



“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” ~ Matthew 18:20

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Present in the Struggle

September 6, 2026
Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Trinity.

Whether you are worshiping in-person or online, we are so glad to worship with you this morning.

*Nursery is offered from 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM in room 108
(on the lower level to the left, first hallway on your left at the end of the hall)
for our youngest worshipers (birth through 2 years old). Children ages 3-3rd grade are
invited to meet in the Narthex after Children's Time to attend Children's Worship.*

*For those worshiping online, as we prepare for a time of worship,
we invite you to find an intentional space in your home for worship.*

**For those worshiping in person please stand in body and/or spirit.
Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.*



PRELUDE

Voluntary on St. Anne

Paul Manz

WELCOME

Rev. Teer Hardy

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Teer Hardy

Come out of the darkness of despair
into the brightness of God's transforming love.

We praise God for God's presence with us!

Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

We thank God for God's mercy toward us.

Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

Thanks be to God at all times and in all places.

* HYMN

559 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
3. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of
4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone; cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
Hosts, to - day! With thy faith - ful lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee for - ev - er
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



WORDS: 7th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
 (Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7)
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, ca. 1680; adapt. by Ernest Hawkins, 1842
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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
 Jen Bemisderfer, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

Make me a channel of Your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring Your love, where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You. Make me a channel of Your peace, where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul. Make me a channel of Your peace, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 18:15-20](#)

Mark Jones

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

* CHILDREN'S TIME

Emily Turner

There are children's worship boxes available in the Narthex. If you can't find one, please ask an usher for one. Children ages 3-3rd grade are invited to the Sunday School Room (on the 2nd floor) after Children's Time to attend Children's Worship.

SERMON

Present in the Struggle

Jacque Musangu Numbi

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*How to give at Trinity:**There are three ways to give at Trinity!*

1. Give through our online donation portal:
<https://trinityalexandria.breezechms.com/give/online>
2. Give by text at 703-783-3034. Just send a text that says "Give" and the Amount.
3. Put your offering in the offering plate or mail in your donation to Trinity Church,
2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA.

For further questions about how to give, visit: www.trinityalexandria.org/giving-at-trinity!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Teer Hardy

Almighty God,

**receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts
and use us for your ministry in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chaconne in g minor

Louis Couperin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Teer Hardy

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, *you* are forgiven!**Glory be to God. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*This morning we gather at the table as God's people! We will be celebrating communion in-person as well as online today.**If you are worshipping online with us, we invite you to prepare elements at home--bread and juice. When we consecrate the elements on the table, we will invite you to lift up your elements at home and you will be invited to eat and drink from your tables.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion Leader: Rev. Teer Hardy, Jacquie Musangu Numbi
Communion Servers: Nora Hardy, John Cardone & Philip Reynolds
Communion Music Leader: Jen Bemisderfer

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so,
 with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
 ...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry full of your glo-ry Ho - san-na in the

high - est Ho - high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,

in the high - est, in the high - est.

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 The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.
 The pastor concludes:

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
 Through your Son Jesus Christ,

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain! gain!

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with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
 all honor and glory is yours,
 Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.



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,

and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING AND GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite all persons to the Lord's Table. This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord and is ready for all who love the Lord and want to love Him more. Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

For those worshipping online, we invite you to take your bread, dip into the cup and eat. We invite you to say a prayer as you receive these elements.

For those worshipping in person, following the direction of the ushers. Please extend your hands to receive the bread and dip the bread into the cup as it is offered to you. After receiving communion, we invite you to return to your seats through the outer aisles.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Gordon Johnson, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,

we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* HYMN

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* DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Rev. Teer Hardy

* POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude

Domenico Zipoli



Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY

Worship In-person and Online! We worship each Sunday at 11 AM in-person and online (through our website and Trinity's Facebook page). For online worship, visit our website: www.trinityalexandria.org. Each Saturday evening, we will send out an email with links to the worship sites and the bulletin for worship that Sunday. For additional information contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Nursery is offered from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM in room 105 (down the stairs on the lower level, first door on the right) for our youngest worshipers (birth through early elementary). Led by Ariana Lara.

Children's Worship runs concurrently with "big" worship. Our Children's Worship is tailored to meet the needs of our young Christians K through 3rd grade; those who have outgrown nursery, but aren't quite ready to stay in the Sanctuary for the full service. We will meet in the Narthex following Children's Time in worship and then make our way upstairs to the movement and Sunday School rooms.

MUSIC NOTES

The prelude is from the six movement Partita on "St. Anne" by Paul Manz (1919-2009). Movement I. Theme is followed by the second, titled Adagio (slow tempo). Manz writes that the first movement is based on stanza 1 of the hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past. and the Adagio is based on the second stanza, which begins "Under the shadow of thy throne..." *Partita on St. Anne* ©1975 Concordia Publishing House, cph.org. Used by permission.

Today's solo is an arrangement by Mark Hayes for soloist and piano of Sebastian Temple's (1928-1997) musical setting of the well-known Prayer of Saint Francis. The prayer is widely attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, but these words never appear in any of his writings. This prayer was widely publicized during World War I and World War II and has frequently been used during times of war to encourage peace throughout the world. Temple, who was born in South Africa, later moved to London, where he worked for the BBC News Service. In 1958, he moved to America, converted to Catholicism, and joined the Franciscan Third Order. Written in 1967, "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" has become one of Temple's most loved compositions. It appears in twenty-six hymnals and was used in the funeral service of Princess Diana in 1997 and as part of the religious wedding ceremony of Prince Albert II of Monaco to South African Charlene Wittstock in 2011. It is also the anthem of the Royal British Legion and is included in the Legion's Annual Festival of Remembrance. Sinéad O'Connor included it on her Princess Diana tribute album, and Susan Boyle of Britain's Got Talent fame included it as part of her performances. Temple died in 1997, shortly after the hymn first gained worldwide recognition. Copyright © 1967, OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-713613. All rights reserved.

The offertory: Louis Couperin (1626-1661) was a leading French composer and virtuoso keyboard player. A chaconne is a lively Spanish dance-song from the early 1600s that evolved into a slow, stately Baroque musical form. It features continuous variations built over a short, repeating bass line or chord progression in triple meter. *From Encyclopedia Britannica.*

The Postlude is by Italian Baroque composer Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726) organist/keyboardist and Jesuit missionary to South America. Zipoli played organ at the cathedral in Córdoba, Argentina, until his death in 1726. In addition, he studied to become a priest, but died before he could attain that goal. At the time of his death at 38 from TB, Zipoli was the most famous organist, and very possibly the most famous musician of any kind, in European-ruled South America. Zipoli composed three oratorios before moving to the New World; all, however, are lost, save for the libretti. A sizeable volume of his keyboard music, *Sonate d'intavolatura* issued in 1715, just months before he left Rome, has survived. About half of the clever, skillfully crafted pieces in it are for organ; the other half are for harpsichord. *Some notes by Brian Johnson and Encyclopedia.com. Music in the public domain.*

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Join a Small Group this Fall:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." ~ Acts 2:42

This fall, we invite you to deepen your faith and your relationships with others by joining a Trinity small group. Small groups are intentional communities where we learn together, pray together, and grow in our life with Jesus Christ.

Groups will meet weekly for six weeks, September 14–October 31, and each will be led by a facilitator. Our conversations will follow Trinity's fall sermon series, *Good News for Anxious Christians*, based on Phillip Cary's book of the same name.

Choose a group that works for you:

- Sunday Morning, 9:30-10:45 AM — Connecting Room; Nursery available
- Sunday Evening, 5:30-7:15 PM — Connecting Room; Youth Group offered concurrently
- Tuesday Evening, 7:00-8:30 PM — off-site; dinner at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Evening, 7:30-8:30 PM — Zoom only
- Thursday Morning, 10:00-11:30 AM — Connecting Room
- Saturday Morning, 8:30-10:00 AM — off-site; children welcome!

Books will be available to purchase at the Fall Kick Off & Ministry Fair on September 13th, or you can order a copy from your favorite bookstore. For more information or to sign up, visit trinityalexandria.org/smallgroups. Questions? Contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Calling All Children & Youth! Living into our mission to build a strong Christian community, we are identifying interested children and youth who would like to participate and lead in worship services. Please complete this form with a parent to indicate your interest in these worship opportunities. <https://trinityalexandria.breezechms.com/form/7fe21e> For more information contact Program Director, Kari Webber at programdirector@trinityalexandria.org.

Fall Kick-Off & Ministry Fair: We invite you to Trinity's Fall Kick-Off & Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 13th! Worship with us at 11 AM and stay for lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Trinity will provide a main dish and we invite you to bring a side, salad or dessert to share. For additional information, contact office@trinityalexandria.org.

Trinity UWF: Please join our September UWF meeting on September 8th, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, in the Connecting Room. We will watch a video from this year's Virginia's Annual Conference. The speaker, Dr. Ashley Boggans, will discuss the Methodist History and Our Heritage, based on John Wesley's writings and treatises. She is a dynamic speaker and shares her personal perspective on the mission of the church. All are welcome! For more information contact UWF President, Alva Smircina at asmircina@gmail.com.

Young-ish Adult Potlucks are back! We will meet for a Brunch themed September potluck on Saturday, September 19th between 4-8PM. Contact Rev. Nicole Crouch at deacon.ncrouch@gmail.com for more information.

You're Invited to Roberts Memorial UMC's 194th Homecoming Celebration: Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church joyfully invites Trinity UMC members to join them for their 194th Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 AM. The special worship service will feature Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson as the guest preacher, followed by a reception. As fellow United Methodist congregations with a shared history in Alexandria, this celebration is an opportunity to honor our connection, celebrate God's faithfulness across generations, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that unite us. For more information, contact Liz Williams at wizzerfly@gmail.com.

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Community Food Project: Opportunity to serve on Monday, September 21, Trinity UMC will partner with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on King Street to unload, sort, and distribute a semi-trailer of food delivered to our Allison Street parking lot to local food banks and organizations serving food-insecure neighbors throughout Alexandria. Volunteers are needed to make this outreach a success! Please sign up using the Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0449AFAD28AA8-64848606-community#/> and help us share God's love through service. For more information contact Missions Chair, Julie McKinney at juliemck3@gmail.com.

Reserve Altar Flowers Today! We encourage our church family to reserve altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one by sending an email to the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org. After worship, the flowers are yours to take home or share with a loved one. We are now reserving for the rest of the year. The suggested donation is \$75 to the Trinity Flower Fund to cover the cost of flowers and supplies. If you have any questions about the Flower Committee, contact Mary Beth Buchholz at marybeth@freespiritfloral.com.

Are you looking for a way to serve during Sunday morning in-person worship? Sunday morning worship volunteers are vital to providing a smooth-running and enjoyable worship service. We are looking for volunteers to usher, acolyte or be on the Tech Team. Serving in one of these ministries can enrich your faith and connect you with other members. If you are interested in more information or shadowing someone to see if you would like to volunteer, please contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.



Sign up for Trinity's eCommunications: Are you wondering what is goes on in the life of our church? Are you looking for ways to get more connected? Or maybe you just want to keep up to date on all the news. Scan the QR code above with your camera on your phone to get connected today!

Trinity is hiring a Nursery Worker! Do you love working with children? Trinity is seeking a nursery worker for Sunday mornings (10:30-12:30 PM). Monthly schedules can be flexible, depending on availability. Nursery worker will work in conjunction with the nursery supervisor and parents to provide a safe, happy, and loving environment for the children at Trinity UMC! Contact pastor@trinityalexandria.org with additional questions or concerns!

Trinity Preschool is Hiring: Trinity Preschool is looking for a warm, reliable person to join our Afternoon Care team. We're looking for someone who genuinely enjoys working with young children, is dependable and patient, and works well as part of a team. Previous preschool or childcare experience is preferred. For more information please contact Head of Preschool, Claire Maucieri at headofpreschool@trinityalexandria.org.



To join Trinity Church Guest Wifi, scan the QR code above with your camera on your phone. For more information on how to connect via Wifi contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Coffee with Pastor Teer

Pastor Teer wants to get to know you and the Trinity community. Schedule a time for coffee with Pastor Teer. Use this link (<https://calendar.app.google/erURpxHR7YVYihX36>) to schedule a time or contact Pastor Teer by email or in the church office.



The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

Building a strong Christian community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors and our world.

The Welcome Statement of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” ~ Matthew 10:40

Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to be a congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God’s creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God’s love extends to all, we welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience.

We recognize that we are all different and those differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, September 6th

10:30 AM Nursery in room 105
11:00 AM Worship in-person and online via Facebook Live and Trinity Website

Monday, September 7th ~ Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8th

7:00 PM Connecting Team Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 9th

6:00 PM Centering Prayer in the Connecting Room
6:30 PM Trinity Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 10th

7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Monday, September 13th ~ Fall Kick-Off & Ministry Fair

10:30 AM Nursery in room 105
11:00 AM Worship in-person and online via Facebook Live and Trinity Website
12:00 PM Fall Kick-Off & Ministry Fair on the Fellowship Hall



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