



Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 29, 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 (8:30)	<i>Psalm 91</i> (Allen)	Trinity Ensemble
Prelude (10:30)	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> (Callahan)	Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements	Clergy
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* Call to Worship	Taehwan Roh
Our hearts are lifted up toward God.	
God created all that is!	
We celebrate that great love of God.	
God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.	
Rejoice and be glad today!	
Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings. Amen.	

* Gathering Hymn	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	UMH 127
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Children's Message	Laurie Strollo
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Prayers of the People	Taehwan Roh
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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>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i> (arr. Althouse)	Trinity Ensemble
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i> (arr. Althouse)	Chancel Choir

Scripture	Deuteronomy 26:1-10	Taehwan Roh
When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.		

Message	<i>Generosity is an Act of Worship</i>	Neil Hough
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Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)	Clergy
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* Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	UMH 399
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* Benediction	Neil Hough
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* Closing Music	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God: Fughetta</i> (Pachelbel)	Jerry Rich
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* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 30 — Leviticus 2:1-10

From beginning to end, the Bible is a book that describes worship as the primary way God's creation relates to God. The Book of Leviticus begins with several chapters of instructions about worship, beginning with the offerings that worshippers bring to God. In this context, an "offering" is not just a sacrificed animal, it describes any gift "offered" to God as an act of worship. The point is that, through our offerings — which are something valuable to us — we acknowledge in a tangible way that God is giver of life.

- Spend some time this week reflecting on how you respond to God's blessings in your life. Do you see your offerings, given to God through the Church, as an act of worship? If not, how do you see them?
- Prayer: *God of Creation, I confess that I often forget that my offerings are an act of worship. Help me remember that I give in response to what you have given me. Amen.*

Tuesday, October 31 — Deuteronomy 12:5-7

Deuteronomy is a book of laws guiding the life of the Israelites. It covers many topics, some in great detail. Much of the book is about how the Israelites are to worship God. In chapter 12, they are told not to worship in the way the pagans (non-believers) worship, but to worship God with offerings, sacrifices, tithes, and donations (verse 6). The message seems clear: the primary way the Israelites related to God is through worship, and the primary way the Israelites worshipped was to bring their tithes and offerings and offer thanks and praise to God.

- What do you *think* about how Leviticus and Deuteronomy describe worship? How do you *feel* about how Leviticus and Deuteronomy describe worship?
- Prayer: *Generous God, inspire in me a willingness to obey your commands to worship you through my tithes and offerings. Teach me to give freely and without reservation. Amen.*

Wednesday, November 1 — Deuteronomy 26:1-10

The instructions about worship in Deuteronomy culminates in chapter 26. It guides much of what we believe about how we worship today. First, we remember what God has done (verses 5-9). Then, we bring the first fruits as an act of worship (verse 10). Our 21st century worship service may vary from the Deuteronomy 26 model, but when we gather as a community of believers, we remember what God has done by reading the Bible and telling the story of Jesus, and we respond by giving the first fruits of our lives — time, talent, and financial treasure — to God, in response to what God has done.

- Deuteronomy emphasizes that the offerings brought to God are the first fruits, not what is leftover. Give honest and prayerful thought to how you prepare your offering to God. Do you bring first fruits?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, too often my words and actions do not match. I say that you have first place in my life, but I give you what's leftover. Forgive my selfishness today. Amen.*

Thursday, November 2 — Deuteronomy 26:10b-15

Tithing is the Biblical standard for offerings given to God. A tithe is ten percent, and according to Deuteronomy 26, it is the first ten percent, offered to God as a response to God's grace. There are two things to notice. First, that the tithe is used to feed the people who need the community's support. Widows and orphans would have been completely dependent on the community's obedience to God's commands. Second, the tithe was explicitly part of the confession of faith. "*I have removed the sacred portion from the house, and I have given it to ...*" (verse 14).

- Tithing is proportional giving; a percentage of what God has given us. What proportion of what you've received do you return to God as an act of worship and obedience?
- Prayer: *God of Great Expectations, thank you for challenging me to meet the high expectations you have for your children. Help me grow in faith and obedience. Amen.*

Friday, November 3 — Matthew 6:1-4

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 - 7), Jesus challenges his disciples (and the potential disciples who are listening to his message) to practice their piety (their spiritual disciplines) for the right reasons. Giving alms is one of the three spiritual disciplines he mentions. (Alms are material donations to people in need.) Jesus insists that giving alms (and praying and fasting) was to be done in secret, without thought for reward or recognition. We give alms because it pleases and honors. Jesus' point was simple: we worship and honor God when we use our resources to help others.

- In what ways have you put Jesus' teaching into practice? Have you helped or cared for someone without expecting to be recognized? What was that experience like for you?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, it is easy to be generous for the wrong reasons. Help me to accept and follow Jesus' teaching for its own sake, not for recognition or reward. Amen.*

Saturday, November 4 — 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

The 8th and 9th chapters of 2 Corinthians are about the collection Paul is receiving to support the church in Jerusalem. He uses every tactic he can to inspire their generosity. He insists that their generosity is a response to God's generosity and that they themselves will be blessed when they bless others. Then he says that, not only will their generosity meet the needs of the saints (in Jerusalem), but it is also an act of thanksgiving to God. In other words, their generosity is an act of worship.

- There are many reasons to give time, talent, and financial treasure to God through the church. Why do you give? Why are you generous?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for your great generosity to me. Thank you for sending Jesus, so that I can be saved from sin and death. I give my whole to you today. 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 p.m, on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - jaswilson@sloft.com

Prayer Group

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

Our Prayer List

Alice Louise, Amanda & David, Amber & Brianna, Andrew, Audrey, Beem family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Caroline, Carrie, Cathy, Christopher, Claudia, Daniel, Danny, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Dick, Di Letti family, Doris, Ed, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Fran & Tom, Gary & Lindie, Goeres family, Greg, Gregg, Hammer family, Harriet, Harry, Jackie, Jan, Janice, Jean, Jeanette, Jeanne, Jeff, Jenna, Jimmy, Joe & Marie, Jomer, Josie, Kay & John, Kathy, Krista, Leslie, Liz & David, Lori, Luana, Macy, Marciene, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Moore family, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Norman, Patty, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter, Sandra, Sheila, Speidel family, Stephanie, Susan, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna and Yancey, students, seminarians, teachers, 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 famine and war, peace in the Middle East, protection from gun violence in the world and for its victims and families.



All Saints Sunday: November 5

It's the day that Christians around the world remember and honor the lives of loved ones who have died in the past 12 months. At Trinity, we're going to celebrate All Saints by reading the names of Trinity members who have died in the past year (since November 5, 2022). We're also going to read the names of family and friends who have died in that same period of time. **If you would like for us to read the name of someone important to you on November 5, please send their full name to info@umtrinity.org no later than Tuesday, October 31.** Please note that our list needs to be limited to the past 12 months.

share the Warmth

Coat Drive for SHARE of McLean

October 7- October 29

Drop off on Sundays at Worship or at the Outdoor Movie Night 10/7 and Trunk or Treat 10/29
winter coats, winter hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece, boots



All sizes welcome

The Trinity Youth Group is hosting a Coat Drive for SHARE of McLean.



<https://umtrinity.org/education/children>

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, **November 14** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule is 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.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class for 7th graders, and older youth who have not taken the class, will begin with a kick-off for youth, parents and faith friends on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Anne Hough will once again be the lead teacher, and the class will meet most Sundays from 4 - 5 p.m. and will run through mid-May. Confirmation Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, May 19. For more details and to register, please visit the youth webpage: umtrinity.org/education/youth. Registration is needed now so we can order Bibles.

Missions

Join us **Wednesday, November 1** at 7 p.m. for a presentation by the Executive Director of Leadership Mission International. You will hear from Trinity's sponsored student, Emily, and be updated on all the campus and alumni programs. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us!

Poinsettias: Order NOW

The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for Christmas Eve! The plants are \$15.50 each or \$29 for 2. To purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, complete a form at umtrinity.org/poinsettias. There are more details and a payment the link on the form. Order by **Monday, November 6**.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays: Youth Group
4:30 - 6 p.m. Not meeting tonight.

TODAY: Share the Warmth coat drive collection at Trunk or Treat after 10:30 worship and deliver to SHARE.

Nov 4: RISE AGAINST HUNGER: Register for the **8 a.m. volunteer slot**. Volunteer slots are filling up. Don't miss your chance to participate in this important volunteer ministry!

Scan the QR code at the right to register your youth for Youth Group today!

Contact Catherine Wethington for up to date with youth group happenings or to volunteer: umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.



Coming Up

October

29 Trunk or Treat
29 Celtic Service

November

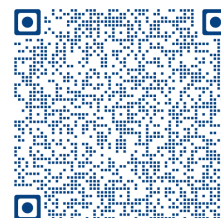
1 Missions: TLC presentation
4 Rise Against Hunger
4 Martha's Table
6 Poinsettia Orders Due
6 Crafts for a Cause
14 Trustees Meeting
14 Book Chat
18 Christ House
20 Crafts for a Cause
21 Christmas Trees Arrive
24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
26 Hanging of the Greens
26 Celtic Service

December

3 Martha's Table
4 Crafts for a Cause
12 Trustees Meeting
14 Cookie Exchange
16 Christ House
18 Crafts for a Cause
24 Christmas Eve
25 Office Closed
26 Office Closed
31 Celtic Service

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

Don't forget to include the first name of each family member present as well as surname.



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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.