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# The Trinity Times

May we never forget  
freedom isn't free....



(with deepest gratitude to those  
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## FLAG DAY – Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is in Fairfield, Washington. Since 1909 Fairfield has been holding a parade every year and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events.

*Although we continue to conduct a 9:15 Worship Service, Sunday School, Bible Studies, and Team Meetings via "ZOOM", there is now a live service at the Church at 10:30!*



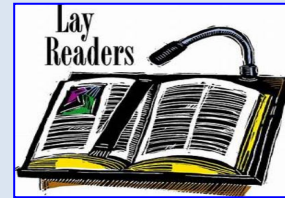
It is marvelous to see around 50 Trinity people worshipping with us each Sunday either on *Zoom* or at the "live" service! Of those 50, at least 7 of them are homebound or hospitalized members who listen weekly to the service on their phone. Between 8 and 14 people also join the Sunday School lesson at 10:30 on Zoom. We thank Caroline Jacobs for giving us organ music and hymns each week and Carol Hollich who provides additional music meditations and hymns. We, also, thank Carol Yeagley & Gail Emrich for printing and sending materials to those without email; George Hollich for his organization of the *Zoom* service and the videos he finds; Gloria Clark for posting the services on the church's Face Book page; the Lay Readers who agree to read every Sunday; and Pastor Lynn for her messages and video selections following her sermon. We pray that even more of our Trinity family join us for either live or zoom services in the upcoming month. If you would like to receive the Zoom worship link that is sent each Sunday morning at 8:30, call George or leave a message on the Church answering machine. All are welcome at the 10:30 live service (just remember that masks for those who are not fully vaccinated and social distancing is still required)!

**Sunday,**  
**June 20**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Zoom Service (9:15)</u>	<u>Live Service (10:30)</u>
June 6	Barb Querry	Karen Neblock
June 13	Dave Wallett	Caroline Jacobs
June 20	Betsy Allwein	Dea Kishpaugh
June 27	Gloria Clark	Pat Swartz

If you are unable to serve as lay reader, please call... 717-838-2812.



Dear congregation of Trinity,  
Thank you for your prayers and well wishes while I was recovered from a recent hospitalization.

I am at home now, growing stronger each day and looking forward to sitting outside in the sunshine. Your kindness and support are appreciated. Blessings to all,

Bill Helmick



June 6	Keith Earle
June 8	Mark Umberger
June 11	Mary Gruber
June 15	Lisa Geist
June 19	Kevin Long
June 24	Debbie Ludwig
June 28	George Hollich

### This Month...

- June 3 - Worship Committee via Zoom - 7 pm
- June 10 - Staff Parish via Zoom - 6:45 pm
- June 13 - Ad Board via Zoom - 1 pm



### Interested in a Piano?

We're looking to get mom's Lester spinet to a new home. We're asking \$0, but the new owners will have to pay to move it! Although the picture does not show the bench... it is included.

### a godly Father is:



- F**aithful, to God and family.
- A**ble, to discern God's will in trying times and good times.
- T**hankful, for all the joys and trials of life.
- H**appy, no matter what the life brings.
- E**nthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.
- R**ighteous, rock-solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

For these things and so many more we praise God for our Fathers, this Father's Day and always.

### Contact Keith Earle for details!

### Trinity Contact Information

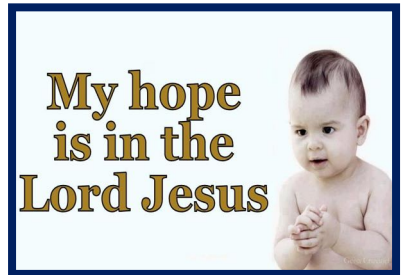


The last Abridged Church Directory for those who participate with the life of Trinity with their presence, gifts, and/or service was included with the July 2020 newsletter.

A lot has happened since then and updated directory will be included in the July newsletter and will also be available at the church. Please make sure that Carol Hollich has received any information that has changed since last July. Updates can be sent to [carolhollich@comcast.net](mailto:carolhollich@comcast.net) or left as a voice mail message at 717-838-2812.

## Adult Sunday School – June

The Summer Quarter **Confident Hope** begins with a series of lessons entitled, **Jesus Teaches About Faith**. Often it takes a tragedy or other setback to force us to switch off the autopilot of everyday life. When that happens, the result can be an exposure of the cracks in our beliefs and the asking of the deeper questions of life. That was one result of the tragedy of 9/11, the 20th anniversary of which will be observed in a few months. That event seemed to dash hopes in life’s stability, and it led otherwise unchurched people to pack worship services over the weeks that followed.



Even though church attendance soon began to drop back to “normal” levels, the tenacity of hope made itself felt in, among other things, the form of a \$3 million hope sculpture in New York City in 2014. But the question remains: What or who is the proper object of a confident hope? Our lessons in June will have that focus!

<i>June 6</i>	<i>Freed from Worry</i>	<i>Matthew 6:25–34</i>	<i>Betsy Allwein</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Delivered from Fear</i>	<i>Matthew 8:23–27</i>	<i>George Hollich</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Healed by Faith</i>	<i>Matthew 9:18–26</i>	<i>Lorri Umberger, Marilyn Smith</i>
<i>June 27</i>	<i>Rescued from Doubt</i>	<i>Matthew 14:22–33</i>	<i>George Hollich</i>



While hunting, Larry and Elmer got lost in the woods. Trying to reassure his friend, Larry said, "Don't worry. All we have to do is shoot into the air 3 times, stay where we are, and someone will find us." They shot in the air 3 times, but no one came. After a while, they tried again. Still no response. When they decided to try once more, Elmer said, "I hope it works this time. We're down to our last 3 arrows."

What do you put your hope in? As Christians we are supposed to say “Jesus!” And I think most of us do put our hope in Jesus...but it’s so easy to also put our hope in other things. For example. If you are facing a financial issue and there is money in the bank. You might say “Oh, well no problem because I’ve got money in the bank.” What’s your hope in? If we start feeling sick, or learn of a medical condition and respond, “At least I have insurance!” What’s your hope?

When we’re going through a hard time, we say “My friends will help me! What is your hope in? Some people believe that when the person they voted for takes office, their problems will all go away! First of all, get real! If you think your life will be ruined or saved because of who the president or governor is... what are you putting your hope in? When some have a hard time and they turn to alcohol, drugs, pornography, food, or even just drown their sorrows in television. Where are they placing their hope?

The issue of hope is a major blind spot in many Christian’s faith . People hope to have enough food and clothing, and then worry in an attempt to remedy a lack of those things. When no human remedy comes to mind, the results are fear and doubt. The proper reaction in all situations should be to look to Jesus first. Join us in June as we learn about the confident hope that comes from reading the Bible...



### June 6

1. Jesus said that not even the Queen of Sheba could match a flower’s glory. T/F. *Matthew 6:28–29*
2. Jesus said to seek first God’s kingdom and his \_\_\_\_\_ . *Matthew 6:33*

### June 13

1. When a storm struck their boat, what was Jesus doing? (sleeping, preaching, fishing) *Matthew 8:24*

### June 20

1. A woman with a bleeding problem touched Jesus’ clothing to be healed. T/F. *Matthew 9:20*
2. Jesus said that the woman was made whole because of her what? (love, boldness, faith) *Matthew 9:22*

### June 27

1. When Jesus walked on the water, the disciples shouted in delight. T/F. *Matthew 14:26*
2. When Peter began to sink, he cried out for the Lord to save him. T/F. *Matthew 14:30–31*

## **Online daily, weekly devotions...**

*Our thanks to Gloria Clark for finding the following list of devotional resources*

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/find-daily-weekly-devotions-online>

Devotional resources to share with members and other congregants is one of the needs identified by pastors and other local church leaders in recent research conducted by United Methodist Communications. The Upper Room and the National Council of Churches are among the United Methodist and ecumenical agencies producing daily devotions online. A number of annual conferences and some local churches are also using their websites, email and social media to provide prayers, meditations and other resources daily and weekly. Some had been doing this before the COVID-19 pandemic, while others began the practice more recently.



### **DAILY DEVOTIONS**

The Upper Room: [Morning prayer on Facebook](#), daily, 11 a.m. CDT; [Daily Devotionals from The Upper Room magazine](#).

National Council of Churches: [Prayer and scripture posted daily](#) throughout pandemic; [subscribe](#) to receive via email.

Arkansas Conference: [Devotions from Bishop Gary Mueller](#), also on [Facebook](#).

Great Plains Conference: [Daily devotions](#) by clergy and laity, subscribe to receive via email.

Holston Conference: Daily devotions by clergy and laity; [subscribe](#) via email, [archives](#) on website

Mississippi: [Indian Springs United Methodist Church](#), Glen, 6:30 p.m. CDT.

Mountain Sky Conference: [Mountain Sky Digital Devotion](#) led by clergy and lay leaders, Monday through Friday until Pentecost, 6:30 a.m. MDT.

Nebraska: ["Snowdome of the Day" video devotions](#), Saint Paul (Benson) United Methodist Church, Omaha, posted weekdays on YouTube.

South Carolina Conference: [Daily video devotional](#) from Bishop L. Jonathan Holston.

Texas: Keller United Methodist Church, evening prayer [livestream](#) and on [Facebook](#), 9 p.m. CDT.

Virginia: [Welborne United Methodist Church](#), Richmond

Washington: [First United Methodist Church](#), Auburn

Washington: [Trinity United Methodist Church](#), Port Townsend, evening devotions.

Wisconsin Conference: Daily devotion from the cabinet sent by email and [archived](#).

### **WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry: ["Online Devotions for Such a Time as This,"](#) weekly entries to support collegiate ministries, church leaders and candidates and aspiring clergy.

Alabama-West Florida Conference: [Devotional time](#) with Bishop David Graves and other leaders, Mondays, 10 a.m. CDT, and lectio divina led by the Rev. Julie Hare, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. CDT.

Baltimore-Washington Conference: **"Learn to Meditate Like Jesus,** Live, directed meditations via Zoom with the Rev. Kendrick Weaver, Wednesdays in May, 10 to 10:30 a.m. EDT. [Register online](#) to receive participant information.

Desert Southwest Conference: [Wednesday Devotionals](#), 12 p.m. MST or on [Facebook](#).

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference: 30-minute prayer meeting on Zoom, Tuesdays, 12 noon EDT. Details at [www.epaumc.org](http://www.epaumc.org).

Illinois Great Rivers Conference: [Subscribe](#) to an email from the conference prayer team.

Massachusetts: [Simple Church](#), digital dinner church, Worcester, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. EDT.

Missouri: [The Gathering](#), St. Louis, Wednesdays.

Northern Illinois Conference: [Weekly posting](#) includes a calendar, scripture and devotion, holy humor and other resources.

South Georgia Conference: Bishop R. Lawson Bryan offers worship, Sundays, 10 a.m. EDT; [live stream](#) and on [Facebook Live](#); [archived](#).

Tennessee Conference: [Weekly devotionals](#) for children's ministry leaders.

Texas Conference: Weekly worship with Bishop Scott Jones, Sunday, 11 a.m. CDT, [Facebook live stream](#) and [archived](#).

Texas: [Sunset United Methodist Church](#), Pasadena, Monday.

Virginia Conference: Weekly Conference Center Chapel services, Wednesday, 9 a.m. EDT. [Invitation on Facebook](#).

West Ohio Conference: [All In Community Weekly Prayer Gathering](#), Wednesday, 10 a.m. EDT.

# Trinity United Methodist Church

757 Willow Street, Lebanon, Pa. 17046

Where "Faith, Hope and Love abide to encourage all to respond to the call of Christ."

## May 30, 2021 - Memorial Day Sunday

(The service begins at 9:15 with the fellowship area opening at 9:00.)

To be a part of worship on the computer go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88372744933>  
or join by phone by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 883 7274 4933 when prompted.)

### Welcome

Lay Leader: George Hollich

### Prelude:

**Holy, Holy, Holy - Smith**

Organist: Caroline Jacobs

### Call to Worship

Liturgist: Reba Sterner

L: In a world filled with violence and war,

**P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**

L: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

**P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**

L: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

**P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.**

L: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

**P: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.**



### Hymn #64

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

John Dykes

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!



**Memorial Day Litany, Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer** *Pastor Lynn Hackman*

L: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth.

**P: We give you thanks, O God.**

L: For leaders in nation and state, both past and present, who have labored for it:

**P: We give you thanks, O God.**

L: For those in all times and places, who have been true and brave, have lived upright lives and ministered to others:

**P: We give you thanks, O God.**

L: For those who served their country, and especially for those who gave their lives in its service:

**P: We give you thanks, O God.**

L: Almighty and merciful God, it is with gratitude that we remember your servants, as we also lift up to you those who mourn them. As this day brings memories of their sacrifice, may we rest in the assurance that they are in your living presence, now and forever. Amen.

**Musical Meditation** *Instruments of Your Peace* *Sounds Like Reign*

**Celebration of Gifts** *Pastor Lynn Hackman*  
(Your offerings can be sent to Trinity UMC, 757 Willow Street, Lebanon, PA 17046)

**Hymn #431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* *Miller & Jackson*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. (Repeat song)



**Old Testament** *Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21* *Liturgist: Reba Sterner*

**New Testament** *Matthew 28:16-20*

**Sermon** *The Greatest Generation* *Pastor Lynn Hackman*

**Musical Meditation**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Social Time**



**Sunday School – Preaching to Enemies**

**Jonah 3**

**Leader: George Hollich**

## Study Text: Jonah 3

**KEY VERSE:** *When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.*  
—Jonah 3:10



## A Satisfying End

Imagine that you are nearing the end of a book you just can't put down. You anticipate a satisfying ending. But the book actually ends by telling you that the whole thing had been a dream. *What? Why was I so invested in this? That's unfair!* Few things are more frustrating to a reader than an unsatisfying ending to an otherwise excellent book.

Or what if the book ended in the middle of a sentence and offered no resolution to any of the conflicts contained within it? What makes a really atrocious ending to a book is when that ending has nothing to do with the book itself, or it explains away the drama of the book in a ridiculous manner, or it fails to actually end up somewhere. Such endings make an entire read feel like a waste of time because nothing that happened actually mattered.

All Jonah wanted was an ending that made sense to him regarding the story of the Ninevites. They deserved to be destroyed. They had done *nothing* to merit a happy ending. Everyone for miles around could see that they should be destroyed. But how would God write the ending of this drama?

## Whom to Exclude?

John grew up in church, where he learned to love his neighbors and extend grace. But he also learned to stay away from people who drank, smoked, gambled, and, well, sinned (per his definition). He grew to believe that people who had not repented should feel the full impact of those sins. That would be the best way for them to learn the errors of their ways.

John shared Jonah's mind-set. When we are challenged because of whom God shows grace, we must follow his leading rather than relying on our perception of what is "fair." We have all sinned (Romans 3:23).

Having received God's grace—and remembering that grace by its nature isn't "fair"—who are we to decide those to be excluded from experiencing it as well?

## Selective Hearing

What do you feel strongly enough about to "wear" on your skin forever? Some people use tattoos to commemorate a beloved spouse, a dearly departed friend, or even Mom. Others have hobbies, symbols of their faith, or pictures of their BFF inked into their skin. Sadly, some choose symbols of hatred.

Not all who choose a tattoo that proclaims racial or ethnic hatred find those biases permanent, however. They repent of those attitudes and want the symbols of their former beliefs to disappear. For some, this may involve tattoo removal. For others, cover-ups are a popular option. For either, repentance can be an expensive process. Either a cover-up or a removal is like wearing sackcloth—permanently. The message is the same: there is an inward change, seen now on the outside. Repentance requires a forever-removal. How is the Holy Spirit convicting you in that regard?

- 1. On what occasions should fasting be promoted today, if any?**
- 2. What are some ways to respond after suffering violence at the hands of another?**
- 3. What's your main takeaway from today's lesson regarding today's missionary endeavors?**

# PREACHING TO ENEMIES

*Lesson 13, Jonah 3, NIV*

## WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Work with a partner to unscramble the words below.

NGAHEC PPNESHA NEWH ETH ANIP FO HET SUTATS OQU

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SI TEARGER NHAT EHT NIPA FO A WNE TILAREY.

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Discuss with your partner how you have seen this sentence true in your life or in history. What does it tell you about why change is sometimes so difficult to achieve?

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## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Pretend you are writing headlines for an internet news feed in Nineveh as the events recorded in today's text unfold. What headlines would you write for each of the following parts of the story?

Jonah 3:1-3

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Jonah 3:4

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Jonah 3:5

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Jonah 3:6-9

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Jonah 3:10

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