

Behold, I Make All Things New: Preparing for Change



Sermon Series: April 26 – June 14, 2026

Perhaps you have come... for just such a time as this. ~ Esther 4:14

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Transformed for a Purpose

May 10, 2026
Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Trinity.

Whether you are worshipping 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 105
(down the stairs in the basement, first door on the right) for our youngest worshippers
(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 worshipping online, as we prepare for a time of worship,
we invite you to find an intentional space in your home for worship.*

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

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PRELUDE

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unkown
Trinity Ringers*

arr. Jason W. Krug

*WELCOME

Rev. Grace Han

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Grace Han

Before the foundation of the world,
God knew our name and appointed our days.
God brings us to this moment.
For just such a time as this.
When darkness seems to have the upper hand,
when the faithful feel few and the way is uncertain,
God raises up God's people.
For just such a time as this.
God calls us to courage, to prayer, and to one another.
For just such a time as this.

*HYMN

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

577 God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Grace Han

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Grace Han

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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Zach Bailey

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.

ANTHEM

Bright Morning Stars

arr. The Wailin' Jennys

Carol Bowers, soprano; Jen Bemisderfer, soprano; Gretchen Regehr, alto

Bright morning stars are rising, day is breaking in my soul. O where are our dear fathers, they are down in the valley a-praying. O where are our dear mothers, they are gone to heaven a-shouting.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Esther 4:12-17 \(NRSV\)](#)

Kelly Naughton

When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

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

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 ANTHEM

The 23rd Psalm (dedicated to my mother)

Bobby McFerrin

Gordon Johnson, tenor; Tom Tyler, tenor; Paul Taylor, baritone; Greg Saunders, bass

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need, She makes me lie down in green meadows, Beside the still waters, She will lead. She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs, She leads me in a path of good things, And fills my heart with songs. Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land, There is nothing that can shake me, She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand. She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes, She anoints my head with oil, And my cup overflows. Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will live in her house Forever, Forever and ever. Glory be to our Mother and Daughter, And to the Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!****Praise God, the source of all our gifts!****Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!****Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Grace Han

**All good gifts come from you, dear Lord,
from these riches we bring this offering.**

**Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place,
and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.**

*HYMN

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*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Rev. Grace Han

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Cwm Rhondda"

Paul Manz

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Emily Turner's mother, Virginia Bond Turner.

Spring Sermon Series - April 26 - June 14, 2026: *Behold, I Make All Things New: Preparing for Change* Change is not easy but it is an important part of our life, and can lead to growth and transformation. How do we as Easter people prepare for change, trusting God to make all things new? Join us for this 8 week sermon series about change, transformation, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 worshippers (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 ages 3 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 an arrangement of the hymntune Candler for 12 handbells by Jason Krug. This is a traditional Scottish tune also known as "Ye banks and braes", after a Robert Burns poem that was set to this music. This tune was first paired with Charles Wesley's words in the 1935 Methodist Hymnal, where it was renamed "Candler" in honour of Bishop Warren Candler, who suggested the use of this tune. The melody moves between the upper bells and the lower bells, with alternating accompaniment. The accompaniment is marked LV (*laissez vibrer*) to allow for sustained chord tones. *Copyright © 2020 Grassy Meadow Music. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

The anthem is a traditional Appalachian spiritual, likely dating from the 19th century. It is featured on the 4th full-length album from the Canadian folk trio The Wailin' Jennys. The first audio version was collected by Alan and Elizabeth Lomax in Harlan County, Kentucky in 1937, as sung by G.D. Vowell, under the title "*Bright Moving Stars are Rising.*" *Arrangement used by permission. Text in the public domain.*

The offertory anthem, Bobby McFerrin's "*The 23rd Psalm (dedicated to my mother),*" is more a meditation on the psalm than a simple setting of its text. In it, McFerrin alters the psalm in a number of ways, most notably in his use of "she" when referring to God. Asked about this, he explained: "The 23rd Psalm is dedicated to my mother. She was the driving force in my religious and spiritual education, and I have so many memories of her singing in church. But I wrote it because I'd been reading the Bible one morning, and I was thinking about God's unconditional love And then I left my reading and spent time with my wife and our children. Watching her with them, the way she loved them, I realized one of the ways we're shown a glimpse of how God loves us is through our mothers. They cherish our spirits, they demand that we become our best selves, and they take care of us." (*Quotation: The Huffington Post*). *Copyright © 1990 Prob Noblem Music (BMI). All rights reserved. International copyright secured. Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream under ONE LICENSE #A-713613. All rights reserved.*

The Postlude is a voluntary on today's opening hymn Cwm Rhondda. It is the first in a collection titled Ten Chorale Improvisations Set V Opus 14 by Paul Manz. His arrangement places the melody on one manual (keyboard) played by the left hand, while on another manual the right hand as well as the pedal accompany. Interspersed is a ritornello (the first four notes quote Handel's Hallelujah Chorus) on the same manual for both hands and feet. It is another really fun piece to play! *Copyright © 1974 Concordia Publishing House, cph.org. Used by permission.*

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

An Evening of Music for a Mission: Join us on May 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM for a special evening of music as the Trinity Men's Quartet presents their first-ever concert, *Music of Praise*, in support of our Appalachian Service Project. For more than 20 years, the Quartet has enriched our worship services with their beautiful harmonies. Now, for the first time, they will take the stage for a full one-hour concert, sharing inspiring and uplifting arrangements of beloved music. Following the concert, stay for a short reception and time of fellowship in the Narthex. A love offering will be received to support Trinity's upcoming ASP Mission Trip, where our team will travel to West Virginia to help families by making homes safe, warm, and dry. We hope you will give generously for this project. Come enjoy an evening of wonderful music while supporting a meaningful mission. Bring a friend—and your checkbook! For more information contact, Greg Saunders at gregoryelis@hotmail.com.

Confirmation & Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026: Join us for a Pentecost Celebration on May 24th at 11 AM! We will confirm our 7th and 8th grade students as they make a commitment to be a disciple of Jesus Christ! Invite friends and family for a service of special music to celebrate the birthday of the church! Don't forget to wear red!

May UWF Meeting: Our next meeting of the United Women of Faith is on Tuesday, May 12th, 7:00 PM in the Connecting Room. We come together each month in sisterhood to grow in our faith for God and to connect and nurture one another. All women of the church are welcome. For more information about Trinity's UWF contact our UWF President, Alva Smircina at asmircina@gmail.com.

Calling all High School and College Graduates! We are recognizing graduates on Sunday, May 31st during worship. If you are a graduate or have a graduate in your family, graduating from high school, college, or beyond, please provide the following information to the *Church Office* by May 27th: picture, name, where they are graduating from, and plans for after graduation. Please also indicate if the graduate will be present for worship on May 31st. For more information contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Cemetery Spring Cleanup: Mark your calendars for another spring event!! It's time to do our spring clean up of our cemetery. We do this in conjunction with both Christ Church and Old Town Village Condominiums. We will gather at the cemetery on Saturday, May 30th from 10 AM until Noon. This includes trash pick up, pulling a few weeds around headstones, picking up branches and just tidying the area. Remember, the more hands involved, the quicker this will be completed! If you have any questions, please contact Jill Robinson (jillrobinson55@gmail.com). You will want to come in long pants, long sleeves, gloves and durable shoes with socks! Thanks for considering it!!

Social Justice Book Forum: The Social Justice Committee invites you to join us for an online book forum featuring author, Rev. Brandan Robertson, to discuss his book, *Queer & Christian Reclaiming the Bible, Our Faith, and Our Place at the Table*. The 90-minute forum will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at 7 PM via Zoom. His book is available at local libraries, Thriftbooks and Bookshop.org as well as audio versions. Hard copies are available at Trinity Church Office. To learn more Rev. Robertson, his website is brandanrobertson.com. RVSP to Diana Nelson at diananelson04@gmail.com for the zoom link.

Trinity is hosting a Farwell Picnic for Pastor Grace and her family on Sunday, June 7th, immediately following worship. We will be serving hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, and BBQ and we ask that everyone brings a side or dessert to share. We will need assistance to clean up this fun event. Let's send Pastor Grace, Chris, Dahae and Auden off with good blessings and lots of love! We will have outdoor activities for the children. Pray for good weather! For questions or to volunteer to clean up, contact Katie Cook at kcook@dlpolitics.com.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Church Council Update: Church Council met last week to discuss the forthcoming pastoral transition, progress on the Strategic Plan, and the status of the infrastructure/entrance way project. Committees are moving out on implementing the Strategic Plan priority actions, which were recently updated by Council. The infrastructure project team plans to hold information sessions for the Congregation in the coming months to provide a status update to TUMC once the contract is finalized. For copies of the committee reports submitted to Council or the current version of the Strategic Plan, please contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Special Invitation to Join Trinity's Music Program: We offer many opportunities to share your talents here at Trinity! As we look toward the next season, this is the perfect time to join us and add music to your calendar! If you play an instrument, please consider playing in worship. Contact Linda Cancellieri, Director of Music, with any questions at music@trinityalexandria.org.

- Trinity Ringers: Wednesday 6:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Trinity Ringers II (basic skills for new ringers): Wednesday 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Trinity Women's Ensemble: Thursday 7:15 PM, Music Suite
- Chancel Choir (Adult vocal choir): Thursday 7:45 PM, Music Suite

Youth Group meets tonight at 5:30 PM! We invite all 6th-12th graders to Youth Group! We meet in person each Sunday from 5:30-7:30 PM. We share a meal, play games, read scripture, ask questions, and learn from one another what it means to be part of a community of faith. We partner with Beverley Hills UMC and Del Ray UMC, and all youth, regardless of church affiliation are welcome to join! Questions? Contact Program Director, Kari Webber at programdirector@trinityalexandria.org.

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!

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 summer. 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.



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!



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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, May 10th ~ Mother's Day

- 9:30 AM Confirmation in the Youth Room
- 10:30 AM Nursery in room 105
- 11:00 AM Worship in-person and online via Facebook Live and Trinity Website
- 5:30 PM Youth Group at Trinity UMC

Tuesday, May 12th

- 7:00 PM UWF Meeting in the Connecting Room
- 8:00 PM Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, May 13th

- 6:30 PM Trinity Ringers I Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study in the Connecting Room
- 7:30 PM Trinity Ringers II Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, May 14th

- 7:15 PM Women's Ensemble Rehearsal in the Music Suite
- 7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Friday, May 15th

- 7:00 PM Music for a Mission concert in the Sanctuary

Saturday, May 16th

- 11:00 AM John Wesley Collins Funeral in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 17th

- 9:30 AM Confirmation in the Youth Room
- 10:30 AM Nursery in room 105
- 11:00 AM Worship in-person and online via Facebook Live and Trinity Website
- 12:30 PM Christian Formation Meeting in the Connecting Room
- 5:30 PM Youth Group at Trinity UMC

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.

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.



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