



Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 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 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 *Adagio in C, K. 617a (Mozart)* Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

* Call to Worship Emily Summers

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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* [UMH 327](#)

Children's Message Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People Emily Summers

Offering Taehwan Roh

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) *As the Deer (Nystrom)* Joey Wilson

Offertory (10:30) *I Will Lift Up My Eyes (Conry)* Chancel Choir

Scripture Hebrews 1:1-3, 3:1-6 Emily Summers

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also 'was faithful in all God's house.' Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honour than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

Message *Keep Your Hope* Taehwan Roh

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) Clergy

* Closing Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* [UMH 189](#)

* Benediction Taehwan Roh

* Closing Music *Allegro from Concerto 1 (Avison)* Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 16 — Hebrews 1:1-4

Even though most modern editions of the New Testaments describe Hebrews as a letter, it is best read as a sermon written for Jewish Christians in the area around Rome (see Hebrews 13:24.) The sermon begins with a prologue that describes Jesus as the unique and ultimate self-revelation of God to the world. We'll need to read the rest of Hebrew to fully understand what the writer is trying to say, but the primary message is that if we want to know God, we need to know Jesus.

- Based on what you've learned about Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection, what have you learned about God? What kind of God does Jesus reveal to you?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, when I struggle to understand your will for my life, remind me that by sending Jesus into the world you have shown me everything I need to know. Amen.*

Tuesday, October 17 — Hebrews 3:1-6

One of the primary purposes of the sermon we find in Hebrews was to strengthen believers who might be tempted to abandon their Christian faith and return to their Jewish faith. (Remember that the original audience for the sermon was Jewish Christians.) One of the ways to accomplish that purpose was to remind the believers that Jesus is greater than Moses and that we can confidently place our trust in him.

- Have you ever experienced doubt? Have you ever questioned your faith? What helped you stay strong and "hold firm"? What helped you maintain confidence and hope in Jesus?
- Prayer: *God of Hope, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to save me from the power of sin and death. Grant me the confidence I need to place my hope in you. Amen.*

Wednesday, October 18 — Hebrews 6:13-20

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible reveals that God is a promise-keeper. Just as surely as God kept the promises made to Abraham, God will keep the promises made to us. Like an anchor (Hebrews 6:19) that keeps a ship safely and securely tethered during a storm, we have hope from God (through Jesus) that keeps us safely and securely tethered to God during the trials, tribulations, and storms of life.

- Where do you find refuge when you are blown about by the storms of life? What helps you stay securely anchored to God during difficult times? Can you seize the hope that has been set before you by God (Hebrews 6:18)?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, forgive me when I am tempted to give up hope. Help me remember that you always keep your promises — on both good days and bad days. Amen.*

Thursday, October 19 — Hebrews 10:19-25

In this passage, the preacher (Hebrews' author) exhorts his readers/hearers to persevere by holding firm with faith, hope, and love. But he doesn't leave us to rely on our own means and our own willpower. He insists that we keep faith, hope, and love by "*provok[ing] one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another*" (Hebrews 10:24-25). His point is clear. Christian life is not a solo endeavor. We need the church and the communion of saints to keep the faith.

- Re-read the exhortation in Hebrews 10:24-25. Think and pray about how you will follow these instructions in the days ahead. What will you do to "hold fast" and keep your faith?
- Prayer: *God of Love, thank you for calling me into your church and empowering me to accomplish your purposes. Use me to encourage and support someone else today. Amen.*

Friday, October 20 — Hebrews 12:1-3

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses (described in Hebrews 11), followers of Jesus can persevere — despite trials and tribulations — and run the race set before us. We can look "*to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith*" (Hebrews 12:2) and endure whatever hostility and hatred comes our way, just like Jesus. And like Jesus, we can endure the world's hostility so that we can experience the same joy that Jesus experienced.

- Hebrews insists that we keep our focus on Jesus. What helps you keep that focus, especially in difficult situations? When and where do you experience the kind of joy that Hebrews 12 promises? How might you experience more and more joy every day?
- Prayer: *Lord of the Universe, strengthen my will today so that I can keep my focus on Jesus. I long to experience the joy that can only come from following him. Amen.*

Saturday, October 21 — Hebrews 13:1-5

The sermon ends with a series of final exhortations. These exhortations include actions followers of Jesus should be taking: *showing mutual love, showing hospitality to strangers, remembering those in prison, and honoring marriage*. They also include actions followers of Jesus should not be taking: *defiling marriage, loving money, and not being content with what you have*. When we decide to follow Jesus, are transformed by the power of God's grace and are new creations. With God's help, we put our faith into action by changing the way we live our lives.

- Use the exhortations in Hebrews 13:1-5 to review your life. What needs to change so that your life is a faithful witness to the God's love and grace? What needs to increase? What needs to decrease? In prayer, ask God to transform your life?
- Prayer: *God of Amazing Grace, help me see myself more clearly today. Help me see myself the way you see me. Transform my life by the power of your love and grace. 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).

No Tuesday class this week.

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, Amber & Brianna, Andrew, Audrey, Beem family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Cathy, Christopher, Claudia, Daniel, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Dick, Di Letti family, Doris, Ed, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Fran & Tom, Gary & Lindie, Greg, Hammer family, Harriet, Harry, Jackie, Jan, Jean, Jeanette, Jenna, Jimmy, Joe & Marie, Kay & John, Kathy, Leslie, Liz & David, Lori, Luana, Mackensen family, Macy, Marcienne, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Nancy, Nell, Patty, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter, Sheila, 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 and the people of Israel.

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. This series will conclude on Oct. 22.

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.

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 (wdetwiler@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or wish to participate, or just show up! — all are welcome and appreciated!



Good Works
Day

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

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.

TODAY: No Youth Group

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

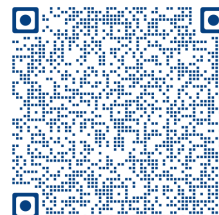
October

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

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

Attendance: Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link. Don't forget to include the first name of each family member present as well as surname.



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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.