



Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

The Parable Who Wouldn't Go Away

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 stay in worship with their families.*

*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

Aria for Organ

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Rev. Teer Hardy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Teer Hardy

God has forgiven us and drawn us close,
Reconciling us through Jesus Christ,
Who has lavished upon us
The fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit
With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

*HYMN

REBIRTH AND THE NEW CREATURE

This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us
*5. In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
step from the past and leave be - hind
to show and share what love can do.
to taste and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things
 our God is mak - ing all things new.
 new.

*Alternate text for Holy Communion

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BEGINNINGS
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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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Emily Turner

There are children's worship boxes available in the Narthex. If you can't find one, please see an usher.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Teer Hardy

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

In the Garden
Amy Conrad, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 15:10-28](#)

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

SERMON

The Parable Who Wouldn't Go Away

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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

Sonata for Worship

Robert Jones

***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. Teer Hardy

**Gracious Lord,
you have given us more mercy than we could imagine
and more blessings than we deserve.
Receive now these gifts as tokens of gratitude to you,
that your mercy may be multiplied
and your blessings abound
to embrace all those in need. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Standing on the Promises

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***DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**

Rev. Teer Hardy

***POSTLUDE**

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

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Standing on the Promises

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior,

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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PROMISES
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SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY

Guest Organist: Richard Thibadeau

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in commemoration of Paul Painter's 59th birthday on August 18th.

The Rosebud on the altar is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Dorothy Jo McGuire. Dorothy Jo is the daughter of Cheston and Maddie McGuire and granddaughter of Katie Cook and Richard McGuire. Notes of congratulations may be sent to Cheston and Maddie at 3051 Meeting Street, Falls Church, VA 22044.

Summer Sermon Series: *Ready or Not: The Kingdom Shows Up Anyway - Grace Doesn't Wait for Us to Get it Right* 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.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Blessing of the Backpacks, next Sunday, August 23rd: Calling all students (preschool through grad school)! We invite you to bring your backpacks to worship next Sunday, August 23rd at 11 AM. During worship, we will offer a special blessing for a meaningful and productive year ahead and a special tag will be provided for all backpacks. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and classmates! For more information, 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 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!

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.

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.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

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.

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 video during 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 assisting the 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 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, August 16th

10:30 AM Nursery in room 105

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

Wednesday, August 19th

6:00 PM Centering Prayer in the Connecting Room

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



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.

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.



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