



Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 16, 2022

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance today. This attendance will be used should contact tracing become necessary.



Prelude	<i>Adagio in C, K. 617a (Mozart)</i>	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Eileen Gilmer
* Call to Worship		Emily Summers
We gather here in anticipation, seeking an encounter with our Holy God. Our God who comes among us when we least expect it. Our God who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts. Our God who richly blesses us. The One who calls us each by name. Let's worship God together!		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	p. 3 / UMH 400
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		Summers
Offering		Gilmer
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.		
Anthem (8:30)	<i>As the Deer (Nystrom)</i>	Joey Wilson
Anthem (10:30)	<i>Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me (Scott)</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Genesis 32:22-31	Summers
The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.		
Message	<i>The Persistence of God</i>	Eileen Gilmer
The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown</i>	p. 3 / UMH 386
* Benediction		Gilmer
Closing Music	<i>Allegro from Concerto 1 (Avison)</i>	Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 17 — Psalm 23:1-6

The 23rd Psalm is one of the most familiar passages in the Bible. It assures us that God will shepherd and guide us, even when we walk through the darkest valleys of life. The Psalm promises God's provision and a glorious future at a heavenly banquet. But God's promises require that we let God lead us—which is not easy for people who would prefer to be leaders, not followers.

- Do you find it difficult to allow God to be the leader in your life? What helps you trust God enough to allow God to guide your life?
- Prayer: *Shepherding God, thank you for the promises of your presence in my life and a glorious future at the heavenly banquet. Grant me courage to trust you more fully. Amen.*

Tuesday, October 18 — Psalm 32:1-11

Psalm 32 celebrates the joy of God's forgiveness. It calls us to confess our sin and trust in the life-changing power of God's grace. The warning of verse 9 is clear: "*Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding.*" Too often, we are resistant to God. We don't want to admit weakness, failure, or any other expression of our need for God's grace and forgiveness. But the truth is that we find joy when we trust God and accept God's love and forgiveness for ourselves.

- What is preventing you today from confessing your sin and receiving the forgiveness God offers?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I no longer want to hide from your presence. I have sinned and stand in need of your forgiveness. Forgive me, I pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Wednesday, October 19 — Exodus 13:17-22

When the Israelites escaped from slavery in Egypt, they began a 40-year journey through the wilderness. The Book of Exodus describes many of the trials and tribulations they experienced along the way. But through it all, God was with them. In fact, according to Exodus 13:21-22, it was God who led them.

- Think about the journey of your life. How do you experience God's leading? What helps you discern God's presence and God's guidance in your life?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, on my journey through life, I too often go my own way and fail to allow you to lead me. Open my eyes and ears to see and hear your guidance. Amen.*

Thursday, October 20 — Luke 4:16-21

Just as the Spirit of God guided the Israelites (Exodus 13:21-22), the Spirit of God guided Jesus' life and ministry. And just as the Spirit of God guided Jesus, the Spirit of God will guide us to accomplish the mission God gives us. Like Jesus, we have good news for people who desperately need it. And like Jesus, we are sent to "*proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor*" (Luke 4:18-19).

- In what ways is Trinity (or your church) continuing the ministry of Jesus? In what ways is your life continuing the ministry of Jesus in the world today?
- Prayer: *Compassionate God, I know that you care deeply for people who are hurting and in need of your love and grace. Use me to share your Good News today. Amen.*

Friday, October 21 — Luke 9:57-62

Following Jesus is not easy. When we read the Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry we can relate to the unnamed people who were uncertain about what it meant to be Jesus' disciples. If we are honest, we do not always want to go where Jesus leads us. We would much rather set our own terms for discipleship. We prefer to set and follow our own agenda, and not God's.

- We don't know what happened to the people Jesus met on the road. What we do know is how we will respond.
- Prayer: *God of Love, I hear your call to follow Jesus, but I am afraid to surrender my life to your leadership. Forgive my reluctance and my lack of trust. Amen.*

Saturday, October 22 — Isaiah 41:8-10

Fear and doubt are powerful emotions. Too often, they prevent us from answering God's call and living faithful and fruitful lives. That's why "*do not fear*" is such an important phrase in Scripture. It appears, in some form, in more than 200 verses, from Genesis to Revelation. But being "fear-less" is not a matter of character or will power or human courage; it is the result of our willingness to trust God's promises.

- Read and reflect on these words from Isaiah 41:10, "*do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you.*"
- Prayer: *Almighty God, thank you for calling me out of my fearful existence and into a new life of confidence and faith. Help me trust that you are with me. Always. 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

Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link. jaswilson@sloft.com.

Pastor's Bible Study: Not meeting this week.

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

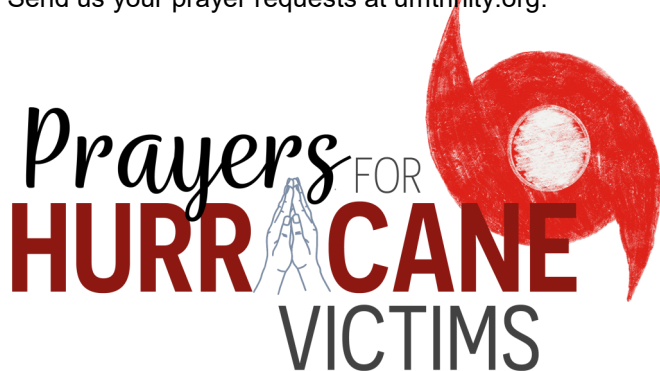
This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon) on Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m.

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Andrew, Asher, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bennett family, Betty, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Blackburn family, Bob, Boris, Carol & Rich, Cathryn, Cathy, Charlie, Christine, Colin & Kelly, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, David, Diane, Dick, Dilian & Abby, Donna, Earl & Mary Lou, Eduardo, Eileen, Elaine, Ellen, Ellie, Emily, Evelyn, Evey, Finn, Fiona, Fran & Tom, Franco, Gary & Lindie, Gilmore family, Greenberg family, Hanson family, Harriet, Hoepfl family, Homer, Isobel, Jackie, Janet, Jeff, Jeffmader, Jeremy, Jessica, Jill, Joe & Doris, Joe & Marie, John, Jorge, June, Junior, Katherin & Tim, Kathy, Kathy & Russ, Kay & John, Kurtz family, Lana, Lena, Lindsay, Lisa, Liz & David, Luana, Maeve, Marcia, Marciene, Marilyn, Mark, Mickey, Mike, Milton & Janine, Pauline & Merlin, Patterson family, Peg & Dick, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Sandy, Sandy & Vinnie, Sarah, Scott, Spencer, Starr family, Sue, Tim, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Valery, Vanessa, Vanna, Vicki, Viles family, Weiss family, Williams family, Yancey, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, Trinity Pre-school, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil around the world.

Send us your prayer requests at umtrinity.org.



Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

1. Come, O thou Traveler unknown,
whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone,
and I am left alone with thee.
With thee all night I mean to stay,
and wrestle till the break of day;
with thee all night I mean to stay,
and wrestle till the break of day.
2. I need not tell thee who I am,
my misery and sin declare;
thyself hast called me by my name,
look on thy hands and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
3. Yield to me now, for I am weak,
but confident in self-despair!
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak,
be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
and tell me if thy name is Love.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
and tell me if thy name is Love.
4. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me,
I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
pure, Universal Love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move;
thy nature and thy name is Love.
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thy nature and thy name is Love.

Highlights from E-News

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

Book Chat

Another season of reading and chatting begins on Tuesday, **Nov. 8** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The Nov. book is *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com, for more.

Chancel Choir Seeks Singers

Our Chancel Choir is a vital part of Trinity's worship life; members learn about their faith as they minister to others through music. We welcome new singers! We rehearse in the Sanctuary following the 10:30 a.m. service. Why not give us a try? For more information, please email Jerry Rich (jrich@potomacschool.org).

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 for next week.

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

Crafts for a Cause meets every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Oct. 17. No crafting experience is needed and all are welcome. If you'd like to sign up, please email **Alesha Luxon** at alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Good Works Day

Trustees and Trinity Preschool will host Good Works Day on Saturday, **October 22**, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. The whole Trinity community is invited to come out and join the Congregation; Preschool Parents and Staff; Youth Group; Scouting Units and UMM in this morning of service. Trustees and the Preschool will have the tools and supplies for helpers of all ability levels to work on inside and outside projects around the campus. Please let Reba Page (pagerann@hotmail.com) know if you can help provide some goodies to thank our hard-working volunteers. Drop in when you are able and join your friends for a morning of fun and fellowship that will enhance our campus and serve our neighbors! Look for more details at <http://umtrinity.org/gwd!>

Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be after the 10:30 worship service on **Oct. 30**. Please sign up at <http://umtrinity.org/trunk> to bring your decorated car and participate.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Today, we are playing Hungry, Hungry Hippos: Human Edition. Register at <http://bit.ly.youthreg22>
Are you an adult interested in volunteering with our youth or do you want more information about joining youth group? Contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

Coming Up

October

- 17 Crafts for a Cause
- 22 Good Works Day
- 30 Trunk or Treat
- 30 Celtic Service
- 31 Crafts for a Cause

November

- 1-8 Honduras Mission Trip
- 5 Rise Against Hunger
- 6 Martha's Table
- 7 Poinsettia Orders Due
- 8 Book Chat
- 8 Charge Conference
- 11 Office Closed
- 14 Crafts for a Cause
- 19 Christ House
- 20 Hanging of the Greens
- 24 & 25 Office Closed
- 27 Celtic Service
- 28 Crafts for a Cause

Children & Youth Activities Registration 2022-23

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit the webpage to complete the registration today.

Children
Preschool - 6th grade
<http://bit.ly/childreg22>



Youth
7th - 12th Grade
<http://bit.ly/youthreg22>

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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. Sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Tune in Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 a.m.