



Trinity United Methodist Church

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July 9, 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	<i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling</i> (Wood)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Taehwan Roh
Give thanks to the Lord! Sing praise to God's name! The Lord has done wonderful things for us! The Lord has heaped blessing upon blessing in our lives! Come, sing, shout, and give thanks to God. In all our ways, we will continually thank God forever. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	UMH 117
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		Anne Hough
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)	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> (Robinson)	Philip Keirstead
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Cause Us, O Lord</i> (Nelson)	Summer Choir
Scripture	Genesis 37:1-11	Taehwan Roh
Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, 'Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.' His brothers said to him, 'Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?' So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, 'Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.' But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, 'What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?' So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.'		
Message	<i>What Kind of Dream is This?</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Clergy
* Closing Hymn	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	UMH 529
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>Psalms 100</i> (Knecht)	Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, July 10 — Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22

To understand the family dynamics in the story of Joseph, we need to start earlier in Genesis. This week's GPS readings will focus on some of the highlights in the larger story of God's family, starting with Abraham and Sarah. (For more in-depth study of Abraham's background, go back to Genesis 12.) One of the primary threads in this story is that God is ultimately in charge. This is God's story. God established the covenant with Abraham and set the terms (of the covenant.) The human role in the covenant (starting with Abraham and Sarah) is to trust and obey God.

- God's terms for the covenant with Abraham and Sarah — and with us — are, *I will be your God; you will be my people* (see Jeremiah 7:23.) Have you accepted the terms of the covenant? If so, how are you fulfilling your responsibilities to be one of God's people?
- Prayer: *Covenant-Making God, thank you for establishing your covenant with your people. Help me understand the terms of your covenant and fulfill my responsibilities. Amen.*

Tuesday, July 11 — Genesis 21:1-7

Even though Abraham and Sarah were beyond child-bearing age, God promised them a son. From a human perspective, it was an absurd proposition that caused both Abraham and Sarah to laugh (see Genesis 17:17 and Genesis 18:12.) But as we read the story, the promise made in Genesis 17:19 was fulfilled in Genesis 21:1-3. Promise and fulfillment is a primary Biblical theme. God always keeps God's promises. That is what gives us the confidence and faith we need to trust that the future is in the capable hands of God.

- How have you experienced the fulfillment of God's promises in your life? How do your experiences in the past affect your ability to trust God in the present and future?
- Prayer: *Promise-Keeping God, open my eyes so that I can see clearly how your promises have been fulfilled in my life. Help me trust you more fully in the future. Amen.*

Wednesday, July 12 — Genesis 25:19-34

The story of God's family continues with the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah and the birth of Esau and Jacob. As the story unfolds, we discover that this Biblical family is not spared the drama, conflict, pain, and suffering that many of us experience in our own families. This is a story of sibling rivalry and parents playing favorites. Yet, somehow, God uses this highly dysfunctional family to advance God's purposes in the world. One of the points for us to ponder is that if God can use them, God can use us.

- Do you relate to these unfiltered descriptions of this fallible human family? Can you believe the promise that if God can use them, God can use you — and your family — to accomplish God's purposes in the world?
- Prayer: *God of Mercy, forgive me for thinking that I'm not worthy of your calling to serve you in the world. Help me remember that you can use everyone, even me. Amen.*

Thursday, July 13 — Genesis 32:22-32

The wrestling match between Jacob and the mysterious stranger is a turning point in the story. As the scene unfolds, we discover that the stranger is God, and that Jacob's encounter with God does not leave him unchanged. Jacob emerges from the confrontation with a blessing, a new name — *Israel* — and an injured hip. In our own encounters with God, we may not end up with a physical injury, but we do not emerge unchanged. Like Jacob, we receive a blessing and a new name. (Our new name is *Christian, Child of God*.)

- In what ways has your life been transformed by your own encounters with God? Have these encounters ever felt like wrestling-matches? In what ways have you experienced God's blessing in the struggle? Have you claimed the name God has given you?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, I am thankful for your presence in my life. Do not leave me unchanged. Bless me today. Make me one of your beloved children. Amen.*

Friday, July 14 — Genesis 35:9-99

The 35th chapter of Genesis describes God's blessing of Jacob (now known as Israel) and the death of Isaac. Here we meet the twelve sons of Israel, and the stage is set for the beginning of the story of Joseph. As we discovered on Monday, we are reminded that this is God's story and God is in charge. God is driving the narrative. This is easy to forget, especially when we experience trials and tribulations.

- Take a few minutes today to look over the recent days (months, years) of your life. How have you experienced God's presence? How have you experienced God's guidance? How might your experience of God in the past help you trust God in the future?
- Prayer: *God of All Generations, sometimes I fail to pay attention to your constant presence. Forgive me. Heal the blindness of my heart and mind today. Amen.*

Saturday, July 15 — Genesis 37:1-11

The last major section in Genesis describes the story of Joseph, a story with many twists and turns. Many of those twists and turns involve a dream of some kind. As we read this story, we may find ourselves wondering, along with Joseph's father, "What kind of dream is this ...?" (Genesis 37:10). The truth is that when we dream God's dream, life is not always smooth sailing. Dreaming and following God's dreams requires both trust and perseverance.

- Have you ever dared to dream God's dreams? What was that like for you? Where did you find the strength to persevere and the courage to trust God along the way?
- Prayer: *God of Dreams, as I read the story of Joseph, teach me the lessons I need to learn so that I can dream your dreams. Give me strength and courage. 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

Prayer Group

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



Summer Sermon Series — Joseph: Dreaming God's Dreams

Our 2023 summer sermon series is called, **Joseph: Dreaming God's Dreams**. Join us as we learn about Joseph, the Old Testament character whose story is found in Genesis 37-50. It's an amazing story of how God works in human lives, despite the faults and failures of the human family. Through these sermons, we'll discover that Joseph experiences highs *and* lows, great success *and* trials and tribulations—just like we do—and that in the midst of it all, God was with him and used Joseph 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, 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, Bruce, Calvin, Carol & Rich, Carrie, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Charles, Chatham family, Chris, Chris & Russ, Connie, Coston family, Cusenza family, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Dave & Julie, Davey, David, David & Carol, Decca, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Dick, Dicky, Dorothy, Eileen, Elaine, Evelyn, Fabio, Fran & Tom, Frances, 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, Kathy, Kay & John, Keith, Leah, Ladye, Laub family, Libby, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lois, Louise, Luana, Lucie, Marcia, Marciene, Macy, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Mary, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, 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
- Crayons
- 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)

Wednesday, July 12 at 7 p.m: Ice Cream with the Youth Director at Lazy Mikes, Falls Church

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

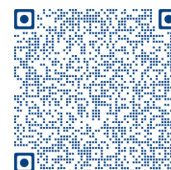
July

12 Youth Group
15 Christ House
16 Welcome Roh family
18 Trustees Meeting
22 Vacation Bible Saturday
27 Youth 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

Contact Anne at eaehough@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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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 be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.