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Welcome and Connection

Neil Hough

Please visit <http://umtrinity.org/attendance> to register your attendance today.

Prelude

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to Thee (Althouse)

Ensemble

Opening Prayer

Hough

As we gather to worship this day, open our eyes to appreciate your majesty. Open our hearts to feel your presence. Open our minds to understand your life-changing power and grace. **Amen.**

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Eileen Gilmer

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

O LORD my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.
You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.
You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Praise the LORD!

Gathering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

p. 2, Joey Wilson

Scripture

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Hough

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

Message

That Time God Answered Job

Eileen Gilmer

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Gilmer

Offering

This morning's offering will be received at <http://umtrinity.org/give> and through our app.
On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.

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Announcements

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Closing Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

p. 3, Wilson

Benediction

Gilmer

A new week awaits us. May we enter it prepared to appreciate God's handiwork, marvel at God's glory, and honor all God's people. **Amen.**

Closing Music

Hornpipe in F (Handel)

Jerry Rich

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tm. 1:17)
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from John Roberts's *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

2008 Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living a song of thanks-giv-ing to
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God the Cre - at - or tri - um-phant - ly raise, who
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the

fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains, the

guides us and leads to the end of our days. God's
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim the Di - vine. We,

ban - ners fly o'er us; God's light goes be - fore us, a
 too, should be voic-ing our love and re - joic - ing; with

pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night, till
 glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise, till

shad-ows have van-ished and dark - ness is ban-ished, as
 all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks-giv - ing: To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est ho - san - na and praise!

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis (Exod. 13:21; Ps. 148; 150:6)
 MUSIC: Trad. Welsh melody

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Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 18 — Job 1:20-22, 42:1-8

From the beginning of time, human suffering has raised many questions. The most famous question is: why do bad things happen to good people? The Book of Job addresses the question of human suffering and basically says that humans can't always know the answers. One popular explanation is that God causes the person to suffer and/or that the sufferer did something to deserve the suffering—but that is not the message of the Book of Job!

- What helps you experience God's comfort in times of need?
- Prayer: Gracious God, help me to block out the noise in my life, creating room in my heart for your loving presence. Amen.

Tuesday, October 19 — John 16:16-33

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus says a lot about the relationship between God and suffering. Neither Jesus nor his disciples were exempt from human suffering. Despite the example of Jesus and the witness of Scripture, many of us think that being a Christian will protect us from experiences of suffering and pain.

- How does Jesus' willingness to commend his spirit to God (from the cross in Luke 23:46) and his promise that he has "overcome the world" comfort you in your times of distress?
- Prayer: God of grace, you have shown time and again that you are available to us at all times. Help me to seek your presence every day. Amen.

Wednesday, October 20 — Romans 8:18-28

The Apostle Paul was not exempt from suffering. In fact he boasted about how much he suffered as he served God (see 2 Corinthians 11:23-29). As a follower of Jesus, he believed suffering could serve redemptive purposes and that suffering could be redeemed. God can use suffering to further God's purposes. This does not mean that God wants us to suffer, but that good can come out of our difficult times. It also doesn't mean that everything that happens to us is necessarily good.

- Think today about your own experiences of suffering. Has anything good come out of them?
- Prayer: Lord who calls us to follow your examples of justice, help me to see the ways you are working for good in my life. Amen.

Thursday, October 21 — Deuteronomy 30:19-20

One of the most important words in Scripture is, "remember." Fifteen times in Deuteronomy, the Israelites are instructed to remember who they are and whose they are. Like the Israelites, God also calls us to be people who remember. When we remember what God has done and what God expects of us, then like the Israelites, we have everything we need.

- What do you need to remember today? What will help you choose to obey God's commandments so that you can experience the abundant life that God promises?
- Prayer: God of all and of all time, help me remember today that I am yours. May all that I do and all that I am reflect your goodness and grace. Amen.

Friday, October 22 — Psalm 88

Many Bible passages are written in the form of a lament—an honest cry to God in a time of need. Despite their difficult subjects (suffering), laments are often hopeful passages. It is encouraging and comforting to know that God is compassionate enough to hear our most desperate complaints. God can handle our sadness, anger, frustration, pain, and sorrow.

- Read and pray Psalm 88 again. Let the Psalm guide you into a time of personal prayer.
- Feel free to take everything in your life to God in prayer. Don't hold anything back.
- Prayer: As the Psalmist wrote, "But I, O Lord, cry out to you." Hear my prayers, God. Lead me in the ways of your will to handle any pain or trials in my life. Amen.

Saturday, October 23 — Job 42:1-8

The story of Job ends with a powerful reminder of God's majesty and God's mystery. The point is simple: God is God and Job (and we) are not! (You can read God's message for yourself in Job 38-41.) Job's response to God in Job 42 is what sets Job apart from his friends. Despite his suffering and despite God's unwillingness to directly answer Job's questions, Job is humbled and, however unwillingly, affirms his trust in God. In the end, God's anger is directed toward Job's friends.

- What will help you follow Job's example? How might you cultivate the patience of Job for yourself?
- Prayer: God who is the Almighty, when life gets hard and I want to be in control, help me to stop, breathe and place my trust in your hands. You are my rock and my redeemer, my strength and my



Online Worship

On Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityUMCMcLean
Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

On YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.



Indoor Worship

Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Pre-register at umtrinity.org/health

Masks are required for those who are not fully vaccinated; strongly recommended for those who are fully vaccinated.

The Nursery will be staffed and available during both Sunday worship services beginning Sept. 12 for children 3 years old and under. Those who are 2 years old and older are required to wear a mask according to [CDC guidelines](#).



This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link.
jaswilson@sloflt.com

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

Pastor's Bible Study

On break until Nov. 2

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762
Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837

Our Prayer List

Alan, Alex & Sarah, Andrea, Ann, Ann & Jay, Annaliza, Ashton, Bea, Beem family, Bennett, Bill, Brandon, Bud, Burt, Calvin, Carey, Carolyn, Cathryn, Cathy, Connie, Crystal, Debbie, Denis, Dick, Elizabeth & Jose, Emily, Erica & Roberto, Geoff, Henry, Hill family, Isabel, Isobel, Jane, Janice, Jasell, Jean, Jim & Sue, Jonathan & Adrienne, Kathleen, Kathy, Kayla, Kelly, Lara, Leah, Lewis family, Linda & Richard, Lisa, Marlis, Meredith & Kyle, Milligan family, Miso, Naty, Nikolai, Rachel, Roberts family, Roger, Rosie, Scott, Shelby, Shirley, Sihoo, Spencer, Suzanne, Tom, Vicki, Vinnie & Sandy, and Yancey, students, our children's ministry, healthcare and emergency workers, hospital chaplains, those who mourn, the homeless and those who face eviction, the unemployed, healing for our country, those who have or have had COVID-19, those distributing vaccines, COVID vaccines for children, solution for delta variant, those who serve our country, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters and political turmoil around the world, especially in Louisiana, Haiti and Afghanistan, Afghan & Haitian refugees, Gold Star families, those displaced by fires and floods, and schools dealing with COVID outbreaks.

All Saints Sunday November 7

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 1, 2020). 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 7, please send their full name to info@umtrinity.org no later than Tuesday, November 2.** Please note that our list needs to be limited to the past 12 months.

SAVE THE DATE

**Good Works Day
and
Fall Clean Up Day**
Saturday, October 23

Good Works Day - Trustees will lead cleaning, organizing and repair projects around the Trinity campus. All volunteers welcome.

Fall Clean Up Day, 10 a.m. – noon - Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy of the Huckaby Briscoe Group are hosting 123Junk in our parking lot to collect unwanted items from your home.

Pastor's Bible Study

The Books of Acts

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

On Zoom

Begins Nov. 2 & 3

Join Pastor Eileen Gilmer for a four-week overview of the book of Acts. Week 1 will be held on Tuesday, November 2 and Wednesday, November 3. If you'd like more information, please contact Pastor Eileen, egilmer@umtrinity.org. No previous Bible experience necessary.

Highlights from E-News

You'll find more information in Friday's E-News. If you're not receiving our weekly e-mail, please send the address where you want to receive it to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat: Nov. 9

Our monthly Book Chat meetings on Zoom are going well! We plan to continue with virtual meetings and occasional (safe) in-person social events. On Tuesday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m., we'll meet to discuss *Mink River*, by Brian Doyle, about a fictional town on the Oregon coast that is brought to life through the jumbled lives and braided stories of its people. Then we'll take a break for the holidays! We'll resume on Tuesday, January 11, with *Uncommon Type: Some Stories*, by Tom Hanks. Please contact Kathy Maher (Kathyngs@gmail.com) to be added to the Book Chat list and receive the Zoom link for the meeting.

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 if can be replenished for next week.

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

Club 56 for grades 5 & 6 meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.



Scan QR code
for Children & Youth
Registration

Christ House Closet

Christ House is a medical facility for homeless men in Washington, D.C. All newly admitted patients are provided with comfortable, clean clothing. The current needs list can be found in E-News. Donations can be left in the bins placed outside the Fellowship Building: Tuesday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grocery Gift Cards

Last month, we distributed over \$800 in gift cards to over 40 families. The people we help are always very appreciative. Cards can be put it in the offering plate.

This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Listed below are the 30-minute time slots for *This Week at Trinity* airing on Channel 36:

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday at 7 a.m.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays 5-6:30 p.m.

Weekly in-person meetings

Youth meet every Sunday for a time of fellowship, food, and fun!

Confirmation classes will be held Jan. 9—May 15 on Sundays, 4 - 5p.m. Pastor Anne Hough will serve as this year's lead teacher.

For more information about our Youth Group or to volunteer as Confirmation mentor, please contact Karim Boyce (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

For more youth activities, including service opportunities, please visit umtrinity.org/education/youth.

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