



Trinity United Methodist Church

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May 21, 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 3 with your phone's camera and click the link to register your attendance today.

Prelude	<i>The New Commonwealth</i> (Vaughan Williams)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Anne Hough
Shout to God with songs of great joy! Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! God has made us whole. God has called us to a ministry of hope and love. Come, let us celebrate the love of God! Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	UMH 61
Children's Message		Anne Hough
Prayers of the People		Anne Hough
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>When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise</i> (Keithahn)	Catherine Wethington
Offertory (10:30)	<i>The Father's Love</i> (Lole)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Acts 1:1-11	Anne Hough
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'		
So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'		
Message	<i>This is God's Church: Acts(s) I</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Anne Hough
* Closing Hymn	<i>God of Love and God of Power</i>	UMH 578
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>Grand Choeur</i> from <i>Joshua</i> (Handel)	Jerry Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, May 22 — Luke 24:44-49

There are several scenes in Luke's account of the first Easter. The women discover the empty tomb and share the good news; two disciples meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus; Jesus appears to the disciples in Jerusalem; Jesus commissions the disciples to continue his ministry and be witnesses; and Jesus ascends into heaven. (According to Luke, it's one long day.) Our focus this week is on Jesus' promise that his disciples will be his witnesses.

- In order to be a witness, you must have seen or experienced Jesus in your life. The first disciples journeyed with Jesus in person. We journey with Jesus through the reading of the Gospels, prayer, worship, and other spiritual disciplines. As you prepare to be a witness, pay attention to the ways you experience the living Christ.
- Prayer: *God of Easter, thank you for the resurrection of Jesus and the gift of new life. Help me to find myself in the story and believe in the promise of "power from on high." Amen.*

Tuesday, May 23 — Acts 1:1-11

As the continuation of the Gospel of Luke, Acts 1 overlaps with Luke 24. Acts 1:8 is our primary verse for this week. Don't forget that this is the resurrected Jesus speaking to us. He not only promises that we will receive power, but that, as a result, we will also be his witnesses in an ever-expanding circle of influence. We should note that Jesus is describing what is going to happen. He is descriptive, not prescriptive. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we *will be witnesses*.

- How do you feel about Jesus' promise that you will be a witness? What does your life tell the world about Jesus? What would you like your life to tell the world about Jesus?
- Prayer: *God of Power, thank you for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your power so that my life will be a witness to the transforming power of your love and grace. Amen.*

Wednesday, May 24 — Acts 10:34-43

Acts 1:8 serves as an outline for the rest of Acts. When the Holy Spirit fills the disciples (in Acts 2) and they begin to fulfill the promise that Jesus made, they start in Jerusalem and their ministry moves outward from there. In Acts 10, the Holy Spirit led Peter to a Gentile household where he witnesses to the good news about Jesus. The point is that just as the Holy Spirit led Peter to be a witness, the Holy Spirit leads us to the people who need to hear the good news.

- Where is the Holy Spirit leading you this week? Is there someone in your circle of influence who needs to hear a message of peace (Acts 10:36)? Is there someone in your circle of influence who needs to hear a message of forgiveness (Acts 10:43)?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, thank you for the gifts of peace and forgiveness. Lead me to people with whom I can share them. Lead me to people who need to hear the good news. Amen.*

Thursday, May 25 — Acts 23:6-11

This account of Paul on trial in front of the Council concludes with a word from God, who told Paul: *"Keep up your courage! For just as you have testified for me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also in Rome."* (Acts 23:11). In other words, Paul, by the power of the Holy Spirit, will fulfill the promise of Acts 1:8 and be Jesus' witness to the ends of the earth (Rome). This is another reminder that God keeps God's promises.

- Think back over the course of your life. How has God kept the promises of Easter in your life? How fully do you trust that God will keep the promises God has made?
- Prayer: *Promise-Keeping God, thank you for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you for keeping your promises. Help me trust that you will continue to do so. Amen.*

Friday, May 26 — 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:1

The book of Acts uses *"witness"* to describe the ministry of the church. The apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, says that he and his co-workers are *"ambassadors for Christ,"* (2 Corinthians 5:20) who have been entrusted with the message of reconciliation. The world desperately needs this message today. The good news is that God is still calling people to be ambassadors for Christ.

- Are you open to the possibility that the risen Christ wants to appoint you to be one of his ambassadors in your home, or school, or workplace? If so, how might you share the message of reconciliation? How might you be Christ's representative?
- Prayer: *God of Reconciliation, our world is desperate for good news. Give me the courage I need to share the good news about your grace and the gift of reconciliation. Amen.*

Saturday, May 27 — Matthew 5:13-16

End this week by reflecting on the images Jesus uses in this excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount to describe the expectations he has for his disciples. First note that the words, *"you"* and *"your"* in these verses are plural pronouns. This is the ministry of the church, the community of Jesus' followers. Second, note that, in Jesus' world, salt and light were essential for life. Third, note that Jesus says, *"You are the salt ..."* and *"You are the light ..."*. As Easter people, transformed by love and grace, this is who and what we are. This is how we are Jesus' witnesses in the world.

- If we take Jesus seriously, we will believe that being salt and light is not optional. We will be his witnesses, but it is not because we are good, but because we're Easter people and have experienced the transforming power of love and grace. How have you experienced God's love and grace this week?
- Prayer: *Loving God, thank you for the gift of salvation. Thank you for the gift of abundant and eternal life. Transform my life so that I will be salt and light for the world. Amen.*

Nursery on Sundays

Masks are optional for everyone who is fully vaccinated. The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

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 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon) on Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m.

Our Prayer List

Alan, Allesandro, Andrew, Ann, Anne & Neil, Ashton, Barb, Bennett, Bethany, Beverly, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Calvin, Chatham family, Chris, Cindy & Keith, Cusenza family, Daniel, Danny, Davey, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Dick, Dorothy, Evelyn, Frank, Gail, Griggs family, Hanna and Franz, Harry, Hayley, Hein family, Henrietta, Hunt family, Jackie, Jen, Jewell family, Jim, Joe, Julia, Kaki, Lee & Barbara, Lois, Louise, Lyndee, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Minou, Nadjmeh, Pat, Patrick, Peter, Phil, Quinn family, Rebecca & Craig, Roberto & Erica, Ron, Rosemary, Ruby, Rudi, Ryan, Sarah, Scott, Sihoo, Summers families, Tom, Wally, Yancey, students, seminarians, travelers, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by the opioid epidemic and those working to end it, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil.

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Pastor's Bible Study Resumes – May 23 and 24

Starting on Tuesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 24, Pastor Neil Hough will be leading a study about *Three Simple Rules*. From the beginning of the Methodist movement, John Wesley established General Rules for the members of the Methodist Society. These rules are still part of United Methodist doctrine and apply to 21st century life. Using a book by Bishop Reuben Job (entitled *Three Simple Rules*), we will look at the General Rules and consider what they mean for us today. The class will meet Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (in the library and on Zoom) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (Zoom).

CELEBRATE EILEEN'S
MINISTRY AT TRINITY
June 11



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 Tues., **June 13** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education> 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.

Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: May 22. All are welcome. For more information, contact Alesha Luxon at alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

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.

Vacation Bible Saturday

A one-day (July 22) fun-filled Bible adventure for children ages 3 through rising 4th graders. We will follow the clues and discover who Jesus is through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and science experiments! Visit umtrinity.org/vbs for more details and to register.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sunday, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
For more information about volunteering or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.

Coming Up

May

- 22 Crafts for a Cause
- 28 Celtic Service
- 29 Office Closed

June

- 4 Martha's Table
- 4 Confirmation Sunday
- 5 Crafts for a Cause
- 11 Eileen Gilmer Farewell
- 13 Book Chat
- 17 Christ House
- 18 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 19 Crafts for a Cause
- 20 Trustees Meeting
- 25 Celtic Service

July

- 2 Martha's Table
- 3 Crafts for a Cause
- 4 Office Closed
- 15 Christ House
- 17 Crafts for a Cause
- 18 Trustees Meeting
- 22 Vacation Bible Saturday
- 30 Celtic Service
- 31 Crafts for a Cause

Vacation Bible Saturday

July 22, 2023

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Finding Jesus

Details and register at umtrinity.org/vbs

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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. Sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Tune in Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 a.m.