

# FINDING HOPE



*Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!”*

~ Mark 9:14

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 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.

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lead, Kindly Light*

John Henry Newman/John B. Dykes

Carol Bowers, soprano; Paul Taylor, baritone

arr. Mack Wilberg

*Lead, kindly light, amid th' encircling gloom; Lead thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead thou me on! Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene—one step enough for me. I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on. I loved to choose and see my path; but now, Lead Thou me on! I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years. So long thy pow'r has blest me, sure it still Will lead me on O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone. And with the morn those angel faces smile, Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile. Lead thou me on!*

### 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

(based on Psalm 65)

Pastor Grace Han

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion.

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

When we were overwhelmed by darkness, your light shined upon us.

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

When we cried out to you in our prayers, you cared for us.

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders.

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

### HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSON 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 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.**

(Time for Silence and Prayer)

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 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 worshiping at home to pay extra special attention. Each week Hannah will send out [coloring pages](#) and [interactive activities](#) for the children to do at home during this time.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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.

## DUET

## You Do Not Walk Alone

Traditional Irish/Elaine Hagenburg

Carol Bowers, Soprano; Paul Taylor, Baritone

*May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone. May you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone. For every storm, may God give you a rainbow, and for every tear, a smile. For every care, may God give to you a promise, a blessing in every trial. For every problem life may send, a faithful friend to share. For every sigh, a sweet song, and an answer to every prayer.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

## Romans 5:1-5

Jill Robinson

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

## GOSPEL LESSON

## Mark 9:14-29

Pastor Grace Han

<sup>14</sup> When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. <sup>16</sup> He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup> Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; <sup>18</sup> and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." <sup>19</sup> He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup> And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes." <sup>24</sup> **Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!"** <sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" <sup>26</sup> After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. <sup>28</sup> When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup> He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."

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

## 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 8).*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of righteousness,****God of mercy:**

We have been called through the apostles to live in reverent fear –  
not a fear that immobilizes,

but a fear that empowers us because we know how much is at stake.

We know there are implications for what we do and what we don’t do.

Dedicate the gifts we give this morning

to do the things your heart longs for your church to do;  
help our eyes to be opened to where you would use us.

We pray in the name of our risen savior,

Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN

*Are Ye Able*

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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

*Hornpipe in D*

John S. Dixon

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## The Day of Resurrection



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!



the pass - o - ver of glad-ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 Let the round world keep tri-umph, and all that is there - in!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and lis-tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad-ness blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.



## Are Ye Able

1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be  
 2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a  
 3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -  
 4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis - pers

cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers  
 thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is  
 round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it  
 down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its

an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."  
 wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?  
 tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?  
 an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

## Are Ye Able

*Refrain*

Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.

Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.

Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be

a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

# SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY CHURCH

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## Music Notes

**Lead, Kindly Light** is a setting of the poem “The Pillar of the Cloud,” written in 1833 by John Henry Newman (later Cardinal). The poem is the prayer of one who has returned to God after straying for a while. Where once he went his own way and pride ruled his will, he now puts his trust in God to lead him safely through encircling gloom and dark of night to a bright morn. The message for us is that we, too, can trust God to show us the way, especially in difficult or uncertain times. The music is an adaptation of Mack Wilberg’s arrangement of a hymn by John B. Dykes.

**You Do Not Walk Alone** is an adaptation of Elaine Hagenburg’s beautiful composition, originally for full choir and piano. The Irish text offers solace in dark times and assurance that, when shadows fall, we do not walk alone.

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

**The rosebud on the altar** is in honor of the birth of Evelyn Grace Brantner at 9:54 AM on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Evelyn Grace is the daughter of Janet and Cory Brantner.

**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. For questions, contact our Program Director, Hannah at [programdirector@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:programdirector@trinityalexandria.org).

**Finding Hope Sermon Series** - April 26<sup>th</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup>: These days when we talk about hope, it can feel like we are just burying our head in the sand. After all, we are facing a global pandemic and in a stay at home order. What does it mean to have hope when hope seems far away? But in our scriptures, hope wasn’t just about “positive thinking” but the foundation of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through this 6 week sermon series, we will talk about what it means to choose hope in the face of uncertainty and unknowing, when we are burnt out, as we are facing illness and death, and how we have hope for a future we can’t see. As always, join us for worship Sunday mornings at 11 AM via Facebook Live and through our website.

**Worship Online this Sunday:** We are worshiping online via our Trinity’s [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/trinityalexandriachurch) 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).

# TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

## 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). Today from 2-4 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](#).

**Youth Group:** Join us this evening for Youth Group from 5:30-7:30 PM through Zoom for some games, discussion and bible study. If you are not on the Youth Group email list and would like to be added, email our Program Director, Hannah at [programdirector@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:programdirector@trinityalexandria.org).

**Join us for “Family Fun Food Trucks” weekly on Wednesdays from 4-7 PM.** In partnership with the [North Ridge Civic Association](#), join us this Wednesday for Family Fun Food Trucks in our blacktop parking lot! 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 county! Come, eat, support local businesses and be in fellowship (from afar) with one another!

**Wednesday Bible Study via ZOOM:** Join us on Wednesday evenings via [Zoom](#) for the next 6 weeks to discuss Paul’s letter to the Romans. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 PM to study the book of Romans and to reflect on the history of Christianity. Many essential Christian doctrines are grounded in this letter and there are recurring themes of the divine-human relationship. One thing Romans provides for us is a sense of hope. If you plan on joining us, please take a moment to look over the first 3 chapters of Romans prior to Wednesday evening. As you are reading the scriptures, imagine hearing Paul, a Jew, as he is speaking to the Gentiles (remember this was usually referring to all people who were not Jewish). Then ask yourself a question: When we consider to whom Paul is speaking, how does this affect the way we interpret his words? I hope you will join us in discussion about this short book that is packed with so much importance for Christian tradition. For questions contact Jill Robinson at [jillrobinson55@gmail.com](mailto:jillrobinson55@gmail.com).

**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. For more information contact, Alva Smircina ([asmircina@gmail.com](mailto:asmircina@gmail.com)).

**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).

**Youth Summer Mission Week-** Unfortunately due to COVID-19, Appalachia Service Project has canceled their summer programming, including our Youth's trip, this summer. Our leaders at Trinity and Beverley Hills have begun planning a local mission week from July 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Since the week and all our summers plans are changing and shifting we are reopening the week. Anyone who has completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to express interest here. There will be a virtual meeting in May. Contact our Program Director, Hannah at [programdirector@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:programdirector@trinityalexandria.org) with any questions.

**Trinity’s New Card Writing Ministry!** Social distancing has made outreach to our church family members more important than ever, so if you find yourself with some extra time on your hands, perhaps you would be willing to spend a bit of each month by writing a note or sending a card to someone at Trinity who is going through a rough time with illness, grief, feelings of isolation, or the inability to attend worship services physically or even online. Trinity’s current Card Writing Ministry volunteers hope to get cards out for upcoming events like Mother’s Day, Father’s Day or even Just Thinking of You cards in the coming weeks, so please contact [carollbobby@gmail.com](mailto:carollbobby@gmail.com) if you are willing to participate.

**Calling all High School and College Graduates!** We are recognizing graduates that are a part of our Trinity family on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> during worship. If you are a graduate or have a graduate in your family, please provide the following information to the Church Office: Graduate’s name, where they are graduating from, plans for after graduation, and contact information. Please also indicate if the grad is able to worship online with us on June 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact our Office Manager, Jenessa in the Church Office: [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.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

## Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Food Donations Drop-Off 2-4 PM in Sanctuary Parking Lot  
Youth Group at 5:30 PM via Zoom

## Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Family Food Truck Night at 4 PM in Allison Street Parking Lot  
Centering Prayer at 6 PM via Zoom  
Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7 PM via Zoom  
Trebles & Choristers Rehearsal at 6:30 PM via Zoom

## Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Trinity Ringers Rehearsal at 6:30 PM via Zoom  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 8:30 PM via Zoom

## Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Worship at 11 AM via Zoom  
Food Donations Drop-Off 2-4 PM in Sanctuary Parking Lot  
Youth Group at 5:30 PM via Zoom

## Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Worship at 11 AM via Zoom  
United Methodist Women meeting at 7 PM via Zoom

## Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Family Food Truck Night at 4 PM in Allison Street Parking Lot  
Centering Prayer at 6 PM via Zoom  
Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7 PM via Zoom  
Trebles & Choristers Rehearsal at 6:30 PM via Zoom

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