



Trinity United Methodist Church

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January 15, 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 3 with your phone's camera to register your attendance today.

Prelude	<i>Adoration (Price)</i>	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
God has given us work to do. God has called each of us before we were even born. It was God who named us. It is God who claims us. The light of God's love shines in us. Let's shine God's love into all the world! Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	p. 3 / UMH 378
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
Offering		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.		
Anthem (8:30)	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i> (Thomerson)	Joey Wilson
Anthem (10:30)	<i>If I Can Help Somebody</i> (Andruzzo)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Mark 1:16-20	Eileen Gilmer
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.		
Mark 2:13-17		
Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.		
And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'		
Message	<i>An Unlikely Bunch of Disciples</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>The Summons</i>	p. 3 / FWS 2130
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music	<i>Little Prelude in C</i> (Bach)	Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, January 16 — Mark 1:16-20

According to Mark, one of the first things Jesus did after beginning his ministry was to call some fishermen to follow him. There are two important lessons in this story. One, even though they leave their nets, the fishermen don't stop fishing. Now they will fish for people. Two, the fishermen immediately left their nets and their family to follow Jesus. The Gospel suggests that an encounter with Jesus calls for an immediate and complete response.

- Think about your own encounter with Jesus. How have you responded? What has changed in your life because you have met Jesus?
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus into my life. Give me the courage to follow him completely and help him to continue his fishing ministry. Amen.*

Tuesday, January 17 — Mark 1:21-28

Miracle stories recorded the Gospels often point beyond themselves to larger lessons about God. For instance, when Jesus heals blind people, we discover that God can heal (our) spiritual blindness, and not just cure physical blindness. When Jesus' words have power over unclean spirits (as in Mark 1:25), we discover that Jesus' words (his teaching) have power to transform our lives. We encounter Jesus' words when we read and study the Gospels.

- How have Jesus' words transformed your life? What miracle do you want Jesus to perform in your life today?
- Prayer: *God of power, I long to have a life-changing encounter with Jesus today. Open my heart to receive your word. Prepare me to experience the miracle of your grace. Amen.*

Wednesday, January 18 — Mark 1:29-39

As Jesus' fame began to spread (see Mark 1:28), many people come to him for healing. But Mark tells us that, as the crowd was searching for him, Jesus left to take his message and ministry to other towns. He took the message to the people instead of waiting for the people to come to him. In another important detail, Mark connects Jesus' retreat into the wilderness for prayer with his clarity about his mission and purpose.

- What helps you stay clear about your mission and purpose? How do you follow Jesus' example and set aside time to be alone with God?
- Prayer: *God of purpose and power, help me to understand your mission and your purpose for my life. Show me how—and to whom—you want me to be in ministry today. Amen.*

Thursday, January 19 — Mark 1:40-45

The healing of a leper was much more than simply the curing of Hansen's Disease. A leper was an outcast from family, friends, and faith. So, when Jesus heals the leper in this story, he is able to return to his home, his family, and his worship. Since whoever touches a leper becomes unclean themselves, even the holiest people would not touch lepers. Jesus' act (in Mark 1:42) was extraordinary and quite shocking.

- Who are the untouchables (like the lepers) in our society? Do you think Jesus would reach out to them? Do you think he wants you to reach out to them?
- Prayer: *Healing God, heal me of my unwillingness to follow Jesus' example and reach out to others. Help me to break down the barriers that keep us apart. Amen.*

Friday, January 20 — Mark 2:1-12

Not only is this story a lesson about the scope of Jesus' power and authority and the healing power of forgiveness (which is available through Jesus), it is also a lesson in prayer. Like the people mentioned in Mark 2:2, when we pray for others, we bring them into the presence of the one who can help them: Jesus.

- For whom are you praying today? Do you know of anyone who needs the healing power of forgiveness? If so, take them (or yourself) to Jesus in prayer.
- Prayer: *God of grace, I confess that I am often paralyzed by fear and doubt. Help me experience your forgiveness. Set me free to serve you more fully. Amen.*

Saturday, January 21 — Mark 2:13-17

When Jesus calls Levi to be one of his followers, he creates a controversy. Levi is a tax collector, a group of people who, in Jesus' time, were considered sinners by Jewish society. Their association with the Romans made them unclean. Like touching a leper, eating with sinners was shocking to the sensibilities of the religious leaders. But Jesus says he has come to call sinners, not just the righteous.

- How do you feel about that? Might Jesus be calling you to be his follower today?
- Prayer: *God of salvation, thank you for caring about sinners like me. I am ready to answer Jesus' call today. I am ready to be his follower and his disciple. 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@slofft.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 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

Aidan, Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Alison, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Ann, Annie Ruth, Art & Marcie, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bea, Beath, Becky, Betty, Bill, Bill & Mad-die, Boris, Bryan, Bud, Carol, Carol & Rich, Carolyn, Carolyn & Janice, Cathy, Charlie, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Dick, Dobson family, Dylan, Earl & Mary Lou, Elaine, Ellen, Eliza, Emily, Evans family, Evelyn, Evey, Fahimi family, Fran & Tom, Fred, Gary & Lindie, Glenn, Green family, Gwyn, Hanna & Franz, Harriet, Ingrid, Jack, Jackie, Jane, Janelle, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeremy, Jessica, Jewell family, Jill, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, June, Junil, Karyn, Katherine, Kathleen, Kathryn, Kathy, Kay & John, Kena, Ladye, Lana, Lena, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lizzie, Luana, Lyndee, Marcia, Marciene, Marcy, Maria, Marilu, Marilyn, Matt, Meak family, Melissa & Chad, Mendez family, Mickey, Minou, Nancy, Nime, Pat, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Rasmussen family, Rebecca, Richard, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Roger, Sandy & Vinnie, Scott, Shadle family, Steve, Sue, Susan, Tatiana, Teagan, Teresa, Tessa, Tim, Tom, Tommaso, Tony, Tracy, Vanna, Vicki, Yancey, and Yvonne, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, Trinity Preschool, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil around the world.

Today's hymn texts are provided for those worshipping at home.

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and
snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

The Summons

1. Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

Attendance QR Code

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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, **Feb. 14** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. 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 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.

Christmas Card Collection

Looking to reuse the front of your Christmas cards? Bring your religious-themed cards to a collection box in the Fellowship Lobby to be used next year when the children make cards for Christ House.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class for youth (grades 7 -12) meets on **Sundays, 4-5 p.m.** Contact Pastor Anne at eaehough@gmail.com or Catherine at umtrinityyouth@gmail.com for more information.

Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Jan. 16. 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.

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).

Pastor's Bible Study

Join Pastor Neil as we read and study *The Gospel According to Mark* on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Tuesday morning classes will be held in-person and on Zoom. Wednesday evening classes will be on Zoom. Everyone is invited to participate. No previous Bible study experience is necessary.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today: 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22>
For more information about volunteering with youth or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

Youth & Confirmation registration QR code:



Coming Up

January

16 Office Closed
16 Crafts for a Cause
19 Lunch & Learn for Seniors
21 Christ House
29 Celtic Service
30 Crafts for a Cause

February

5 Martha's Table
13 Crafts for a Cause
14 Book Chat
18 Christ House
20 Office Closed
21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
22 Ash Wednesday

Lunch and Learn: Senior Housing Options

Thursday, January 19, 2023

11 a.m. -1 p.m.

Fellowship Lobby

Join us for lunch and a presentation by Jeanina DiVittorio, a Senior Living Expert. She will speak on these subjects:

- In-home care vs. retirement community living
- Elder nourish and senior community programs
- Retirement community options and their costs
- How to decide when to downsize and move
- Selling your home to help pay for long-term needs

A complimentary lunch will be served to all attending.

Please RSVP by January 16 to 703-734-0192 or

Homes@HBCGroupKW.com. The event is hosted by Trinity members Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy.

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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.