



Trinity United Methodist Church

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June 4, 2023

Holy Trinity Sunday / Celebration of Confirmation

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code on page 4 with your phone's camera and click the link to register your attendance today.

Prelude	<i>Tell Me, Lovely Shepherd</i> (Boyce)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Anne Hough
This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is a day of new beginnings! This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus. Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship Let us be prepared for service to God. Amen		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>We've a Story to Tell to the Nations</i>	UMH 569
Children's Message		Anne Hough
Prayers of the People		Anne Hough
Offering		Neil Hough
This morning's offering will be received as we pass the offering plates. You may also give online at http://umtrinity.org/give and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.		
Offertory (8:30)	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i> (Thomerson)	Maggie Rabe
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Sisi Ni Moja / We Are One</i> (Narverud)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Acts 2:37-47	Anne Hough
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.'		
Message	<i>This is God's Church: Acts(s) 2.5</i>	Neil Hough
Service of Baptism and Confirmation (10:30)		see insert, All
Keeler Cole Blanton, Cayden Alexander Frantz, Andrew Lee Gillespie, Trent John Hooton, Emerson Grace Lookabill, Caroline Elisabeth Perrin, Emery Lucille Davis Stover, and Sarah Anderson Thomas		
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Anne Hough
* Closing Hymn	<i>Pass It On</i>	UMH 572
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>Rigadoon</i> (Handel)	Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

Things I'd like to remember from today's message:

Monday, June 5 — Acts 1:1-11

After Jesus' death and resurrection, the Biblical story of God's presence in the world continued in a fresh and powerful way. The New Testament book of Acts (which was written by Luke, the Gospel writer) describes how the Holy Spirit worked in the lives of Jesus' disciples to continue his ministry in the world. When we accept the Holy Spirit in our lives, it not only gives us comfort, it empowers us to continue Jesus' ministry, share the Good News, and change the world.

- How are you experiencing the Holy Spirit today? Can you sense the Spirit empowering you to serve God?
- Prayer: *God of Resurrection Power, continue to prepare my heart and mind to receive your Spirit, and give me the courage I need to let your Spirit guide my life today. Amen.*

Tuesday, June 6 — Acts 2:1-6

In Acts 2, Luke describes the birth of God's Church. On the day of Pentecost (which was a Jewish festival), the Holy Spirit descended and the waiting disciples (see Acts 1:4-5) were filled the God's power and began their ministry of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom to the world (represented by the "*Jews from every nation ...*" in Acts 2:5). God's promise of filling waiting disciples with the Holy Spirit is still being fulfilled every day.

- What is the Spirit doing in you today?
- Prayer: *Promise-Keeping God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit into my life and empowering me to share the Good News. Thank you for changing my life. Amen.*

Wednesday, June 7 — Acts 2:37-47

Starting with verse 5, the second chapter of Acts describes the beginning of the Church's ministry—ministry that was empowered by the Holy Spirit. It includes a message preached by Peter and the response of the listening crowd. Luke also describes the character of the early Church. We know this is an idealized summary of what the Holy Spirit can do and what God desires for us, so we can read it as a description of Kingdom life — life that God intends for us and for everyone.

- What do you think of this description of Kingdom life? Is it *good news* for you?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, forgive me for not always allowing your Spirit to guide my life. Forgive me for the ways I fail to live the Spirit-filled life you desire. Amen.*

Thursday, June 8 — Matthew 5:13-16

The Bible is clear that our salvation is a gift that we have not earned and do not deserve. We are saved by grace, which we accept in faith. The Bible is also clear that when we accept God's grace, our lives are transformed, and God uses us to continue Jesus' ministry and change the world. By God's grace, we perform good works and serve as salt and light for the world. One Bible commentator says that Kingdom people are to be "*a good, not useless, presence in the world.*"

- What good works will the world see in you today?
- Prayer: *God of Light, let the light of your Son shine in my life so brightly that my life produces the kind of good works that will reveal your love and mercy to the world. Amen.*

Friday, June 9 — Colossians 1:9-14

Today's reading connects three important themes: the power of God (through the Holy Spirit); God's Kingdom (into which we are "*transferred*"); and the good works that are pleasing to God (the life that God intends.) It also adds the image of growth and bearing fruit. In other words, we never stop maturing as citizens of God's Kingdom and our lives reflect (in tangible ways) the power of God.

- This invites some personal reflection: what difference is God's Spirit making in your life? What difference are you making in the world?
- Prayer: *Loving God, I confess that I do not always allow your Spirit to have complete access to my life. Forgive me and help me trust you more fully every day. Amen.*

Saturday, June 10 — Ephesians 2:1-10

Many Christians are familiar with this summary of the Gospel found in Ephesians 2:8-9: "*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.*" But too often we use these words to excuse ourselves from seeking to do good works. We fail to read and consider verse 10, which says, "*For we are ... created in Christ Jesus for good works.*" The point is that we are saved to do good works, not to avoid them.

- What does it mean for you to be created for good works?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, thank you for the gift of salvation. Thank you for creating me for good works. Thank you for helping me become the person you want me to be. Amen.*

Nursery on Sundays

Masks are optional for everyone who is fully vaccinated. The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762
Tuesdays are hybrid (in-person & on Zoom).
Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837
No Wednesday class on June 7.

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 9 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580



Prayer Group continues to meet on Zoom on Wednesdays at their new time - 9 a.m.! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Amber & Briana, Andrew, Ann, Annie, Art & Marcie, Ashton, Barb, Barb & JR, Barbara & Betty, Becki, Bennett, Bethany, Betty, Beverly, Bill & Maddie, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Bruce, Calvin, Carol & Rich, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Chatham family, Chris, Chris & Russ, Cindy & Keith, Cusenza family, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Julie, Davey, David, David & Carol, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Dick, Dorothy, Fran & Tom, Elaine, Evelyn, Frank, Gail, Gary & Lindie, Griggs family, Hanna and Franz, Harriet, Harry, Hayley, Hein family, Helen, Henrietta, Hunt family, Jackie, Jen, Jewell family, Hill, Immuergut family, Jim, Joe, Joe & Marie, Judi, Julia, Kaki, Kay & John, Leah, Ladye, Libby, Linda, Liz & David, Lois, Louise, Luana, Lucie, Marciene, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, Nadjmeh, Pat, Patrick, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peter, Phil, Quinn family, Rebecca & Craig, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Ron, Rosemary, Ruby, Rudi, Ryan, Samantha, Sarah, Sasha, Scott, Sihoo, Steve, Summers families, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Wally, Yancey, Yorke, students, seminarians, travelers, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by the opioid epidemic and those working to end it, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil.

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Neil Hough is leading a study about *Three Simple Rules*. From the beginning of the Methodist movement, John Wesley established General Rules for the members of the Methodist Society. These rules are still part of United Methodist doctrine and apply to 21st century life. Using a book by Bishop Reuben Job (entitled *Three Simple Rules*), we will look at the General Rules and consider what they mean for us today. The class meets Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (in the library and on Zoom) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (Zoom).



CELEBRATE EILEEN'S
MINISTRY AT TRINITY
June 11



Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tues., **June 13** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education> or contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com.

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship Folders are available during Sunday morning worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please remember to return your folder to the used bin so it can be replenished.



Children's Worship (ages 4 - 4th grade) and **Club 56** (grades 5 & 6) meet during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: June 5 & 19. All are welcome. For more information, contact Alesha Luxon at alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Fellowship

Fellowship hosts provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Please

consider signing up for a week. The sign up is on a white board sitting on top of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Lobby. Contact Alesha Luxon, alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Graduate Recognition

The high school and post-secondary Class of 2023 will be recognized in worship on June 18. Send your name and the name of the school from where you graduated to by **June 15** to info@umtrinity.org.

Vacation Bible Saturday

A one-day (July 22) fun-filled Bible adventure for children ages 3 through rising 4th graders. We will follow the clues and discover who Jesus is through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and science experiments! Visit umtrinity.org/vbs for more details and to register.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sunday, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

For more information about volunteering or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.



Coming Up

June

- 4 Confirmation Sunday
- 5 Crafts for a Cause
- 11 Eileen Gilmer Farewell
- 13 Book Chat
- 17 Christ House
- 18 Graduate Recognition
- 19 Crafts for a Cause
- 20 Trustees Meeting
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- 25 Martha's Table

July

- 3 Crafts for a Cause
- 4 Office Closed
- 15 Christ House
- 17 Crafts for a Cause
- 18 Trustees Meeting
- 22 Vacation Bible Saturday
- 30 Celtic Service
- 31 Crafts for a Cause

Attendance: Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link.



Vacation Bible Saturday

July 22, 2023

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Finding Jesus

Details and register at umtrinity.org/vbs

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Worship is live streamed on Sundays from the Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity. The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.

Order of Baptism and Confirmation

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Anne Hough: I present Andrew Lee Gillespie for baptism and Keeler Cole Blanton, Cayden Alexander Frantz, Trent John Hooton, Emerson Grace Lookabill, Caroline Elisabeth Perrin, Emery Lucille Davis Stover, and Sarah Anderson Thomas for confirmation.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Addressing the Confirmands

Neil Hough: On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Confirmands: I do.

Neil Hough: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Confirmands I do.

Neil Hough: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Confirmand: I do.

Neil Hough: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

Confirmands I will.

Addressing the Parents and Faith Friends

Anne Hough: Will you who sponsor these candidates support and encourage them in their Christian life?

Parents and Faith Friends: I will.

Addressing the Congregation:

Anne Hough: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

ALL: We do.

Anne Hough: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons in your care?

ALL: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Addressing All

Anne Hough: Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Anne Hough: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Anne Hough: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Addressing the Confirmands

Neil Hough: As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

Confirmands: I will.

RECEPTION INTO TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Addressing the Confirmands

Neil Hough: As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Confirmands: I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Addressing the Congregation:

Anne Hough: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

ALL: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Anne Hough: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.