



Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 22, 2023

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 *Arioso* (Bach) Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

* Call to Worship Taehwan Roh

Look around at this wondrous world!

God's mighty acts in creation are magnificent!

Look around at the diversity of God's people!

Diversity is to be celebrated for we have much to learn from each other.

Come, let us offer praise and prayer to God.

Let us celebrate all God's goodness, for even in the midst of the horrible storm, God is with us. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* [UMH 304](#)

Children's Message Laurie Strollo

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) *Spirit of Gentleness* (Manley) Maggie Rabe

Offertory (10:30) *Psalms 91* (Allen) Chancel Choir

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:42-49 Taehwan Roh

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Message *The Resurrection of the Body* Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) Clergy

* Closing Hymn *Hymn of Promise* [UMH 707](#)

* Benediction Neil Hough

* Closing Music *Fanfare* (Lemmens) Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 23 — 1 Corinthians 15:42-49

We have all pondered the question, *what happens to us when we die?* Since the beginning of time, human beings have struggled to answer the question in a way that provides comfort and hope and meaning to life. Biblical writers clearly struggled with the question, including the apostle Paul. In his first letter to the church in Corinth he wrote at length (in chapter 15) about the relationship between Jesus' resurrection and the "resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:42). Paul's message is hopeful: *"just as we have borne the image of the man of dust [Adam], we will also bear the image of the man of heaven [Jesus]"* (1 Corinthians 15:49).

- The larger point is clear: because Jesus was raised from the dead, we can also be raised from the dead. What does the promise of resurrection mean to you? How does your hope of resurrection (when you die) affect your everyday life right now?
- Prayer: *God of Resurrection Power, thank you for raising Jesus from death to life and promising to do the same for me. Help me to live every day with hope and faith. Amen.*

Tuesday, October 24 — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

In teaching about Christian faith and life, the Apostles' Creed insists that not only was Jesus raised from the dead, but that we can also trust that he will return and fulfill the promise of God's Kingdom. The first-century church eagerly awaited Jesus' return and expected it to happen in their lifetime. Some of the Thessalonians were worried about what would happen to those who had already died (before Jesus came back). So, Paul insists that when Jesus returns in glory, *"the dead in Christ will rise first"* (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

- The Gospel promise is that we are saved by God's grace through faith, which means that we can live with confidence and faith. What helps you hold fast to the Gospel promise?
- Prayer: *Faithful God, I confess that I sometimes worry about the future and struggle to hold on to the Gospel promise of salvation. Teach me to trust. Strengthen my faith. Amen.*

Wednesday, October 25 — 2 Peter 3:8-13

With the passing of time, first century Christians started wondering why Jesus had not already returned. We can imagine the questions they were asking and the fear and doubt that was bubbling up in them. In 2 Peter 3:8-10, we find two responses to their questions (two explanations for Jesus' delay): (1) that God's timing and human timing are not the same and (2) that Jesus' delay is an opportunity for repentance (and for the Church to spread the Good News.)

- In essence, we've been given the gift of time. The question for us is, what are we going to do with the time God has given us? Read 2 Peter 3:11 and think about how you might grow in holiness and godliness.
- Prayer: *God of Grace, forgive my fear and doubts. Fill me with your love and grace and lead me in the way of holiness and godliness as I wait for Jesus' return. Amen.*

Thursday, October 26 — Isaiah 25:6-10

We find visions about the end of time throughout the Bible. Some of these visions encompass entire books of the Bible (like Daniel and Revelation). Some of these visions are a few verses in a longer passage (like Isaiah 25:6-10.) Whether they are short or long, these apocalyptic visions serve the same purpose: to offer hope in difficult times and inspire God's people to hold on to their faith and trust in God.

- What helps you hold on to your faith in God during difficult seasons in your life? What helps you hold on to God's promises and keep trusting in God, even when you experience pain and suffering?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for reminding me that the future is securely in your hands. Help me experience the abundant life you promise in the here and now. Amen.*

Friday, October 27 — Revelation 21:1-7

The penultimate chapter of the Bible picks up some of the themes we discovered in Isaiah 25. It is not only a cosmic vision of the new reality that God intends for all of creation, but also a personal vision of what we look forward to experiencing in God's glorious future. Because we trust that God's promises will be fulfilled and that our lives will be lived in the presence of God, we can trust God, we can love God, we can serve God, and we can do great things in God's name.

- What is most appealing to you about the future described in Revelation 21? To what do you most look forward? How does God's vision for the future affect your life today?
- Prayer: *God of Love, I surrender myself fully to you today. I trust you as my Lord and my Savior. I promise to love and serve you with my heart, mind, soul, and strength. Amen.*

Saturday, October 28 — John 14:15-24

The first chapter of the letter to the Ephesians says that God's resurrection power was unleashed in the world on Easter Day (Ephesians 1:19-20). This is the most powerful force in the universe. It can, and has, overpowered sin and death, which means that nothing in all creation can separate us from the "love of God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:37-39). Because we believe in resurrection power, we can trust Jesus when he says, *"because I live, you also will live"* (John 14:19).

- Jesus' promises a new and extraordinary quality of life: life that is both abundant and eternal. Spend some time in prayerful reflection today. Consider this question: what is preventing you from experiencing abundant and eternal life right now?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I believe that your resurrection power is at work in the world and in my life right now. Help me experience your abundant and eternal life more fully. Amen.*

The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

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Monday at 7 p.m, on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - jaswilson@sloflt.com

Tuesday at 7 p.m. Meeting ID: 826 8190 6514

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

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

Amanda & David, Amber & Brianna, Andrew, Audrey, Beem family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Carrie, Cathy, Christopher, Claudia, Daniel, Danny, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Dick, Di Letti family, Doris, Ed, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Fran & Tom, Gary & Lindie, Goeres family, Greg, Gregg, Hammer family, Harriet, Harry, Jackie, Jan, Jean, Jeanette, Jeanne, Jeff, Jenna, Jimmy, Joe & Marie, Jomer, Josie, Kay & John, Kathy, Krista, Leslie, Liz & David, Lori, Luana, Mackensen family, Macy, Marciene, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Moore family, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Norman, Patty, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter, Sheila, Speidel family, Stephanie, Susan, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna and Yancey, 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, peace in the Middle East, protection from gun violence in the world and for its victims and families.

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. This series will conclude on Oct. 22.

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.



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/fleece, boots



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

Sunday,
Oct. 29
after worship

<https://umtrinity.org/education/children>

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, **November 14** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule is at <https://umtrinity.org/education/adults> or contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com.

Charge Conference: Oct. 24

Our 2023 Charge Conference, the annual meeting of our congregation, will meet on **Tuesday, October 24** at 7 p.m. The meeting will use a hybrid format in-person and on Zoom this year. This is the meeting to set clergy compensation and leadership nominations for 2024. Members of the Executive Council are voting members of the Charge Conference, but the meeting is open to everyone. Pizza will be available at 6 p.m. for anyone who wants to come early for dinner and fellowship before the Charge Conference. Contact the Church Office at info@umtrinity.org to RSVP for dinner.

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.

Missions

Join us **Wednesday, November 1** at 7 p.m. for a presentation by the Executive Director of Leadership Mission International. You will hear from Trinity's sponsored student, Emily, and be updated on all the campus and alumni programs. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us!

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays: Youth Group

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

Oct. 29: Share the Warmth coat drive collection at Trunk or Treat after 10:30 worship.

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!

Scan the QR code at the right to register your youth for Youth Group today!



Contact Catherine Wethington to stay up to date with youth group happenings or to volunteer: umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.

Coming Up

October

- 23 Crafts for a Cause
- 24 Charge Conference
- 29 Trunk or Treat
- 29 Celtic Service

November

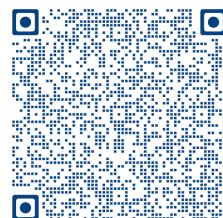
- 1 Missions: TLC presentation
- 4 Rise Against Hunger
- 4 Martha's Table
- 6 Crafts for a Cause
- 14 Trustees Meeting
- 14 Book Chat
- 18 Christ House
- 20 Crafts for a Cause
- 21 Christmas Trees Arrive
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
- 26 Celtic Service

December

- 3 Martha's Table
- 4 Crafts for a Cause
- 12 Trustees Meeting
- 14 Cookie Exchange
- 16 Christ House
- 18 Crafts for a Cause
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Office Closed
- 26 Office Closed
- 31 Celtic Service

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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.