

Upcoming Events

DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOT

Open to everyone!

TODAY after both worship services

Look for the backdrops in both upper & lower foyers

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Service suitable for all ages – no childcare available

Friday, April 3, 6:30 p.m., Family Life Center

Contact the church office with questions at (618) 667-6241

EASTER SERVICES

Invite your family & friends!

Sunday, April 5

7:00 a.m. – Traditional Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)

7:45 a.m. – Free buffet breakfast (Family Life Center)

9:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship (Sanctuary & online)

Children's ministry & nursery available

10:30 a.m. – Modern Worship (Family Life Center & online)

Children's ministry & nursery available

See our website for additional details– troymc.org/events

Message Notes

March 29, 2026

Encountering the Heart of Jesus: Forgiveness

Luke 23:24

Jesus' words from the cross: *Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.* (Luke 23:24)

Jesus teaches that our forgiveness from God is dependent on our forgiveness of others.

- Matthew 6:12 – *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*
- Matthew 6:14-15 – *If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.*
- Matthew 18:35 – *That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.*

Why is Unforgiveness attractive?

- It justifies your hurt feelings and even your retaliation.
- It helps you see your offender as “pure evil” and consequently it helps you feel completely right.
- It gives you permission to feel sorry for yourself.
- It conveniently puts all the responsibility on others rather than facing your own responsibility for a situation.

We were forgiven, so how can we withhold forgiveness?

Forgiveness is the central focus of the cross and the Christian faith:

- Forgiveness FOR you – Colossians 2:13-14
- Forgiveness FROM you