



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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June 11, 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.

Prelude (8:30)	<i>Allemande in G, BWV 816 (Bach)</i>	Jerry Rich
Prelude (10:30)	<i>Let All Things Now Living (Eithun)</i>	Trinity Ringers
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Anne Hough
Come to this place to see what God has done. <b>We are here for burning bushes and holy ground.</b> Here you will find God on special days of celebration and ordinary days too. <b>We seek the God of our ancestors knowing we may be called to new places.</b> Listen for God's call and know you do not go alone. <b>We are ready to worship and see God in this place. Amen.</b>		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>It's Me, It's Me, O Lord</i>	UMH 352
Baptism: Levi Alexander Benson		Clergy
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 <a href="http://umtrinity.org/give">http://umtrinity.org/give</a> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.		
Offertory (8:30)	<i>God Is My Shepherd (Dvorák)</i>	Callie Cooper
Offertory (10:30)	<i>How Firm a Foundation (arr. Shackley)</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Exodus 3:1-5	Anne Hough
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'		
Message	<i>Here I Am</i>	Eileen Gilmer
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Anne Hough
Recognition of Ministry		see p. 3
* Closing Hymn	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	FWS 2173
* Benediction		Eileen Gilmer
* Closing Music	<i>Hornpipe in F (Handel)</i>	Jerry Rich

\* Please stand as you are able.

# Grow — Pray — Study

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

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## **Monday, June 12 — Exodus 19:1-9**

God's covenant with Israel is one of the central themes of the Old Testament. The terms of the covenant are established by God. (They are not negotiable, no matter how hard humanity tries to change them.) What God says is simple: *I will be your God; you will be my people.* Our challenge is to understand what it means to be God's covenant people. We find one clue in Exodus 19:6, where God promises that Israel will be a "priestly kingdom and a holy nation." This means that God's covenant people are expected to serve God's purposes in the world.

- In Genesis 12:2-3, the terms of the covenant are stated like this: "*(God) will bless you ... so that you will be a blessing.... In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*" How have you experienced God's covenant in your life? Do you see God's blessings in your life as an obligation to be a blessing to others?
- Prayer: *Covenant-making God, thank you for pouring out your many blessings in my life. Show me how to serve your purposes in the world and be a blessing to others. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, June 13 — Isaiah 40:25-31**

The people for whom Isaiah was writing were experiencing discouragement, and exhaustion – not unlike many people in our world, including many of us. They complained to God about their situation and feared that God had abandoned them. Like us, they needed to be reminded that God is the ultimate promise-keeper. Unlike them (and us) Isaiah says, God does not grow "faint or grow weary" and if Israel (and we) will trust God, then they (and we) will experience the fullness of God's power: they (and we) "*shall mount up with wings like eagles*" (Isaiah 40:31).

- When have you experienced discouragement and/or exhaustion? How have those feelings affected your relationship with God? What helps you experience the fullness of God's power?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, when I am discouraged and exhausted, when I have doubts and fears, remind me of your great promises. Help me experience the fullness of your power. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, June 14 — Luke 5:1-11**

Simon Peter, the former fisherman from Capernaum, was the leader of, and often the spokesman for, the twelve apostles. He and the Apostle Paul were two of the primary leaders in the early church. In the first century Peter became the first Bishop of Rome, which means that he was the very first pope. The encounter with Jesus described in Luke 5 was a life-changing experience for Peter. He answered Jesus' call (despite his protest that he was unworthy) and he left everything behind to follow Jesus. As a result he shared in Jesus' ministry of "catching people."

- When and how have you had life-changing encounters with Jesus? Have you experienced a call to live a new life? How has Jesus called you to share in his earthly ministry?

- Prayer: *Living God, help me follow the example of Peter and answer Jesus' call to be his disciple. Transform my life so that I can serve your purposes in the world today. Amen.*

## **Thursday, June 15 — Luke 22:24-34**

Even though he was a leader among Jesus' disciples (see Matthew 16:18-19), Peter was a fallible human being. At times he was bold and brash, exuding confidence. But at the crucial moment in Jesus' life, Peter would fail to admit that he even knew Jesus. However, Peter's failure did not mean that he would not – and could not – faithfully serve Jesus. Note that Jesus is confident that Peter would turn back after his failure. Note also that when Peter "turned back", Jesus expected him to lead the others.

- Have you ever believed that your failures exclude you from following and serving Jesus? Can you accept that God forgives you and has plans for your life?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, forgive me for the many times I have failed to be the person you want me to be. Help me to turn back and do what you expect of me. Amen.*

## **Friday, June 16 — Acts 3:1-10**

After Jesus' ascension into heaven (Acts 1:1-11), Peter and the other disciples of Jesus continued Jesus' ministry on earth. Just as the power of God worked through Jesus to heal and forgive a paralyzed man (Luke 5:17-26), the power of God worked through Peter and John to heal a lame man at the gate of the temple. The coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Jesus' disciples empowered them – and still empowers us – to experience God's power to change the world.

- Are you willing to allow God's power to work in your life? How is God empowering you to make a difference in the world around you? What is God empowering you to do today?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit into my life again today. I'm willing to be an instrument of your grace and peace. Use me to change the world today. Amen.*

## **Saturday, June 17 — 1 Peter 4:8-11**

The first letter of Peter calls upon Jesus' followers to be good stewards of the grace of God and serve others with the gifts God has given them. It also calls upon Jesus' followers to use the strength that God supplies, so that God will be glorified. This is a powerful reminder that the grace and power we receive and enjoy comes from God, not because we are good and deserve God's blessings, but because God is good. We are blessed, so that can bless others in God's name.

- Are you ever tempted to rely on your own power and your own best intentions when you are serving God? How might you learn to rely on God's grace and God's power in your life?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, grant me the courage I need to trust in your grace and your power today. Help me learn to serve you with the gifts and with the strength that you supply. 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

**No Wednesday class on June 14.**

### Prayer Group

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

**Prayer Group** continues to meet on Zoom on Wednesdays at their new time - 9 a.m.! Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Amber & Briana, Andrew, Ann, Annie, Art & Marcie, Ashton, Barb, Barb & JR, Barbara & Betty, Becki, Bennett, Bethany, Betty, Beverly, Beverly & Wally, Bill & Maddie, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Bruce, Calvin, Carol & Rich, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Chatham family, Chris, Chris & Russ, Cindy & Keith, Cusenza family, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Dave & Julie, Davey, David, David & Carol, Decca, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Dick, Dorothy, Fabio, Fran & Tom, Elaine, Evelyn, Frank, Gail, Gary & Lindie, Griggs family, Hanna and Franz, Harriet, Harry, Hayley, Hein family, Helen, Henrietta, Hunt family, Jackie, Jen, Jewell family, Hill, Immuergut family, Jim, Joe, Joe & Marie, Judi, Julia, Kaki, Kathy, Kay & John, Leah, Ladye, Libby, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lois, Louise, Luana, Lucie, Marcienne, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Mary, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, Nadjmeh, Pat, Patrick, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peter, Phil, Quinn family, Rebecca & Craig, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Ron, Rosemary, Ruby, Rudi, Russell family, Ryan, Samantha, Sarah, Sasha, Scott, Sihoo, Steve, Summers families, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Wally, Yancey, Yorke, students, seminarians, 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.

We **rejoice** with Chris, Maria and Isaac Benson and Jeannette Benson and Jean Wharen for today's baptism of their son, brother, grandson, and great-grandson Levi Alexander Benson.

## An Order of Farewell

Pastor Eileen:

I thank you, the members and friends of Trinity United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask for forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation:

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.**

Pastor Eileen:

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new associate pastor, Reverend Taehwan Roh.

Unison Prayer

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Neil Hough is leading a study about *Three Simple Rules*, an exploration of John Wesley's General Rules for the members of the Methodist Society. These rules are still part of United Methodist doctrine and apply to 21st century life. Using a book by Bishop Reuben Job (entitled *Three Simple Rules*), we will look at the General Rules and consider what they mean for us today. It's not too late to join the study.

Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the library or on Zoom:

- June 13 — Study Guide chapter 4  
"Do Good — Practicing the Rule"
- June 20 — Study Guide chapter 5  
"Stay in Love with God — Understanding the Rule"
- June 27 — Study guide chapter 6  
"Stay in Love with God — Practicing the Rule"

Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom:

- June 14 — **No class**
- June 21 — Study Guide chapters 3 & 4  
"Do Good — Understanding/Practicing the Rule"
- June 28 — Study Guide chapter 5 & 6  
"Stay in Love with God — Understanding/Practicing the Rule"

## Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)

### Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tues., **June 13** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education> or contact Kathy Maher, [kathyngs@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Children's Worship** (ages 4 - 4th grade) and **Club 56** (grades 5 & 6) meet during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

### Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: June 19. All are welcome. For more information, contact Alesha Luxon at [alesha.luxon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

### Graduate Recognition

The high school and post-secondary Class of 2023 will be recognized in worship on June 18. Send your name and the name of the school from where you graduated to by **June 15** to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org).

### 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](http://umtrinity.org/vbs) for more details and to register.

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

#### Stay for today's picnic!

For more information about volunteering or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington, [umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).



## Coming Up

### June

- 11 Eileen Gilmer Farewell
- 11 Celtic Service
- 13 Book Chat
- 14-17 Annual Conference
- 15 Spire Deadline
- 17 Christ House
- 18 Graduate Recognition
- 19 Crafts for a Cause
- 20 Trustees Meeting
- 25 Celtic Service
- 25 Martha's Table
- 27 Called Charge Conference & Executive Council

### July

- 3 Crafts for a Cause
- 4 Office Closed
- 15 Christ House
- 17 Crafts for a Cause
- 18 Trustees Meeting
- 22 Vacation Bible Saturday
- 30 Celtic Service
- 31 Crafts for a Cause

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



## Vacation Bible Saturday

July 22, 2023

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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## Finding Jesus

Details and register at [umtrinity.org/vbs](http://umtrinity.org/vbs)

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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](https://youtube.com/UMTrinity). The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.