



Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

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. Don't forget to include each family member present.

Prelude	<i>Meditation on AR HYD Y NOS</i> (Rodríguez)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Taehwan Roh
Place your trust in the Lord, for God will provide. There are times when we are so fearful. Place your trust in the Lord, for God is with you. There are times when we wonder if we can get past our troubles. Come, place your trust in the Lord, every day, in all your ways. Lord, we come to you, seeking your healing love and mercy. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	UMH 617
Children's Message		Laurie Stollo
Prayers of the People		Taehwan Roh
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>How Can I Keep from Singing?</i> (Lowry)	Philip Keirstead
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Kum Ba Yah</i> (Carter)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Matthew 9:35-38	Taehwan Roh
Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'		
Message	<i>I Believe in the Church and the Communion of Saints</i>	Neil Hough
* The Apostles Creed		UMH 882
Sacrament of Holy Communion		Clergy
* Closing Hymn	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	UMH 545
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>Hornpipe 1 in F</i> from <i>Water Music</i> (Handel)	Jerry Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 2 — Matthew 9:35-38

The New Testament contains dozens of images of the Church that God created when the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' disciples in Acts 2:1-4. One way to describe the New Testament is that it is a collection of writings for and about God's Church. The Bible — especially the 27 books of the New Testament — is the Church's book. What we find, when we read this book, is that the Church is the community of believers who continue the ministry of Jesus on earth.

- Matthew 9:35-38 contains a concise summary of Jesus' ministry on earth. It's what the Church is expected to do. How well do you think the Church is fulfilling these expectations?
- Prayer: *God of the Harvest, help me see myself not as one who is served by the Church, but rather as one who has answered your call to continue the ministry of Jesus. Amen.*

Tuesday, October 3 — Matthew 16:13-20

Each of the Gospel writers describes this scene in Jesus' life in slightly different ways. Matthew, who is the only gospel writer to use the word, "church," includes Jesus' declaration that Peter would be the rock ("Peter" means "rock" or "stone") upon which God's Church will be built. The message is clear: the community of believers called the Church is God's idea. God calls the Church into being and empowers the Church (through the Holy Spirit) to accomplish its mission.

- Sometimes we are tempted to think that the Church is our idea, that we are simply a group of like-minded people. But that is not what the New Testament says. What helps you keep your focus on God's mission and purpose for the Church, not your own?
- Prayer: *Faithful God, thank you for creating the Church and giving us a reason for being. Thank you for making me a part of your Church. Use us to accomplish your will. Amen.*

Wednesday, October 4 — John 17:20-26

In John's gospel, Jesus gives a long final discourse during his final meal with his disciples. He prepares them for his departure and teaches them what they need to know to survive and even thrive in the time between his ascension to heaven and his promised return. Then, before he is arrested, he prays for them. The prayer in John 17 is sometimes called the high priestly prayer, because Jesus intercedes for his disciples and for "those who will believe in [him] through their word" (John 17:20). The point is that Jesus prays for **us**, and that Jesus prays that **we**, the Church, "may be one" (John 17:22).

- What does it mean for you that Jesus is praying for you and for the Church today? How is Jesus' prayer for you and for the Church today being answered? Where do you see signs of God at work in your life?
- Prayer: *God of Life, forgive your Church for failing to be the people you call us to be. Forgive me for the ways I contribute to the disunity we experience today. Amen.*

Thursday, October 5 — Acts 9:26-31

The Apostles' Creed affirms that the Church is both *holy* and *catholic*. The Church is *holy* because it belongs to God or is set apart for God. It also means that the Church is dedicated or consecrated to the service of God. The Church is *catholic* because it is universal. The word "catholic" in the creed does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church. The word "catholic" comes from a Greek word that means, essentially, "everywhere." It's the word in Acts 9:31 that is translated, "throughout." The Church exists "throughout" the world. That's what the Church affirms about itself.

- We often experience the Church in a very limited way — as a congregation or denomination — but God's Church is universal. What difference does it make to you to affirm that God's Church is both holy (set apart) and universal?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, help me to believe that your Church takes many forms throughout the world. Help me to partner with brothers and sisters, wherever they are. Amen.*

Friday, October 6 — Luke 20:27-40

In the time between Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28ff) and his last supper (Luke 22:7ff), a variety of religious leaders question his authority and test him, hoping to trap him or trick him into incriminating himself. One of the questions is about the resurrection (life after death). In his response, Jesus sidesteps their question, "whose wife will the woman be?" (Luke 20:33), and insists that in God's realm, all of God's saints are alive.

- As we affirm "the communion of the saints" in the Apostles' Creed, we are affirming that by God's grace we are at home with all of God's people — past, present, and future. Why do you think this an important part of our statement of faith? Why is it important to you?
- Prayer: *God of Eternity, I am thankful for the witness of your Saints that have impacted my life. Thank you for connecting me with your Church and the community of believers. Amen.*

Saturday, October 7 — Revelation 7:9-12

The Revelation to John is a vision that God provides for the Church (Revelation 1:9-11). Despite its difficult imagery, it is a hopeful book that encourages the Church to keep its faith, trust God amid trials and tribulations, and to worship God. At its heart, the Revelation is a call to worship. We hear the multitude from every corner of the world crying out to God and singing their praises. We see the *universal* (catholic) description of the Church: "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Revelation 7:9). This is God's Church!

- What do you think about the Church described in Revelation 7:9? Do you want to be a member of that Church?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, forgive me for failing to trust your vision for your Church. Open my eyes and transform my life today. Renew my commitment to Your Church. Amen.*

Nursery on Sundays

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 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - jaswilson@sloft.com

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

Prayer Group

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

Our Prayer List

Amanda & David, Andrew, Audrey, Beem family, Brett, Bud, Cathy, Claudia, Daniel, Desarae, Doris, Ed, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Goeres family, Greg, Hammer family, Harry, Jackie, Jan, Jenna, Kathy, Leslie, Mackensen family, Macy, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Nancy, Nell, Patty, Pauline, Pearl family, Peter, Stephanie, Steve, Susan, students, seminarians, graduates, travelers, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by the opioid epidemic and those working to end it, victims of earthquake and flooding, victims of famine and war, Farmingdale, NY community.

Current Sermon Series — This We Believe

Pastor Neil Hough is preaching a sermon series called, ***This We Believe***. It's based on The Apostles' Creed, one of the most familiar statements of what Christians believe. If you know someone who has questions about what it means to be a Christian, invite them to join us as we learn about our faith together.

Pastor's Bible Study — Continues This Week

As a complement to his sermon series, Pastor Neil is leading a study of Adam Hamilton's book, ***Creed: What Christians Believe and Why***. The study is exploring, in great depth, the statement of faith known as The Apostles' Creed. The study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and on Zoom) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom. It's not too late to join the class. No registration or Bible study experience is required. The study book is available in various formats at Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers.



MOVIE NIGHT
HOCUS POCUS

 Saturday, Oct. 7 7 - 9:15 p.m.	 Plaza between the buildings
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BYO: chair, blanket, snacks, and drinks
*Rain Location: Fellowship Lobby

share the Warmth

Coat Drive for SHARE of McLean

October 7- October 29

Drop off on Sundays at Worship or at the Outdoor
Movie Night 10/7 and Trunk or Treat 10/29
winter coats, winter hats, gloves, scarves,
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleeces, boots



All sizes welcome

The Trinity Youth Group is hosting a Coat Drive for SHARE of McLean.

Please join Trinity's trustees at 9 a.m. - noon on **October 21**, when it is once again to come together for fellowship and the shared joy of caring for our church home! We will celebrate being part of the Trinity family as we perform non-routine upkeep and repairs in anticipation of upcoming important celebrations including Thanksgiving and Christmas. A light breakfast, snacks, and a pizza luncheon will be served. Please notify Wayne Detwiler (wldetwiler@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or wish to participate, or just show up! — all are welcome and appreciated!



**Good Works
Day**

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 Tuesday, **October 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule and more at <https://umtrinity.org/education/adults> 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.

Fellowship

Sign up on the white board in the coffee bar to provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Contact Alesha Luxon, alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays: Youth Group

4:30 - 6 p.m. at the church.

Upcoming Special Events:

Oct. 15: UNITE VA YOUTH @ Arcola, UMC 5-7:30 p.m.

Register Today by letting Catherine know you plan to attend. Must be registered in advance. Registration fee increases after Oct. 1.

Nov 4: RISE AGAINST HUNGER:

Register for the **8 a.m. volunteer slot**. Volunteer slots are filling up. Don't miss your chance to participate in this important volunteer ministry!

Do you receive Youth emails? If not, email Catherine at umtrinityyouth@gmail.com to be added to our list.

Coming Up

October

- 1 Martha's Table
- 1 Pet Blessing
- 1 Celtic Service
- 7 Movie Night
- 9 Crafts for a Cause
- 15 *Spire* Deadline
- 21 Christ House
- 21 Good Works Day
- 21 Trustees Meeting
- 23 Crafts for a Cause
- 24 Charge Conference
- 29 Trunk or Treat
- 29 Celtic Service

November

- 4 Rise Against Hunger
- 5 Martha's Table
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin

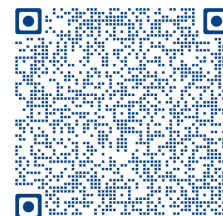
Youth Registration for 2023-24



Pet Blessing

October 1
2 p.m.

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



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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 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.