



Trinity United Methodist Church

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8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. 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 and click the link) to register your attendance today. Don't forget to include **each** family member present.

Prelude *Forlana* (Finzi) Jerry Rich

Special Music *Ave Maria* (Vavilov) Catherine Wethington (10:30)

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship *from Hebrews 10*

Beloved, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary
by the new and living way Jesus has opened for us,
let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

**Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who has promised us is faithful.**

Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,
not neglecting to meet together,
**but encouraging one another,
and all the more as we see the Day approaching.**

* Gathering Hymn *My Hope Is Built* [UMH 368](#)

Prayer of Confession

You know, O Lord, that at times sorrow and anxiety crowd in upon us;
in those moments it can be hard to breathe, and harder still to find you.

**In seasons of adversity and pain, we are tempted
to wonder about your love for us.**

Remind us this new day, Lord, of who you are,
and what you have done in the person of Jesus Christ.

**For Christ does as he has always done, coming to us in our grief,
and bearing our burdens with us and for us.**

Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus, as we confess to you our sorrows
and fears for the future...

(for a moment we confess our need for grace)

Friends, hear the Good News,
for not even the clamor of strife or the pall of death
can separate us from the salvation Jesus brings. **Amen.**

Children's Message *Back to School / Backpack Blessing* Dave Rochford, Taehwan Roh
*Children are invited to Children's Worship in Room 402-403,
a place for those 4 years through 6th grade to connect with God in their own ways.*

Congregational Charge:

**Students, teachers, administrators and parents, as you begin this school year,
we, your church family, commit to praying for you.**

**As you learn new schedules, meet friends old and new,
and learn and teach new subjects, remember you are not alone!**

**We love you, and as we send you into this year with our prayers and hopes,
we trust that God will hold you close every day.**

Leader: "May these tags on your backpacks..."

**God, in whom there is always something new,
fill the hearts of these who go back to school
with confidence in new possibilities.**

**May each be transformed by the renewing of their minds,
in the image of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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Our prayer will conclude with:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering

*Our offering is received as we pass the plates, but you may also give online at
<http://umtrinity.org/give> or through our app.*

Offertory

*Ave Maria (Vavilov)
Come to Me (Norbet)*

Catherine Wethington (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11:1-3, 11-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of God, for us, the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Anchored in Hope

Dave Rochford

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

* Closing Hymn

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom

[UMH 508](#)

* Benediction

* Postlude

Allegro from Suite in C (Purcell)

Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Our Prayer List

Adam, Amy, Anne, Annie Ruth, Arla, Audriana, Barb & JR, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bud, Bud & Linda, Carol & Rich, Claudia, Corbin, Dara, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Davey, David & Carol, Douglas, Emmett, George, Gregg, Jason, Joan, Joanna, Judy, Kenny family, Ladye, Lorene, Maines family, Marciene, Marie & Joe, Marilyn, Maryann, Mary Frances, Michael, Mickey & Ruth, Molly, Naty, Peg & Dick, Russ, Sheila, Shepard family, Smith family, Summers family, Teresa & Norman, Tom, Viviana, Willis & Carter, Winie & Joseph, Woody, Yancey, and Zerkow family, and prayer life for Trinity congregation, those who are traveling, people losing jobs, employment seekers, the children and staff at Heart to Heart Worldwide Village in Honduras, The Leadership Center, our nation's leadership and unity, soldiers abroad and at home, peace on earth, an end to antisemitism and Islamophobia, those affected by natural disasters, those trying to make a better future for our nation, government employees, immigrants, the homeless, victims of abuse and hostages throughout the world.

About Our Ministries

Children's Worship Folders

Folders are available during worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please return your folder to the used bin so it can be replenished.

Fellowship: Getting Connected

You are cordially invited to meet friends and neighbors after each of our worship services. Join us in the Fellowship Lobby to the right of the breezeway. Each week individuals, families or ministry groups host our refreshments. Please consider signing up for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code under Quick Links at the right to sign-up.

Trinity Preschool of McLean

At Trinity Preschool of McLean, skills and content are integrated through imaginative play activities and hands-on learning stations. The daily schedule includes a circle/story time, art, sensory play, active play, snack and lunch, and lots of time for exploration. Children attend a weekly Music class, and Chapel Time led by our Pastors.

A ministry of TUMC, Trinity Preschool of McLean is very popular in our community! Call the school office, 703-790-2767, to inquire about space in one of our programs. For more information visit umtrinity.org/preschool

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed each Sunday to greet people, answer questions and hand out bulletins. Use the QR code below to volunteer for this essential ministry of hospitality.

Quick Links

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera and click the link. Or, visit: umtrinity.org/about-us/quick-links
This page currently includes:

- > Worship attendance
- > Book Chat discussion group
- > Christ House wish list
- > Fellowship Hour hosts
- > Ushers



Today at Trinity

The **Nursery** is staffed during both our Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under. Our nursery is located in the Fellowship Building; simply speak to an usher and they will provide assistance.

Backpack/Back to School Blessing

Students and teachers are invited to bring their school bags to worship for a special blessing for the start of the new school year.

Children's Worship (ages 4 - 6th grade) meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

This Week

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

A dedicated community that meets via Zoom to lift up the needs of our church family, community and world. If you'd like to know more or to participate, please speak to one of our pastors or call the office, 703-356-3312.

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.: Spire newsletter assembly

Volunteers will assemble the newsletter for mailing.

Coming Up

September 2 & 3: Fall Bible Study Begins!

All are invited to be part of "*Revolutionary Parables: Jesus' Little Stories that Shake the World*" with Pastor Dave, beginning **Tuesday, September 2 at 10:30 a.m.** in our Church library (also offered then by ZOOM), and on **Wednesday, September 3 (at 7 p.m.** via ZOOM only). Operating as on-ramps to God's coming Kingdom, the Parables were intended by Jesus to be troublesome, and we will use an Orientation/Disorientation/Reorientation approach to apply their lens to everyday living. Do join us in-person if you are able! Study will conclude mid-October. With questions, just reach out to Pastor Dave.

September 7: Martha's Table Snack Packaging

September 7: Bounce Back Sunday

We'll celebrate the new program year with a bounce house, games, picnic and fellowship.

September 9: Book Chat

All are welcome to join our monthly book club on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. This year's selections and Zoom link can be found using the QR code at the left.

September 20: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a very healing place; a residential, medical facility for homeless men located on Columbia Road in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. We prepare lunch on the third Saturday of every month. Contact Connie Jeremiah for more information, dcjeremiah@verizon.net, 703-307-4635.

Grow — Pray — Study

Monday, Aug 18 — Hebrews 1:1-4

This week we uniquely explore passages of The Letter to the Hebrews (but you are encouraged to read all of it!). As we begin, we note that the introductory verses are altogether different from the letters of the NT, leading us to observe: this is not so much a letter but a *sermon*, a very adept exhortation to confidence in Christ.

- Hebrews 1 claims that Christ is “the exact representation of God’s being” who has created all things, and now sustains at the throne of God all that lives. When you think of Jesus, alive right now, what images come to mind?
- Prayer: *Lord Jesus, I can sometimes imagine your life in Galilee. But today, grant me a vision of your oneness with God, and your care for all that you have co-created. Amen.*

Tuesday, Aug 19 — Hebrews 2:1-4

The Church has never agreed on whether Paul or another wrote this ‘sermon,’ but what is clear is that the author is a master of Greek language. Many elements are completely unique in all the NT, including his (or her) use of the verb translated “drift away” in 2:1. A nautical term, the word connotes a boat that has missed its moorings and is at risk of being lost to the current.

- If those first addressed were at risk of “drifting away” from the saving message of Jesus, from what essential elements are we in danger of failing to ‘tie onto’ today? And you?
- Prayer: *Lord, there is so much I do not understand about this world, and about the Kingdom of God. Breathe into me today what will sustain my trust in you. Amen.*

Wednesday, Aug 20 — Hebrews 4:14-16

This essential passage features Jesus Christ as a high priest like no other before, interceding for us with God as one who has lived our life and died our death. Note the hopeful conclusion this enables the author to reach for all who confess faith in Christ.

- If you imagine approaching God, do you have confidence you will be met with empathy and understanding? If not, *you may!* If so, you might consider our basis to do so.
- Prayer: *Son of God, today I thank you for interceding for me, and for all humankind. You are the mainstay of my life, showing mercy and grace in my seasons of need. Amen.*

Thursday, Aug 21 — Hebrews 6:4-12

Yet again, the writer shows concern for 2nd Gen Christians who are at risk of falling away from their devotion to Christ and his community. Strong encouragement is offered to those who hold to the diligent community of love and service in Jesus’ name

- What to you does lethargy among Christian believers look like? What characterizes a life *and* a community that tie all hope and trust to the mainstay of Christ Jesus?
- Prayer: *Holy Spirit, awaken in me the joy of salvation, of purpose, of selfless love, that I can leaven the loaf of my family, your Church, and the world. Amen.*

Friday, Aug 22 — Hebrews 10:19-25

In a key passage, the author builds courageously on the prior exploration of Jesus as our interceding Priest in the heavenly sanctuary.

- Why would Christians in love with God ever “neglect to meet together”? How have you been enticed not “to hold fast to your moorings” in God’s hopeful community?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, we are so far from what we can be, are called by you to become. But because of your Son, interceding for us, what we may become gives me hope. Amen.*

Saturday, Aug 23 — Hebrews 11:4-12

We think that Hebrews addressed Jewish Christians in or near Rome, as persecution was just beginning. Observe how the author urges a new perspective on trials that come owing to faithfulness to the Gospel: by these, the slackening spirit of faltering disciples may be revived (v.12)!

- As asked last week, contemplating the trials you have known in life, how were you shaped by them? Did any make of you a more faithful follower of Jesus? How, or why?
- Prayer: *Lord Christ, very little persecution comes to Christians in McLean – at least, not to those like me. But open my eyes to my neighbors at risk, and straighten my path as I come beside them. Amen.*

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Worship is livestreamed on Sundays from our Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from our Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity. If you’re not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org
