

Trinity United Methodist Church

July 16, 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 Canzona (Purvis) Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

* Call to Worship Taehwan Roh

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

For God has dealt mercifully with us!

Even when we turned our backs on God,

God forgave us and restored us to life.

Rejoice in God's abundant love.

We will continually praise God who heals and loves us. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms <u>UMH 133</u>

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) Offertory (10:30) Blessed Assurance (Knapp-Courtney)
His Sheep Am I (Johnson)

Philip Keirstead Summer Choir

Scripture

Genesis 39:1-6a, 19-23

Taehwan Roh

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favour in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, 'This is the way your servant treated me', he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favour in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.'

Message Truth and Consequences Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) Clergy

* Closing Hymn Stand By Me UMH 512

Click on Full Text for lyrics

* Benediction Neil Hough

* Closing Music Allegro in D, RV 93 (Vivaldi) Jerry Rich

^{*} Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, July 17 — Genesis 37:12-36

Genesis 37 recounts the beginning of the story of Joseph. The first section in the chapter (Genesis 37:1-11) is about Joseph's relationship with his brothers and his dreams of greatness—the dreams that anger his brothers and upset his father. The second section in the chapter describes his brothers' response. At first, they conspired to kill Joseph, but in the end, Rueben and Judah led them to spare his life and sell him to some passing Midianites (also called Ishmaelites) who took him to Egypt. Eventually, Joseph was sold, as a slave, to Potiphar, an officer in Pharoah's court.

- Today's reading describes how Joseph ended up in Egypt. It also invites us to consider how we might experience God's presence during the worst days of our lives. If you were in Joseph's situation, how might you find strength to continue trusting God?
- Prayer: Ever-Present God, continue to reveal yourself to me.
 Grant me the confidence I need to trust you and trust your promises, even on the worst days of my life. Amen.

Tuesday, July 18 — Psalm 105:1-17

Psalm 105 is a hymn of praise to God. It retells the story of God's people from Abraham to Joseph (and then on to Moses and Aaron.) In telling and retelling their story, the Israelites drew strength for their present circumstances from their remembrances of God's faithfulness in the past. This is an excellent model for our own lives. By remembering God's past faithfulness, we have a solid foundation on which we can build a life of confidence and faith today.

- Spend some time thinking about the story of your life. When and how have you experienced God's presence, God's strength, God's love and grace, and God's faithfulness? Use these memories to strengthen your faith today.
- Prayer: Faithful God, forgive me for forgetting the breadth and depth of your love and grace. Help me remember your faithfulness so that I can grow in my faith. Amen.

Wednesday, July 19 — Genesis 39:1-6a

After an interlude about Judah and Tamar in Genesis 38, the story of Joseph continues in Genesis 39. Now a servant/slave in Potiphar's household, we learn that God was with Joseph, and he found favor in his master's eyes and was put in charge of everything. Two themes emerge in these verses: first, that God was with Joseph; second, that Potiphar was blessed by Joseph's presence. This is a fulfillment of the God's covenant promises that go back to Abraham. God's people have been blessed by God, so that they will be a blessing to the world. (See Genesis 12:1-3.)

- In what ways have you experienced God's blessing in your life?
 Do you give God credit for whatever success you have achieved?
 (If you hesitate to give credit to God, read Deuteronomy 8:11-20.)
 In what ways are you, as someone who has been blessed by God, a blessing to others?
- Prayer: God of Grace, I know that all I that am, all that I have achieved, and all that I have are result of your gracious blessing in my life. Use me to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Thursday, July 20 — Genesis 39:6b-18

Despite God's gracious blessing and his success in Potiphar's household, Joseph's life in Egypt was not without trials and tribulations. This PG-13 section of the story describes Potiphar's wife making inappropriate requests, Joseph's strength in the face of temptation, and false accusations. Through it all, Joseph was faithful to Potiphar, his human master, and to God (Genesis 39:9). The point is clear, God doesn't promise that our lives will be free from temptation and the effects of human sin. God just promises to be with us. Always.

- Read Matthew 4:1-11 and Matthew 6:9-11. Remember that Jesus was not exempt from temptation and that he taught his disciples to pray to be delivered (saved) from the power of temptation and evil in the world. Prayer the Lord's Prayer today.
- Prayer: Heavenly Father, let your Kingdom come and your will be done. Lead me out of temptation and save me from the destructive power of evil, sin, and death. Amen.

Friday, July 21 — Genesis 39:19-23

Potiphar responded to his wife's accusations about Joseph by throwing Joseph in prison. In prison, as when he was sold as a slave, God was with Joseph, and he (Joseph) was given responsibility for all of the prisoners. Note how the narrator of the story gives all the credit to God (in this section and in Genesis 39:1-6a). Note how when Joseph was powerless — as a servant/slave and as a prisoner — God was powerfull. This is the way God works. God provides the power for abundant life and effective ministry, not us.

- Can you remember a time when you discovered God's power at work in your life? What were the circumstances? What helped you trust in God's power and not your own?
- Prayer: Almighty God, thank you for unleashing your life-changing and life-saving power in the world. Grant me the courage I need to trust you fully and get out of your way. Amen.

Saturday, July 22 — Psalm 57:1-11

There are more than 170 references to God's *steadfast love* in the Old Testament; 120 of them are in the Psalms. Over and over the psalm-writers sing praises for God's steadfast love, even in the most desperate circumstances. In our vulnerability, when we experience pain and suffering in this broken world, God is faithful. God is steadfast. God's "steadfast love is as high as the heavens" (Psalm 57:10). God's "steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations" (Psalm 100:5).

- Read and pray Psalm 57 and Psalm 100 again. "Sing" your own praise to God for the steadfast love you have experienced in your life
- Prayer: God of Love, thank you for the promise that your steadfast love and grace will endure forever, no matter what I experience. I will trust you, today and always. 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

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





"Joseph: Dreaming God's Dreams" is our summer sermon series exploring the life of Joseph from Genesis 37-50. It highlights how God works through flawed individuals amidst their successes and struggles. Throughout his life, God was with Joseph and used him to do great good. Invite a friend to worship as we dream God's dreams together and learn lessons for our own lives from the life of Joseph.

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan & Rhonda, Alessandro, Amanda & David, Amber & Briana, Andrew, Ann, Ann & John, Ann Ruth, Anne, Annie, Art & Marcie, Ashton, Barb, Barb & JR, Barbara & Betty, Becki, Bennett, Bethany, Betty, Beverly & Wally, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Calvin, Carol & Rich, Carrie, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Charles, Chatham family, Chris, Chris & Russ, Coston family, Cusenza family, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Davey, David, David & Carol, Decca, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Dick, Dicky, Dorothy, Eileen, Elaine, Evelyn, Fabio, Fran & Tom, Frank, Gail, Gary & Lindie, Griggs family, Hager family, Hanna and Franz, Harriet, Harry, Hayley, Hein family, Helen, Henrietta, Hill, Hunt family, Immuergut family, Jackie, Jean, Jen, Jessica, Jewell family, Jim, Joe, Joe & Marie, Judi, Julia, Kaki, Karen, Kathy, Kay & John, Keith, Leah, Ladye, Laub family, Libby, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lois, Lori, Louise, Luana, Lucie, Marcia, Marciene, Macy, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Mary, Mary Lee, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, Monica, Nadjmeh, Neil, Pat, Patrick, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peter, Phil, Quinn family, Ray, Rebecca & Craig, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Romana, Ron, Rosemary, Ruby, Rudi, Russell family, Ryan, Samantha, Sara, Sarah, Sasha, Scott, Sihoo, Steve, Summers families, Susan, Suzanne, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Wally, Wood family, Yancey, Yorke, 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, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil.

July Collection School Supplies for Grace Ministries

- Backpacks
- No. 2 pencils
- Cravons
- Erasers
- Wide-ruled notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Blunt-tipped scissors
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Plastic folders
- Pencil sharpeners
- Assorted construction paper

GRACE Ministries of the United Methodist Church (graceministriesumc.org) is a faith-based community outreach program serving over 1,000 low-income families each month in Northern Virginia. GRACE provides emergency food, clothing, household items, diapers and healthcare information and screenings at seven local United Methodist Churches.



Highlights from E-News

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

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.

Vacation Bible Saturday

A one-day (July 22) fun-filled Bible adventure for children ages 3 through rising 4th graders. We will follow the clues and discover who Jesus is through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and science experiments! Visit umtrinity.org/vbs for more details and to register.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m: Free Concert at Cherry Hill Park, Falls Church. Lil Maceo Funk Band featuring award winning Saxophonist Kareem Walkes

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

Coming Up

July

Welcome Roh familyTrustees Meeting

Vacation Bible SaturdayYouth Concert in the Park

30 Celtic Service

August

6 Martha's Table 15 Trustees Meeting 19 Christ House 27 Ice Cream Social 27 Youth Pool Party 27 Celtic Service

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



Summer Bible Study with Anne Hough

Starting on July 18 and 19, Anne will be leading a four-week Summer Bible Study. You are invited to join her for one session or all four. Tuesday morning classes will start at 10:30 a.m. and be in-person in the library and on Zoom. Wednesday evening classes will start at 7 p.m. and be held on Zoom. Zoom meeting information is in the bulletin. The four topics will be:

- The Beginning of the Story Part 1— Genesis 1 through 5
- The Beginning of the Story Part 2 Genesis 6 through 11
- The Story of God's People Part 1 Genesis 12 through the Birth of Jesus
- The Story of God's People Part 2 Jesus' Ascension through Today

Be sure to bring your Bible to the first two sessions. Contact Anne at eachough@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 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 been seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.