

FINDING HOPE



I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

~ John 14:18

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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

Andante
Brad May, guitar

Anton Diabelli

WELCOME

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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PRAYER OF CONFESSON AND PARDON

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.

Pastor Grace Han

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

Jill Robinson

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 13:1-6

Jill Robinson

¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ² How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? ³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. ⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. ⁶ I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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

SOLO

Come to Me

Dan Forrest

Brad May, tenor

Come to Me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest. Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls. Come My child, Learn My heart, for I am gentle and lowly. See how great My love for you, that I have called you My child

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:18-20, 25-31

Pastor Grace Han

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

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

SERMON

"Hope in the Darkness"

Pastor Grace Han

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 button in the top right hand corner of the homepage. 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

O Lord, our refuge,
you alone bring deliverance.
Your great faithfulness extends to the heavens!
Thank you for redeeming us with new life and strength.
When we are afraid, your spirit helps us to trust in you.
Give us faith and diligence as we seek to do your will.
Use our offerings and gifts for the work of your kingdom,
even as we await the return of your Son Jesus Christ in glory.
We pray in his name. Amen.

HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Following online worship, we invite you to join us on Zoom for a time of intentional fellowship and conversation.

Pastor Grace Han

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

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Music Notes

Preparation for Worship: Andante by Anton Diabelli (1781-1858), Austrian music publisher, editor and composer. He wrote many works for classical guitars: solos, duets, and trios --some accompanied by fortepiano or other instruments. Best known in his time as a publisher, he is best known today for these guitar pieces as well as the composer of the waltz on which Ludwig van Beethoven wrote his set of thirty-three Diabelli Variations.

Today's solo is a setting of scriptures from Matthew, 2 Corinthians and 1 John. Dan Forrest (b. 1978) wrote today's anthem in 2018 for choir, piano and solo cello. We have adapted it this morning for solo tenor. The anthem was commissioned for the Sanctuary Choir of Athens First UMC in Athens, Georgia. Forrest also set this text of comfort and reassurance in the concluding movement of his first major work, Requiem for the Living (2013).

IN SYMPATHY....

It is with sadness we share the death of **Jim Gillman**, father-in-law of Trinity Member, Mary Gillman. We extend our prayers and sympathies to the Gillman family and friends. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Mary & Chris Gillman, at 428 Underhill Place, Alexandria, VA 22305.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heavenly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re-deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12)
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA
SMD

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

Refrain

well with my soul.
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,
 Lord, O my soul!
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY CHURCH

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

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.

Finding Hope Sermon Series - April 26th-May 31st: 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](#) and our website: 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.

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.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Children and Youth Sunday Planning: Youth 4-12 grade, join Hannah to create and plan our Children and Youth Worship Service! We meet every Tuesday from 7-8 PM. Email programdirector@trinityalexandria.org to get on the email list for the zoom link each week.

Wednesday Bible Study via ZOOM: Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM via [Zoom](#) for the next few weeks to discuss Paul's letter to the Romans. Many essential Christian doctrines are grounded in this letter and there are recurring themes of the divine-human relationship. I hope you will join us in discussion about this short book that is packed with so much importance for Christian tradition and a wonderful sense of hope. [Click here to connect.](#) For questions please contact Jill Robinson via email at 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. [Click here to connect.](#) For more information contact, Alva Smircina via email at asmircina@gmail.com.

Join us for “Family Fun Food Trucks” weekly on Tuesdays, 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 county! Come, eat, support local businesses and 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. 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.

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 19th-25th. Since the week and all our summers plans are changing and shifting we are reopening the week. Anyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is welcome to express interest here. There will be a virtual meeting in May. Contact our Program Director, Hannah at 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 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 14th 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 14th. For more information contact our Office Manager, Jenessa in the Church Office: office@trinityalexandria.org.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

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. Thank you again for your giving - no matter how you give!

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 17th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship at 11 AM via Facebook Live and Trinity Website
Fellowship Time at Noon via Zoom
Youth Group at 5:30 PM via Zoom

Tuesday, May 19th

Family Food Truck Night at 4-7 PM in Allison Street Parking Lot
Children and Youth Sunday Planning at 7 PM via Zoom

Wednesday, May 20th

Family Food Truck Night at 4-7 PM in Allison Street Parking Lot
Food Donations Drop-Off 4-7 PM in Sanctuary 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 21st

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

Friday, May 22nd

Family Food Truck Night at 4-7 PM in Allison Street Parking Lot

Sunday, May 24th: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship at 11 AM via Facebook Live and Trinity Website
Youth Group 5:30 PM Via Zoom



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