADDRESSES/PHONE #S</u></b> Cyndy Adams—(828) 446-4584
<b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b> Diane Loftin      Jack Power Wanda Sue Ammerman	
<b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b> <b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b> Joan Williamson (Room 240) Joe Schell (Apt 205) <b><u>CONOVER NURSING &amp; REHAB</u></b> Alma Barringer (Room 107) <b><u>CV ASSISTED LIVING</u></b> Mary Crump (Room 114) <b><u>GATEWAY (Lenoir)</u></b> Pat Roark (Room 124)	

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**\*Youth Confirmation Service**

**\*Teen Baptism (Cunningham)**

9:30am—Sunday School (all)

10:30am—Traditional Worship

10:30am—YouTube Live Stream

11:30am—Consistory Meeting

6:00pm—DCE Search Committee Mtg.

**MONDAY, MAY 2**

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**

7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Mtg.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

**\*Piano Tuning (Day)**

7:00pm—Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**

12:00pm—Preschool Mother's Day

Luncheon

6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

9:30am—Sunday School (all)

10:30am—Traditional Worship

10:30am—YouTube Live Stream

**PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATES**

**PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION** (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Almighty God, in baptism we received these youth into the Church. You forgive their sins and promise them eternal life.

***May they know the peace and power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that they may minister to others and have joy in serving.***

Grant them peace in times of turmoil, strength and perseverance in adversity, and kindness toward all people.

***Strengthen them for the ministries to which you will call them in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

**ACT OF CONFIRMATION** (*Confirmands join on each side of the chancel floor area*)

**Rev. Stout:** Those who wish to stand with their Confirmand, please come forward as the name of your child is called.

**PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**ADDRESS**

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES**

Jessica Spain

**WELCOME AND GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE** (*Unison*)

Kathy Alexander

***We promise You our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labor of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.***

**PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES**

Dennis Falder

**CONFIRMATION BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ in Conover, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. Amen.

**PIANO MEDITATION**

Marty Light

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

Rev. Peggy Stout

*(All who are Confirmed or have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

**The Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Sharing of the Elements** (*First Communion for our new Confirmands*)

**Sharing of the Bread**

**Sharing of the Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*Responsively*)

Dear God, in this place and at this table we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us. Grant that

we may go from this house of worship filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for all of your children.

*In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

ORGAN INTERLUDE Marty Light

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Offertory Prayer

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostle's Creed)* (see insert)

\*HYMN *"They'll Know We Are Christians"* #677 Blue Book

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

\*CHIMES

\*POSTLUDE Marty Light

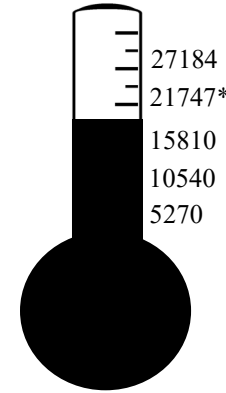


**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given in Love and to the Glory of God.

**THE FLOWERS** on the piano today are given in Loving Memory of my husband, Gary Cross—whose birthday was yesterday, April 30th. "Wishing you a Happy Heavenly Birthday! Love you forever and always!"- Given by Carole Cross

I would like to **THANK** everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards and text messages sent during my extended time away from my home and church family. I enjoy reading every card, so please continue to send them and your prayers.  
- Love and miss you, Pat Roark

We would all like to send a HUGE **THANK YOU** to our Trinity Church Family for all of your donations last Sunday (during our potato/salad bar lunch fundraiser). We raised \$499.00!! Thank you all so much!!  
- The Trinity Youth Group



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL</u>				
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Livestream	Envelope Giving
April 03	82	15	45	\$5,964.97
April 10	102	16	42	\$ 4,177.10
April 17	151	20	117	\$ 2,896.80
April 24	96	12	35	\$ 3,930.80
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>\$16,969.67</b>

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747\* and for a five week month is \$27,184.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Psalm 119:9, 11, 15-16*

<sup>9</sup>How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. <sup>11</sup>I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. <sup>15</sup>I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. <sup>16</sup>I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL READING** *Luke 2:41-52*

<sup>41</sup>Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup>After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup>Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

<sup>47</sup>Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." <sup>49</sup>"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"<sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

**All praise to you, Christ our Lord!**

