



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 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 *Pastel on There Is a Balm in Gilead* (Callahan) Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship *from Colossians 3*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.

**May the word of Christ dwell in us richly,
that we might teach and admonish one another in all wisdom.**

Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Through him, let us give thanks to God the Father,
and make the most of the time he has given us.**

* Gathering Hymn *Come, and Find the Quiet Center* [FWS 2128](#)

Children's Message Laurie Strollo

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.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (UMH 895) Taehwan Roh

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 (8:30) *As the Deer* (Nystrom) Brendon O'Donnell
Offertory (10:30) *This Little Light of Mine* (Work) Chancel Choir

Reading from the New Testament Luke 10:38-42
A reading from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 10, beginning at verse 38.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Message *Reappraising Martha* Dave Rochford

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

* Closing Hymn *Happy the Home When God Is There* [UMH 445](#)

* Benediction

* Postlude *Rigaudon* (Campra) Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

Notes from today's message:

Monday, July 21 — Luke 10:25-37

This week we explore Jesus' visit to the home of two sisters, gentle Mary and busy Martha. In fact, the gifts of *both* sisters were essential to welcoming Christ into their home. Today let's take the opportunity to consider the seasons and occasions when Jesus seemed present in our homes, as our honored guest and beloved friend.

- How in particular ways can we invite Jesus to enter into our own home and life? What impedes his dwelling there? What rearranging might we do to more fully welcome him?
- Prayer: *Lord, I spend a lot of time at home! Far more than at Church. Open my eyes to see my home, whether big or small, as a place I may seek to encounter and honor You. Amen.*

Tuesday, July 22 — Luke 5:17-26

Among all the Gospels, Luke especially recalls Jesus as a guest in the homes of others – with a wide variety of responses by his hosts! Staying with the theme, we examine today Jesus' clear delight in an episode of vandalism by some uninvited guests: the urgent friends of a paralyzed man on a mat. You might reflect on what pleases Jesus here, and what confounds him.

- Does Jesus respond to the faith of the paralyzed man, or to that of his friends? How can our own homes be a place of bringing others to Jesus, no matter what?
- Prayer: *Jesus, I love it when you are pleasantly surprised. Enable me today to do something that surprises you, or me, in bringing one who needs healing to You. Amen.*

Wednesday, July 23 — Luke 19:1-10

In the delightful tale of Zacchaeus the Publican, Jesus publicly invites himself to the home of a person held in great dishonor. But Zacchaeus experiences a profound transformation – true repentance, which means “a complete turning around.” Jesus even says outright that “*salvation has come to this house.*”

- If Jesus came unexpectedly to YOUR house today, how would you honor and serve him? Would that include repentance? From what, and how?
- Prayer: *Lord, I can imagine great joy in welcoming you. But help me to see what I would have to move, discard and transform to do so. Amen.*

Thursday, July 24 — Luke 7:36-46

Not all who welcome Jesus do so with equal enthusiasm. Simon the Pharisee is curious about Jesus and honors him...to a point. His cautious hospitality becomes the backdrop to an extraordinary story of lavish love and forgiving grace.

- What kept Simon from rejoicing as one who could be forgiven much? What enabled the ‘sinful woman’ to lavishly greet and honor Jesus? What does this say about God?
- Prayer: *Jesus, I often hold others in judgement. But today, grant me a sincere and repentant heart. And into that empty space, may I welcome your beautiful feet. Amen.*

Friday, July 25 — Luke 24:13-35

In what is a ‘welcoming Jesus’ episode like no other, two disciples receive him entirely unawares at a place we have yet to identify in the archaeological record: *Emmaus*. Note that their shock and resulting joy on recognizing him immediately put them in motion for the sake of others.

- Have you ever been surprised by the presence of Jesus in your household? If so or if not, do you expect to be so?
- Prayer: *Lord Christ, I know that in Resurrection, you claimed the freedom to appear among your family, anywhere, anytime in the breaking of bread. So give me eyes to see you at my table, and among all who eat there. Amen.*

Saturday, July 26 — Luke 24:36-49

Luke concludes the Emmaus story with Jesus' first appearance to the (eleven) Disciples – in the house in which they were hiding out. Could his intrusion into their safe space hold a lesson for all of us ‘homebodies’?

- Why exactly do you think Jesus returned to his friends? What does it mean to you that we have a Savior who “comes back for us?”
- Prayer: *Dear Jesus, I thank you for the home in which I live, and those with whom I have made a home over the years. There's been joy and pain. But there also has been You. For this I thank you most of all. Amen.*

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.

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

Ice Cream Reception

We will have an ice cream sundae bar following 10:30 a.m. worship to welcome the Rochford family, and to celebrate the commissioning of Pastor Taehwan to the office of Provisional Elder, a major step on his journey in ministry. Come be with us!

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.

Wednesday, 7 p.m.: Youth Group*

Youth, grades 7 - 12, meet at Lazy Mike's for Ice Cream Socials from 7 - 8 p.m. on **July 23 and Aug. 6.**

Coming Up

August 3: Martha's Table

Following both worship services on **Aug. 3**, we will make bags of trail mix for weekday distribution by Martha's Table in Washington, D.C. The snack bag assembly line is fun and makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of people in our community. All supplies provided. See you in the Fellowship Lobby after worship.

August 12: Youth Group*

All day trip to **Kings Dominion**. Please RSVP with Catherine at umtrinityyouth@gmail.com

August 15: Spire newsletter Deadline

August 16: Christ House Meal Mission

* All Youth in grades 7-12, including recent graduates are welcome at Youth events. Friends are always welcome! Questions? Reach out to Catherine at umtrinityyouth@gmail.com

Our Prayer List

Adam, Amy, Alicia, Arla, Barb & JR, Barbara & Jerry, Bella, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bud & Linda, Carol & Rich, Christie & Luke, Claudia, Darlene & Steve, Davey, David, David & Carol, Elizabeth, Grace, Gregg, Jewel, Joanna, Judy, Ladye, Lalitha, Lon, Lorraine, Maines family, Marcienne, Margie, Marie & Joe, Marilyn, Maryann, Merlin, Mickey & Ruth, Naty, Peg & Dick, Ramon, Sheila, Shepard family, Summers family, Suzanne, Teresa & Norman, Tom, Winie & Joseph, Woody, Yancey, and Zerkow family, and 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, communities impacted by the Texas flooding, those trying to make a better future for our nation, government employees, immigrants, orphans in Ethiopia, victims of abuse and hostages throughout the world.

A Heart for Texas



We are deeply saddened at the news of more than 130 families grieving those lost to the recent flooding of the Guadeloupe River in Texas. More than 270,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is already on the ground triaging needs, and will be among the last relief organizations to leave as communities there recover. If you would like to support the work of UMCOR there, you are invited to write a check to TUMC with the notation "UMCOR Advance #901670", or you may do so at this link: bit.ly/umcorusdr. As always, because of the generosity of United Methodists everywhere that cover UMCOR's overhead costs, *100% of your gift* will go to help those afflicted by natural disasters in the US.

Be Savvy about Scammers!

Alas, email scammers are always hard at work. Because they surf small-business and church websites for contact info, you may receive an email or text message claiming to be from either of our Pastors, asking you to purchase gift cards, etc. Please know that Trinity's pastors will never ask you for finances or peculiar favors through email or texts! (No, those entreaties will come from the *pulpit*.) It is best always to presume that gift-card requests are scams and to delete them – and keep in mind that messages from your pastors and church staff will always come from an email address ending in @umtrinity.org or @vaumc.org. By the way, the FTC has a fine article about how to identify these scams and report them to authorities. Visit <https://shorturl.at/lsryq> to read the article.



Thank you to those alerted us to the latest round of phishing. Let us be "*innocent as doves, and wise as serpents*" (Mat. 10:16)!

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

Each week individuals, families or ministry groups host our Fellowship refreshments. Please consider signing up for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service Fellowship time. Scan the QR code 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. We need two people each Sunday. Use the QR code below to volunteer.

July Collection School Supplies for Grace Ministries

- Backpacks
- No. 2 pencils
- Erasers
- Wide-ruled notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Blunt-tipped scissors
- 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.

Quick Links

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera and click the link for quick access to forms. Or, visit: umtrinity.org/about-us/quick-links
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Summer Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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 receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org