



Trinity United Methodist Church

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September 17, 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 *On Wings of Song* (Mendelssohn) Jerry Rich (8:30), Yorke Allen, violin (10:30)

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

* Call to Worship Taehwan Roh

God has called all of us here today.

We are given new names of hope and promise.

Even though storms and trials have assailed us,

God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.

Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159

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 *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* (Wesley) Maggie Rabe

Offertory (10:30) *A Prayer of Patrick of Ireland* (Lowenberg) Chancel Choir

Scripture Colossians 1:15-20 Taehwan Roh

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Message *I Believe in Jesus Christ* Neil Hough

* The Apostles Creed UMH 882

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) Clergy

* Closing Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King* UMH 715

* Benediction Neil Hough

* Closing Music *Menuet from A Little Night Music* (Mozart) Jerry Rich (8:30), Yorke Allen (10:30)

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday September 18 — Luke 1:26-38

What the Apostles' Creed says about Jesus is all based on the New Testament's witness to the life and ministry of Jesus. When we say that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, we are affirming that Jesus is God's Son. It leads us to the conclusion that Jesus was fully God and fully human — an extraordinary claim to make.

- What do you think about the Gospel's claim about Jesus's birth? What do you think about the church's claim that Jesus was both fully divine and fully human? What difference does that statement of faith mean to you?
- Prayer: *God of Miracles, your greatest act was sending Jesus into the world to save us from the power of sin and death. Help me appreciate what you have done. Amen.*

Tuesday September 19 — Luke 5:1-11

The statement, "Jesus is Lord" has many implications. There is a grand truth that Jesus, as God's Son, is Lord over all creation (see John 1:1-5). But there is more. It also means that Jesus is Lord over our lives. As our Lord, he loves and cares for us. He saves and guides us. Like Peter in Luke's account of Jesus' calling his first disciples, we are humbled by the presence of the Lord of the universe in our lives and aware that we are sinners. Confessing Jesus as our Lord means that we submit our lives to him and agree to follow, trust, and obey him.

- On a scale of 1-10, how fully have you submitted your life to God as a follower of Jesus? What can you do today to take the next step in trust and obedience?
- Prayer: *Lord of the Universe, I confess that I am a sinner in need of your forgiveness. I am humbled by your presence and promise to trust and obey more fully. Amen.*

Wednesday September 20 — Luke 9:18-27

When Jesus asked his disciples, "who do you say that I am?" (Luke 9:20) it was a turning point in the Gospel account of Jesus' life. He was about to "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51) where he would suffer and die — and "on the third day be raised" (Luke 9:22). Between Peter's response to Jesus' question and Jesus' response to Peter, Luke affirms that Jesus would be a crucified Messiah (Christ.) The point is that Jesus' identity is inseparable from his death and resurrection. That is who he is. That is what we believe.

- What does it mean to you that Jesus is a crucified and resurrected Messiah? How does affirming your faith in the Jesus you meet in the Gospels affect your daily life?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, thank you for sending Jesus to be the Messiah (Christ) and Savior. Transform my life — my words and actions — by the power of your love and grace. Amen.*

Thursday September 21 — Luke 22:66-71

The Apostles' Creed, and others, were developed for several reasons. One was to provide a tool for passing on the basics of Christian faith to nonbelievers and the next generations of believers. Another reason was to correct misinformation that was spreading within the church and the world in the first centuries after Jesus' life. The statement "suffered under Pontius Pilate" connects the story of Jesus with the Roman world. It provides historical context for what Christians say they believe. It answers questions and doubts about the veracity of Jesus' existence. It also points to the physical suffering that Jesus experienced for the salvation of the world.

- How important is it for you connect the accounts of Jesus' life with historical people and events? How does the physical suffering Jesus experienced impact your faith?
- Prayer: *God of History, I believe that your gift of salvation is the result of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection in our world. I'm humbled by his willingness to suffer for me. Amen.*

Friday September 22 — Luke 24:36-53

The final chapter of Luke's Gospel describes Jesus' resurrection, his appearances to his disciples and his ascension into heaven. This is the ultimate exclamation of Jesus' Lordship over all creation. After his arrest and before his death, Jesus told the Council that, "from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God" (Luke 22:69). Both Romans and 1 Peter affirm that (the ascended) Jesus will be Lord of "the living and the dead" (Romans 14:9) and will "judge the living and the dead" (1 Peter 4:5).

- We believe that the story of Jesus did not end with his ascension into heaven. We have the presence of the Holy Spirit, but we also have the promise of Jesus' return. How does the expectation that Jesus will return impact the way you live your life?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, grant me the courage I need to live my life today with the hope and the expectation of Jesus' return. Increase my faith and my faithfulness. Amen.*

Saturday September 23 — Colossians 1:15-20

Like the Prologue to John's Gospel (John 1:1-18), the first chapter of the Letter to the Colossians includes a poetic celebration of Jesus, the Christ (Messiah.) The letter-writer is likely quoting an early Christian hymn that affirms Jesus as "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Colossians 1:15). The point is clear. Jesus was not only fully human (he suffered and died), but he is also fully God, a member of the Trinity: "in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Colossians 1:19).

- Reflect on this familiar promise: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). What does that mean to you?
- Prayer: *God of Love, I believe in you and in your Son, Jesus. forgive my sins and sinfulness today. 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).
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

Alessandro, Alethia, Amber & Briana, Andrew & family, Ashley, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bruce, Carol & Rich, Chris, Christopher, Claudia, Dan, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, David, David & Carol, Debbie, DeMicco family, Dick, Ellie, Erica, Fran & Tom, Frankie, Gary & Linda, Harriet, Isobel, Jan, Joe & Marie, John, Jeffrey, Judi, Kay & John, Leah, Linda, Liz & David, Laurie, Luana, Lucie, Macy, Marcia, Marciene, Matt, Matthew, Maxley, Michael & family, Mickey & Ruth, Milligan family, Niki & Blake, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Roberto, Spencer, Speidel family, Steve & family, Stuart, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Whitney, 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.

Choir Rehearsals



Chancel Choir
every Sunday in the Sanctuary
10 a.m. warmup
10:30 a.m. service
11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. rehearsal



Trinity Ringers
second Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary
9:30 - 10 a.m. rehearsal
10:30 a.m. prelude

Contact Jerry Rich, jrich@potomacschool.org

Trinity's choirs welcome new singers and ringers. Contact the director, Jerry Rich, for more information about Trinity's music ministry.

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.

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. It's not too late to join the class. No registration or Bible study experience is required. The study book is available in various formats at Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers.

Mission Sunday — Next Week

Trinity UMC supports 8 different international missions in Central America and Africa. We have a particularly strong 12 year relationship and partnership with two Honduras educational ministries, The Leadership Center and Heart to Heart Children's Village. In addition to providing financial resources, we sponsor specific students and send teams to both these ministries.

Another important aspect of our missional support is with Iglesia de Dios, the Latino church and congregation that meets at Trinity weekly. Their congregation supports over 10 different international ministries in Africa, South East Asia and Central America. Most of their mission support is for programs such as feeding ministries and church development.

Pastor Luis Polanco will share more about their mission work on Sunday Sept 24th at our 10:30 Worship Service.

Fall Women's Retreat: Woman To Woman

Ladies: give yourself the gift of a special day, designed just for you, by attending this one-day retreat led by Reverend Anne Hough on **Saturday, September 30 from 9:30 – 4:30** in the Fellowship Building at the church. We will learn from various women in the Bible, and from each other, as we spend time relaxing, having fun, and growing closer to God and one another. The cost to cover lunch and supplies is \$20, payable by check, or through the church app, and designated for the retreat. Email Anne at eaehough@gmail.com to register. **The registration deadline is Sunday, September 24.**



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, **October 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule and more at <https://umtrinity.org/education/adults> or contact Kathy Maher, 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.

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.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sept. 17: Youth Group
4:30 - 6 p.m. at the church.

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 this summer or to volunteer: umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.



Coming Up

September

- 19 Finance Meeting
- 21 Church & Society Meeting
- 24 Mission Sunday
- 24 Celtic Service
- 25 Crafts for a Cause
- 26 Preschool Board Meeting
- 30 Women's Retreat

October

- 1 Martha's Table
- 1 Pet Blessing
- 7 Movie Night
- 9 Crafts for a Cause
- 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

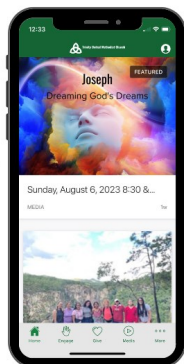
November

- 4 Rise Against Hunger
- 5 Martha's Table
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin

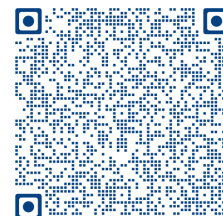


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Attendance: Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link.



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Office Hours:

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.

Lift High the Cross

Refrain
(Unison)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Fine

Harmony

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low this tri - um - phant sign.
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

The hosts of God in u - ni - ty com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

D.C.

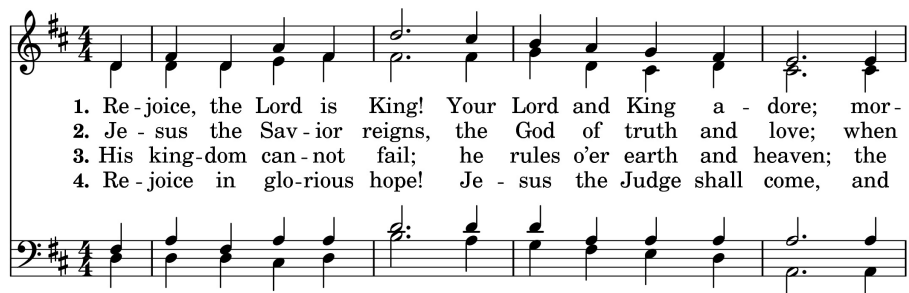
The Apostles' Creed — Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

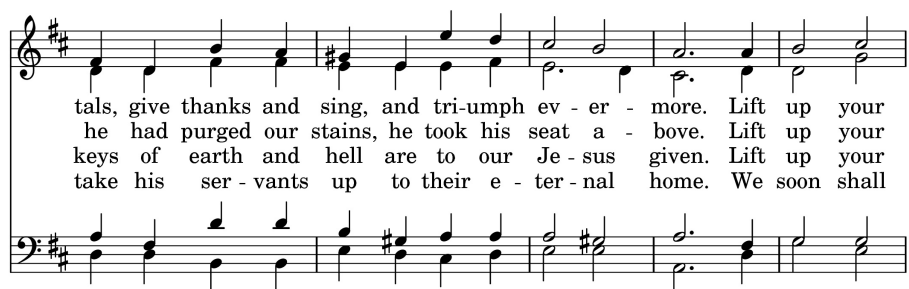
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

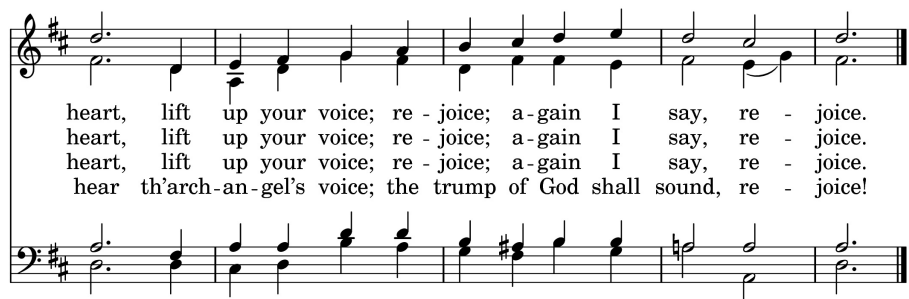
Rejoice, the Lord Is King



1. Re-joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore; mor-
2. Je - sus the Sav-ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
4. Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! Je - sus the Judge shall come, and



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri-umph ev - er - more. Lift up your
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift up your
keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given. Lift up your
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall



heart, lift up your voice; re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
heart, lift up your voice; re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
heart, lift up your voice; re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
hear th'arch-an-gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!