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*Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people, and your God my God.*

~ Ruth 1:16

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 19, 2020  
Eleven o'clock in the morning



CONNECTING  
GROWING  
SERVING  
CELEBRATING

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*Welcome to Trinity online.*

*As we prepare for a time of worship, we invite you to find an intentional space in your home for worship.  
We encourage you to light a candle or place something that reminds you of Trinity or your connection with God nearby.*



### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Love Your Neighbor*  
Carol Bowers, soprano

Michael Helman

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, with all your mind and all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. May your love move us to action, feed the hungry, clothe the poor, take away our blind indifference to the needy at our door. Grant us eyes to see the wounded, ears to hear their cries of pain, fill our hearts with your compassion, so we'll serve all in your name.*

### WELCOME

Pastor Grace Han

*As we light our candles in the sanctuary, I invite you to join us in lighting your own candle at home. As we place the cross in the holder, we invite you to place something that reminds you of Trinity or your connection with God in front of you.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Grace Han

What is the greatest commandment?

To love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

**This is the greatest commandment.**

The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**This is the greatest commandment.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

**This is the greatest commandment.**

### HYMN

[How Can We Name a Love](#)

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor 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 failed to recognize your image in our neighbor.**

**We have failed to choose to advocate for your justice.**

**We have failed to create community which includes all  
and gives to all equal access to your abundant life.**

**Forgive us we pray.**

**Heal us we pray.**

*(Time for Silence and Prayer)*

Hear the good news:

God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ forgives us  
and sets us free to live full human lives in community.

We may go forth confident of the grace to see with new eyes beyond prejudice;  
to imagine with renewed fervor justice and mercy for all,

and to create with a new will a community where all are given access to God's abundant life.

**Glory to God. Amen.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*We'd love to know you worshiped with us! Please register your attendance [here](#). We also encourage you to comment below so we can be in community with you!*

*We invite the children who are worshipping at home to pay extra special attention. Each week Hannah Day Donoghue will send out [Children's Worship Bulletin](#) and [Coloring Page](#) for the children to do at home during this time.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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.

## SOLO

*Ruth's Song*

Marty Goetz

*All my life, I have wondered where I might belong, feeling lost, like a stranger, wandering far all on my own without a home, without a people, without a hope, without a prayer, without a way that I could follow. Then I turned, and you were there. Where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay forever. Where you lead, I will follow so I can know the one you know. Under his wings, you found a shelter. You have no fear, you have no shame. And when you call, he seems to answer. He even seems to know your name. Then somehow should I find his favor I won't look back on all I've known. Your people then will be my people and your God my God alone. And you know I will never leave you. Not even death will ever part us. Now that I know the one you know, I will go now, where you go.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Ruth 1:6-18](#)

Pastor Grace Han

<sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

[Mark 12:28-34](#)

Pastor Grace Han

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as

yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup> and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Love that Chooses the Other

Pastor Grace Han

TESTIMONY

Pastor Guimond Pierre-Louis

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Grace Han

*We invite you to consider giving on-line or giving by text! To give on-line, go to [Trinity's website](#) and click on the Giving tab. To give by text, text "GIVE" to 703-783-3034. Further instructions will follow. For further information about online giving, please see the announcement in the bulletin ([page 9](#)).*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**All good gifts come from you, dear Lord,  
and 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

[O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee](#)

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Grace Han

*Following online worship, we invite you to join us on [Zoom](#) for a time of intentional fellowship and conversation.*

POSTLUDE

*Voluntary*

John Stanley

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**IN SYMPATHY....**

It is with great sadness we share the death of Jenessa Stokes' Uncle **Joseph Gragg** on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. We extend our prayers and sympathies to Jenessa, Hank and their family. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Jenessa Stokes, at 8605 Beekman Place, Unit C, Alexandria, VA 22309.


**ADDRESS CORRECTION....**

A few weeks ago we announced the passing of **Geraldine Strozier**, Trinity Member, and Jessica Gibson's Mom. Jessica Gibson and Aidan have moved to 15 Hall Street, Beverly, MA 01915-1419. You may also send Jessica an email at [gibsonjessica97@yahoo.com](mailto:gibsonjessica97@yahoo.com).

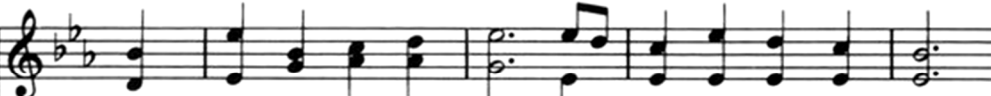
# How Can We Name a Love




1. How can we name a Love that wak-ens heart and mind,  
 2. If we a - woke to life built on a rock of care  
 3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite  
 4. So in a hun-dred names, each day we all can meet



in - dwell-ing all we know or think or do or seek or find?  
 that asked no great re - ward but firm, as - sured, was sim - ply there,  
 in pro-jects old or new, to make or do with shared de - light,  
 a pres-ence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.



With - in our dai - ly world, in ev - ery hu - man face,  
 we can, with par-ents' names, des - cribe, and thus a - dore,  
 our Friend and Part-ner's will is bet - ter un - der - stood,  
 Yet ev - ery name we see, shines in a bright - er sun:



Love's ech - oes sound and God is found, hid in the com-mon-place.  
 Love un - con-fined, a fa - ther kind, a moth-er strong and sure.  
 that all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is good.  
 In Christ a - lone is Love full grown and life and hope be - gun.

# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.



# SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY CHURCH

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**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God.

Today, we are blessed to have a testimony from **The Rev. Guimond Pierre Louis**. Rev. Pierre Louis comes from the countryside of Haiti where he grew up with two courageous parents who are farmers and 4 siblings. He credits what he has come to learn in his life on the foundational education he received and continued to receive from his family and neighbors in the countryside of Haiti: love, empathy, the beauty of life, and so on. On that foundation, he studied accounting and theology. Rev. Pierre Louis came to the US to complete a Graduate Certificate at Hartford Seminary in Interfaith Dialogue and a Master's Degree at Virginia Theological Seminary in Religion and Culture.

**Today's Prelude** with music and words by Michael Helman (b. 1956) is a lyrical setting of Matthew 23:37-39. Helman is an active composer of choral, handbell, and organ music. He is currently Director of Music/Organist at Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral, Florida.

**Today's Solo** is a setting of Ruth 1:16-17 by Marty Goetz: singer, pianist, composer and arranger.

**Fellowship Time via ZOOM on Sunday after Church:** After worship this morning, we invite you to a time of fellowship via [Zoom](#) led by our Program Director Hannah Day Donoghue! This will be a time for us to connect after worship, check-in, and to have a time of conversation about worship. [Click here to join](#). For questions, contact our Program Director, Hannah at [programdirector@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:programdirector@trinityalexandria.org).

**Worship Online this Sunday:** We are worshipping online via our Trinity's [Facebook page](#) and our website: [www.trinityalexandria.org](http://www.trinityalexandria.org). On Saturday evenings, we are sending out an email with links to the worship sites and the bulletin for worship that Sunday. This Sunday, we invite you to be intentional about finding a space in your home to worship and to be truly present in a time of worship. For additional questions about how to worship online, please contact the Church Office: [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org).

**Resources for What Love Looks Like Sermon Series:** As part of this week's sermon, we are encouraging you to intentionally seek out perspectives that are not your own. We have compiled a list of resources [here](#)! We encourage you to commit to growing and learning as we make our implicit biases explicit and work to actively love one another.

**"What Love Looks Like" Sermon Series:** Shortly after the death of George Floyd, an Episcopal priest named Craig Loya asked: "What does love look like?" He concluded: "Not like this." In the past few weeks and months, we have been haunted by images of racialized violence across our country. We have faced a global pandemic that has limited the way we care and love for one another. We are facing a difficult reality where it seems, at times, that love is absent. Through this series we will look at what love looks like in the face of COVID-19. What love looks like as we face racial injustice and prejudice. And how we are called not only to look, but to act in love. I hope you will join us for this important series.

- ♦ 7/26--Love that Takes Action

# TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

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**Sign up for Text Alerts from Trinity!** We are working on improving our communications! One way we'd like to connect with you is to be able to send you texts alerts with updates about the church. Especially in a season of time sensitive changes, we want to be able to communicate with you quickly and easily. To receive text messages, [sign up here!](#)

**Youth Summer Mission Week:** During the week of July 19-25, our youth (6th-9th) will be participating in a Youth Mission Week! Each day, we will focus on a different mission project with our mission partners (Community Lodgings, Martha's Table, ALIVE, Lazarus Ministry) to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. The week will be a mixture of ZOOM gatherings and in-person gatherings. For questions contact, Hannah Day Donoghue at [programdirector@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:programdirector@trinityalexandria.org).

**Centering Prayer** meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, via [Zoom](#). Centering Prayer is a 20 minute practice to sit in quiet prayer to make ourselves open to God. A reading is shared by the leader with a short discussion prior to the prayer time. [Click here to connect](#). For more information contact, Alva Smircina via email at [asmircina@gmail.com](mailto:asmircina@gmail.com).

**Join us for "Family Fun Food Trucks"** on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4-7 PM. In partnership with the [North Ridge Civic Association](#), join us this week for Family Fun Food Trucks in our blacktop parking lot! Stay tuned to [North Ridge's Facebook page](#) for which trucks will be available on which days. This is a way for us to support local restaurants as well as raise donations for "Meals for Alexandria Heroes" (to provide meals for first responders, medical professionals and others). We will practice safe social distancing as regulated by the city! Come, eat, support local businesses & be in fellowship (from afar) with one another!

**Drive-through Food Drive for Rising Hope Mission Church:** As more and more people are out of work, the demand on food pantries has increased exponentially. Rising Hope Mission Church, one of our ministry partners, is looking for non-perishable food items (canned meats, pasta, canned tomato products, cereal, coffee, peanut butter, jelly) as well as personal hygiene items (toothpaste, deodorant). Wednesdays from 4-7 PM, we are hosting a drive through drop off food drive. Just come by the church parking lot (off Cameron Mills). For the sake of safety for all involved, we ask you to stay in your car, so we can have people drop off food one at a time. For additional questions contact Mary Gillman: [marycgillman@gmail.com](mailto:marycgillman@gmail.com). For future food drive dates, please see [here](#).

**Join the Trinity Prayer Chain:** During times of trial and uncertainty, we pray to grow in our faith and encourage one another. To respond to our growing prayer needs, we will be starting an email prayer chain to share our prayer concerns with one another. We will share joys as well as concerns and needs. If you are interested in being part of this prayer chain, please email [prayer@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:prayer@trinityalexandria.org).

The **Lazarus Food Pantry** is looking for delivery volunteers. In partnership with Trinity, Fairlington UMC, and ALIVE! the Christ Church Lazarus Ministry has been delivering groceries, Monday through Saturday to Alexandria families in need. Volunteers pick up pre-packed bags of groceries at Trinity and then deliver to around 3 families each time. The date and time of deliveries is flexible. Clients are asked to meet the volunteer outside for a contact-free hand off. For more information, contact Liz Denson at [ldenson@ccalex.org](mailto:ldenson@ccalex.org).



# TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

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**Tithes and offerings** may be sent to Trinity via normal mail (checks only) or via the online donation portal on [Trinity's website](#). (click on "[♥ Giving](#)" in the top right corner). You may make online donations directly from your checking account with no check required to be mailed. This will help us immensely as our office will have limited hours to receive and process the checks. However, you may still give by mailing a check - whatever donation you want to provide will be very welcome.

We also have the capability to give by text. Just send a text that says "Give" to: 703-783-3034.

If you want more information on giving by texting works read on:

Step 1. Text the word "Give" - to 703-783-3034. Don't worry - nothing will be charged to you until you enter your credit card or bank information.

Step 2. You will receive a text back to you saying, "It looks like you are a new giver ; to begin (a link to the text giving site will appear), click on it.

Step 3: A form will appear that will clearly say "Trinity United Methodist Church" at the top left. It will ask you to fill in the following information:

1. Amount you want to give and the fund you want to give to. If you want to give a general offering, you don't need to write anything! If you want to give to a specific fund, you can use one of the following funds: Lent; Flowers; Music; Pastor (For Pastor's Helping Fund)
2. How you want to give - credit card or direct deposit from your bank (called ACH bank transfer)
3. If you select credit card, it will ask for your name, address, email address and credit card information.
4. If you select ACH - it will ask for you name, address, email address and bank routing and bank account information
5. At the bottom you can select one time gift or a recurring period. Suggest you select one time gift for the first time.
6. That is it. Then click on Donate Now!

If you made a mistake or change your mind - no worries just send the word "refund" to the same number the last amount you sent them will be refunded to you! Also you can send the word "commands" that will give you a list of options on how to change your account or update your giving amounts. If all else fails - please contact Rich McKinney at [cbrm@mac.com](mailto:cbrm@mac.com). Thank you again for your giving - no matter how you give!

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## **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.*

# TRINITY CHURCH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

11 AM           Worship at via Facebook Live and Trinity Website  
12 PM           Fellowship Time via Zoom  
5:30 PM        Confirmation Class

## Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

1 PM - 7:30 PM   Youth Mission Week

## Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

1 PM - 7:30 PM   Youth Mission Week

## Wednesday, July 22<sup>th</sup>

1 PM - 7:30 PM   Youth Mission Week  
4-7 PM           Family Food Truck Night in Allison Street Parking Lot  
4-7 PM           Food Donations Drop-Off in Allison Street Parking Lot  
6 PM             Centering Prayer at via Zoom

## Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

1 PM - 7:30 PM   Youth Mission Week  
8:30 PM          Chancel Choir Rehearsal via Zoom

## Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

1 PM - 7:30 PM   Youth Mission Week  
5:30-7:30 PM     Confirmation Bible Reading Marathon

## Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

11 AM           Worship at via Facebook Live and Trinity Website  
12 PM           Fellowship Time via Zoom  
5:30-7:30 PM    Confirmation Gathering



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