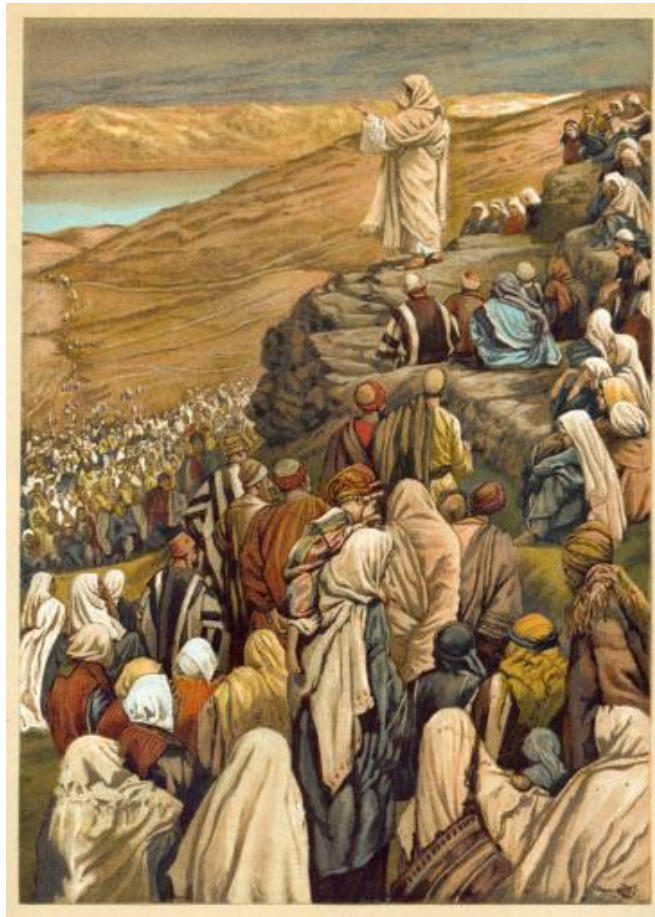


Trinity United Methodist Church



"Le Sermon des Béatitudes," James Tissot
Watercolor over graphite, French, c1890

thy kingdom come

thy will be done

on earth

as it is in heaven

Matthew 6:10

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September 20, 2026

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. We'd appreciate it if you would complete the registration pad and pass it down. For those worshipping in the Chapel today, please complete an attendance card. Remember to record each family member present today.

Please join us in our Fellowship Lobby following each service for delicious food and a chance for us to get to know one another!

PRELUDE

Largo in D, RV 93 (Vivaldi)

Jerry Rich

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Hebrews 1, 2

In the beginning, the Lord laid the foundations of the earth.

the heavens are the work of God's hands.

These will all perish, but the Lord remains, even as they wear out like a garment.

**We must pay careful attention, therefore,
to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.**

* GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157, vs. 1, 2, 4

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

MORNING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
we come to you preoccupied by many concerns,
burdened by much that clutters and ensnares us.

**We are heavy-laden by busyness, by familiar routines,
by the well-rehearsed neglect of the claim that you have on us.**

Rescue us this morning, Lord,
from chasing after the world and all that it offers,
and forsaking your Kingdom.

**Turn to us again and offer the quiet refuge we will find nowhere else
but within your Will for our lives and our world. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dave Rochford

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

ANTHEM

*The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)
Teach Me, O Lord (Attwood)*

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

READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

Amy Miller (8:30)

Alison Bricker (10:30)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

MESSAGE

The Remaking of a Disordered World

Dave Rochford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION (8:30)

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.*

Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* CLOSING HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Psalm (Marcello)

Jerry Rich

**congregation invited to stand*



Grow — Pray — Study

Our weekly devotional is available at <https://bit.ly/TrinityGPS>

Monday, September 21 - Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, *"Your Kingdom come. Your Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* Before the prayer turns to our daily needs, forgiveness, and struggles, Jesus directs our attention toward God's Kingdom and God's Will. Prayer therefore begins by reorienting our lives toward what God desires for the world.

When we pray for God's Kingdom to come, we are not simply waiting for a different world someday. We are asking for God's justice, mercy, peace, and love to become more fully visible in the world we inhabit now. At the same time, we recognize that the world does not depend upon us alone. We pray with hope because God is already at work, even amid the disorder we see around us.

- Where do you most long to see God's Kingdom made visible in the world today?
- What might it mean for your own life to pray sincerely, *"Your Will be done"*?
- **Prayer:** *God of hope, let Your Kingdom come and Your Will be done in our world and in my life. Help me recognize where you are already at work and align my life more fully with Your Will. Amen.*

Tuesday, September 22 - Psalm 46:1-11

The psalmist speaks to a world that seems to be coming apart: the earth shifts, mountains shake, seas roar, and nations are in turmoil. Yet in the midst of all this disorder comes the invitation, *"Be still, and know that I am God."* Our hope does not depend upon our ability to keep everything under control. It is easy to live as though everything depends upon us — our effort, our planning, and our ability to solve every problem. But seeking God's Kingdom also means trusting God's presence and activity. Stillness, after all, need not be indifference or an escape from responsibility. It is also a way of remembering that God remains God even when the world around us feels uncertain.

What are you laboring especially hard to control right now? How might trusting God's presence allow you to approach that situation differently?

Prayer: *God our refuge, meet me in the places where I am anxious and overwhelmed. Teach me to be still, to trust your presence, and to remember that my hope rests in you. Amen.*

Wednesday, September 23 - Micah 6:6-8

The prophet Micah asks what God truly requires. The answer is neither extravagant offerings nor demanding religious obligations. Instead, God's Will is expressed simply and powerfully: *"to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."*

Praying for God's Kingdom must be inseparable from the way we live. God's Kingdom becomes visible whenever justice is pursued, mercy is practiced, and people choose to walk humbly with God and one another. We cannot remake the whole world ourselves, but we *can* participate in what God is doing through the choices, relationships, and opportunities opened to us.

- Where do you see opportunities to practice justice, kindness, or humility in your daily life?
- How might one of your ordinary choices this week reflect God's Kingdom?
- **Prayer:** *God of justice and mercy, shape my life according to your Will. Show me where I can participate in the work of your Kingdom through justice, kindness, and humility. Amen.*

Thursday, September 24 - Luke 4:1-13

In the wilderness, Jesus is shown "all the kingdoms of the world" and offered their might and glory. The temptation presents a seemingly direct path to power, but Jesus refuses it. He will not accomplish God's purposes through submitting to what is opposed to God.

Jesus shows us that God's Kingdom does not simply mirror the ways human kingdoms exercise power. The ministry that follows will reveal another way — through healing, mercy, truth, service, and ultimately self-giving love. When we pray for God's Kingdom to come, we are also asking God to teach us to recognize and follow the ways of that Kingdom.

- Where do you see a tension between the values of God's Kingdom and the values our world often rewards?
- What part of Jesus' way challenges the way you understand power or success?
- **Prayer:** *Faithful God, keep my heart centered on you. Help me recognize the ways of your Kingdom and give me courage to follow the way of Jesus rather than the promises of power and success around me. Amen.*

Friday, September 25 - 2 Peter 3:3-13

The early Christians certainly knew what it was like to wait. We know that some wondered why God's promises seemed slow in coming. Peter reminds these that God's timing is not our timing, and that what appears to us to be delay can also reveal God's patience. Hope rests not in knowing exactly when everything will change, but in trusting the faithfulness of God! We likewise live between what we see now and what we believe God intends for Creation. We pray for God's Kingdom while continuing to encounter injustice, suffering, and disorder. Christian hope does not ignore these realities, but trusts that they do not get the final word. Waiting for God's Kingdom therefore becomes neither anxious striving nor fatalistic resignation, but faithful living grounded in God's promises.

- Where have you found it difficult to wait for change, or for an answer from God?
- What would it look like to live faithfully while trusting God's timing?
- **Prayer:** *Patient and faithful God, help me trust you when change seems slow and hope feels distant. Keep me faithful in the present as I wait with hope for the fullness of Your Kingdom. Amen.*

Saturday, September 26 - Luke 17:20-21

When the Pharisees ask Jesus when the Kingdom of God is coming, Jesus challenges their expectations. God's Kingdom will not simply arrive with obvious signs that everyone can agree upon. Instead, Jesus tells them, *"the Kingdom of God is among you."* In Jesus himself and in the work of those who follow him, God's Kingdom is already manifesting. We continue to pray, "your Kingdom come," because God's Kingdom has not yet been revealed in its fullness. Yet we also learn to look for signs of it already among us — in reconciliation where there was division, justice where people have been marginalized, compassion shared with to those who suffer, and communities shaped by self-giving love. Our prayer teaches us both to hope for what is still to come and to recognize what God is already doing.

- Where have you seen a glimpse of God's Kingdom in your community or relationships of late?
- How might you participate in making God's Kingdom more visible to someone this week?
- **Prayer:** *O God of the coming Kingdom, open my eyes to the signs of your reign already among us. Help me live with hope for what is still to come, and participate faithfully in what you are doing here and now. Amen.*

Today at Trinity

Chancel Choir, 10 a.m.

The Chancel Choir meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. to prepare to lead worship at 10:30 a.m. New singers are always welcome! If you'd like to know more about Trinity's music ministry, please contact Jerry Rich, jrich@potomacschool.org.

Children's Worship, 10:40 a.m. (ages 4 - 6th grade)

Meets following the Children's Message in our Fellowship Building (across the Breezeway).

Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

For grades 7 – 12, each week we meet in the Fellowship Building to nurture lasting friendships while discussing Scripture, faith, life and more. Come join us! Contact Catherine, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com for more.

Iglesia de Diós Worship, 6 p.m.

This Week

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

7 p.m.: Langley Residential Support Services

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

Join our weekly Zoom Prayer Group as we lift up the needs of our church, community, and world. For details, talk with a pastor or call 703-356-3312.

Wed., 6 p.m.: Dinner Program

Our new Wednesday Night Suppers launched last week with 43 attendees – as did our Trinity Children's Choir with 10 singers! Our delicious meal from District Taco was augmented by many delightful sides brought by our church family.



Come share the table with us this week, when we hear from Alet Whittington, Co-chair of the Creative Worship Team and part of our new Praise Band, as she shares *"The Art of Neighboring: Cultivating Community in Your Cul-de-Sac" - How to move from being 'polite strangers' to building supportive, joyful micro-communities where we live, work, and play.*

A native of South Africa and a solutions engineer with Janes defense/security intelligence, Alet is lively speaker and we're so pleased she will lead us in our discussion this week.

Come and try out this engaging and fun new way to get to know our church family better! RSVPs are helpful for these catered meals; use the QR code on page 7 to RSVP.

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Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir

New singers are welcome to join the Children's Choir. Children in **grades 1–6** will rehearse from **6:30–7:10** in the choir room, followed by supervised playground time. Families interested in participating may contact Adelaide at adeloving11@gmail.com. Children outside the age range may be considered. All are welcome!

Saturday, 9 a.m.: Anacostia Waterway Clean-Up

Spend a meaningful morning with your family at **Anacostia Park** from **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, joining **Ocean Conservancy** and the **Trinity Youth Group** in caring for God's earth.



Registration is free (QR code on page 7), and waivers may be completed ahead of time or upon arrival. All cleanup supplies will be available onsite. The event is located near the **Roller Skating Rink and Aquatic Center**—watch for signs. Driving or carpooling is recommended, and shuttle buses from **Potomac Ave Station** (blue, orange, silver lines) will be running. Please bring sunscreen, a hat, sturdy footwear, and a water bottle. **Breakfast and lunch will be provided**, making this a wonderful service opportunity for all ages. For more details contact Catherine, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.

Saturday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Dios

Coming Up

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.: Fall Pastors' Bible Study:

Set Free to Live Free! Not Meeting Sept. 22!

Join Pastor Dave on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from **10:30 to 11:45 a.m.**, in the **Church Library** or via **Zoom**, for a study of Paul's Letter to the Galatians. **Questions?** Contact Pastor Dave at drochford@umtrinity.org.

October 4: Martha's Table Snack Packaging

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

October 12: Office Closed for Federal Holiday

October 13: Book Chat

This month's selection is *The Book Binder* (original title *The Bookbinder of Jericho*) by Pip Williams. Visit the Education webpage for Zoom details for 6:30 p.m. meeting.

October 15: *The Spire* newsletter deadline

October 17: Christ House Meal Ministry in DC

October 17: Share New Beginnings

Trinity has agreed to work together with SHARE of McLean to furnish a new home for an unhoused local family. More details will be available as we receive them, but your help is needed for this extraordinarily worthy, church-wide undertaking!

October 25: Trunk or Treat



About Our Ministries

Nursery

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

Trinity Preschool of McLean

TPoM welcomes all students ages 2-6. Please visit umtrinity.org/preschool to learn more about this vibrant ministry or to schedule a tour for your child.

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 or speak to one of the pastors.

Quick Links

Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link. This page currently includes:

- Prayer Requests
- Wednesday Dinner RSVP
- Book Chat
- Children & Youth ministry registration
- Christ House wish list
- Ushers sign-up



Did You Know?



The bright, ringing peal that calls us to ready ourselves for worship each Sunday in the Sanctuary is "**the Langley Bell**," a visible link to Langley Methodist Church (1853), our predecessor congregation. Before the community called McLean existed, the Langley Bell would summon Methodists to make the journey to Sunday service by foot, horse and surrey. Today, we seek elementary-age disciples to ring our 128-year-old bell. Doing so with a mallet is safer than, but perhaps not as *fun* as, the days when the bell rope was known to lift people off the floor (even grown-ups!). If YOU would like to ring the Bell, speak to either of our pastors today.

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