



"But who do you say that I am?" - Matthew 16:15

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

The Church Unfinished

August 16, 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 105
(on the lower level, 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 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 worshippers, please silence all electronic devices.*

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Slane"

Healey Willan

WELCOME

Rev. Teer Hardy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Teer Hardy

You, who are many,
are transformed to become one in Christ.

**We, who are many,
are called to worship God, the Tree in One.
Let us worship God.**

***HYMN**

SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won-der - ful key
send - est clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare

Refrain

that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I
 love with thy chil-dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy will to see.

O-pen my eyes,
 O-pen my ears, il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 O-pen my heart,

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OPEN MY EYES
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***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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell

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.

ANTHEM

I Will Be With You

Joel Raney

Sharon Taylor, alto; Paul Taylor, baritone

When you pass through the water, when you walk through the fire, when the rivers overflow, I will be with you. When you walk through the desert, when you're caught in the storm, when you lose your way, I will be with you. When you can't find the answer, when you're filled with despair, when you stumble and fall, I will be with you. When you're tired from the struggle, when you're weak from the pain, lean on me, I will be with you. For I have called you by name, you've heard the echo of my voice whisper, "I love you, you are mine." For you are precious in my sight, and I will guide you through the night. When you walk, walk by faith, and I will be with you. In your joy, and in your pain, if you call out my name, I will be with you. When you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, have no fear, I will be with you. For I have called you... and I will guide you through the night, through the storm, through the rain, through the joy, through the pain. When you walk, walk by faith, and I will be with you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Rev. Teer Hardy

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kari Webber

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

The Confession Unfinished

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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**

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morriconne

***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**

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**Faithful God,
you reveal true power not through fear or force,
but through love that gives life and builds community.
You call us to know who we are
because we know whose we are:
your people, shaped by Christ and sent for the sake of the world.
Receive these gifts as signs of our trust
in your way of life over the ways of death,
of courage over control, of welcome over exclusion.
Use what we offer to strengthen your church
as a living witness to your grace,
that through our sharing and our serving,
others may discover the identity of Christ
and the hope found in him. Amen.**

***HYMN**

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***DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**

Rev. Teer Hardy

POSTLUDE

Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer!

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

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1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of all the students, teachers, and staff who are heading back to school.

Summer Sermon Series: *Ready or Not: The Kingdom Shows Up Anyway*. Join us this summer (July 12th - September 6th) for a sermon series in the book of Matthew. Before we understand Jesus, before we follow well, before we believe correctly, the kingdom of heaven is already at work among us. This series invites the congregation into a life shaped not by getting it right, but by receiving what God is already doing.

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. Please note that Children's Worship is on summer vacation! We invite children to stay in the Sanctuary to worship with their families. There are children's worship boxes (with age appropriate activities for children) available in the Narthex. Please see an usher with any questions or assistance.

MUSIC NOTES

Guest Organist: Richard Thibadeau

Today's anthem is a composition in a rock gospel style, based on Isaiah 43, with words and music by Joel Raney. Its text, to quote its publisher, "takes on the voice of God speaking in the first person to his children and provides confidence and assurance that through any trial, he is there." In addition to his work as a composer and arranger of sacred music, Raney's background in classical, jazz, gospel, and popular music has led to a wide range of other employment experiences, a few of which include conducting national tours of Broadway productions, performing as a pianist for TV commercials (such as the "Rhapsody in Blue" ads for United Airlines), working as a composer and producer of commercial music, and writing soundtracks for more than 2000 television and radio commercials, plus numerous scores for short films. He is also a sought-after choral and keyboard clinician. © 2018 Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. International copyright secured. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-713613. All rights reserved.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Children's Ministry Needs! Trinity is seeking dedicated volunteers to serve in our growing Children's Ministry program! We encourage you to share your gifts of time and presence in the lives of our children. There are lots of ways to support children's ministries ranging from weekly commitments to one time special events. Opportunities include leading children's time, helping to teach in children's worship, or through volunteering with special events. To volunteer or learn more, contact Kari Webber at (programdirector@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 in "big church" 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.

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.

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 SignUpGenius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0449AFAD28AA8-64848606-community# and help us share God's love through service. For questions or more information contact Missions Chair, Julie McKinney at juliemck3@gmail.com.

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 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.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Join the Trinity Prayer Chain: During times of trial and uncertainty, we pray to grow in our faith and encourage one another. We will share joys as well as concerns and needs. If you are interested in being part of this prayer chain or have a prayer request, email the Prayer Chain at prayer@trinityalexandria.org.

Trinity Tech Team needs YOU! The Trinity Tech Team is responsible for running the sound system, streaming laptop, and videoduring all worship services. We aim to make worship look and sound great for everyone, whether they attend church in-person or online. The Team is looking for new volunteers to replace some of our graduating high school seniors and expand the volunteer pool. If you are an adult or in high school (9th grade and above) and have an interest in assistingthe technical aspects of worship, please reach out to Tech Team Lead, Zachary Silvis at media@trinityalexandria.org. NOTE: No previous audio-visual experience is required! Once trained, volunteers can expect to serve 1-2 times per month on average.



ACPS Elementary Reading Tutors! Alexandria City Public Schools' ATC (Alexandria Tutoring Consortium) program is registering reading tutors for the upcoming 2026-27 school year! They offer a wonderfully successful program called Book Buddies. ATC recruits and trains community volunteers to be reading tutors for K-2 graders in ACPS. YOU can make a difference in just two 30-minute sessions per week. Scan the QR code to learn more or sign up! If you have questions, contact Julie McKinney at juliemck3@gmail.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 TrinityChurch Guest Wifi, scan the QR code above with your camera on your phone. For more information on how to connect via Wifi contact theChurch 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.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, August 23rd ~ Blessing of the Backpacks

10:30 AM Nursery in room 105

11:00 AM Worship in-person and online via Facebook Live and Trinity Website

Wednesday, August 26th

6:00 PM Centering Prayer in the Connecting Room

Sunday, August 30th

10:30 AM Nursery in room 105

11:00 AM Worship in-person and online via Facebook Live and Trinity Website



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.



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