



Trinity United Methodist Church

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10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code on page 8 with your phone's camera and click the link to register your attendance today. Don't forget to include **each** family member present.

Prelude	<i>Air in D</i> , BWV 1068 (Bach)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Taehwan Roh
May God be gracious to us and bless us. May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace! Let all people praise you, O Lord. Let all people shout their joy to your holy name. God blesses us continually throughout all our lives. Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>God of the Ages</i>	UMH 698
Baptisms: Rishi Paul Ancha, David Fraser Chappell, Grace Trantham Chappell		p. 3-4 / Clergy
Reception of New Members: Seth Chappell and Elisabeth Hahn		
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		Taehwan Roh
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	<i>Psalm 23</i> (Goddall)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	<i>Galatians 5:16-26</i>	Taehwan Roh
Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.		
By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.		
Message	<i>Discipleship by the Numbers</i>	Neil Hough
* Closing Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	UMH 664
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>Prelude to Te Deum</i> (Charpentier)	Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, May 26 — Jeremiah 17:5-8

The 17th chapter of Jeremiah is one of many Biblical passages that use agricultural images as a metaphor for the kind of life that God intends for us. Through the prophet, God describes the difference between people “*who trust in mere mortals*” and people “*who trust in the LORD*.” One is like a shrub in the dessert. The other is a tree planted by a stream (Jeremiah 17:6 and 8). One will bear fruit (Jeremiah 17:8); one will not.

- Between those two images, which sounds healthier and more alive to you? Which would you rather be? How might you extend your spiritual roots into the living water that God provides? What can you do to increase your *trust in the LORD* this week?
- Prayer: *God of the Universe, Thank you for the beauty of spring-time. Help me see your presence in the world around me and learn lessons from what I see. Amen.*

Tuesday, May 27 — Matthew 3:4-10, Matthew 7:15-20

In the early chapters of Matthew, both John the Baptist and Jesus instruct their hearers to bear fruit. Both of them insist that, like a tree, our lives are expected to bear fruit; and that, in fact, we will be known by the kind of fruit our lives produce. After all, Jesus says, “*a bad tree cannot bear good fruit*” (Matthew 7:18). If we live our lives in a right relationship with God, our lives will bear good fruit. In other words, our relationship with God will be evident in our words and our actions.

- How is your relationship with God reflected in your daily life? Do your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers know that you follow Jesus? Can they tell by what you do and by what you say?
- Prayer: *Loving God, thank you for the teaching and example of Jesus. As I grow in my faith, let my life bear the kind of fruit that reflects your love and grace. Amen.*

Wednesday, May 28 — John 15:1-11

In John’s account of his final conversation with his disciples, Jesus describes the interrelationship between God, himself, and his disciples as being like a vinegrower, a vine, and its branches. The branches are expected to bear the fruit of Christ-like, sacrificial love; and to do so they must stay connected to the vine. Ultimately, Jesus says that he is the source of the disciples’ identity and the fruitfulness of their ministry. This means that Jesus is the source of *our* identity and the fruitfulness of *our* ministry.

- Who are you? What is your primary identity? How do you describe yourself to strangers? Do you consider yourself first and foremost a follower of Jesus? What do you need to do today to strengthen your relationship with Jesus?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, strengthen my relationship with you. Grant me courage to make my relationship with you my primary identity so that I bear the fruit of Christ-like love. Amen.*

Thursday, May 29 — Galatians 5:13-26

Writing to the church in Galatia, the apostle Paul compares and contrasts what he calls the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. For Paul the “*works of the flesh*” are the ways of the world (not sexual sin as we might imagine). They are our selfish and self-centered desires to seek only what’s best for us without any thought for consequences or boundaries. The works of the flesh harm the community of believers. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit produces a Christ-like life that bears witness to the love of God, and strengthens the community of Jesus’ disciples.

- Read Paul’s list of works of the flesh (the ways of the world) again (Galatians 5:19-21). Do you find yourself in this list? Now read Paul’s description of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Are all nine (9) of these characteristics evident in your life? Which ones are strongest? Which ones are weakest? Which of the fruit of the Spirit is God growing in you this week?
- Prayer: *God of grace, forgive me for being self-centered in my relationship with you and with others. Fill me with your Spirit, so that my life bears your fruit. Amen.*

Friday, May 30 — Colossians 1:9-14

As their spiritual leader, the apostle Paul tells the Colossians that he is praying for their spiritual growth. This is a critical reminder that prayer is at the heart of Christian faith and faithful ministry. The Good News of the Gospel is that when we are saved by grace through faith, our lives will bear fruit in good works (Ephesians 2:8-10). Prayer is one of the primary ways we make ourselves available to receive the presence and power of the Holy Spirit — and participate in what God is doing in the world.

- How does your prayer-life affect the fruitfulness of your life and ministry? Are you praying every day for the renewal of your life? Are you praying every day for the renewal of God’s people (the Church) — and for the ministry of God’s people (the Church) in the world?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I thank you for the gift of salvation and the forgiveness of my sin. Fill me with wisdom and understanding. Use me to transform the world in your name. Amen.*

Saturday, May 31 — Psalm 85:1-13

The Psalms are a collection of poetic prayers and songs that, for centuries, God’s people have used in private and public worship. Psalm 85 is a prayer for God’s blessing that concludes with one of the most beautiful passages in the entire Bible. Read this Psalm slowly and prayerfully. Let the words of lament, the words of blessing, and the words celebrating God’s grace be your prayer today. Allow yourself to receive the love, joy, and peace that God offers you today.

- Review the past week. Where have you seen God’s presence in your life? In the world around you? In what ways have you experienced the “*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*” (Galatians 5:22-23) that only God can supply?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, speak peace to our broken world. Fill me with your steadfast love and mercy. Allow me to experience true joy and sing your praises at all times. Amen.*

Celebration of Christian Baptism

To the Parents: on behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?



I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture your child(ren) in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example they will be guided
to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

To the Trinity Church Family:
do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this family
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

The pastor prays a Thanksgiving over the Water.

Child of God, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new sibling in Christ.

Through baptism

**you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

Members of the household of God,
I commend this family to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.



On Sunday, June 8, we will be celebrating Neil Hough's ministry at Trinity. Neil will be preaching at both services, and we will have an opportunity to thank him and Anne for their many years of service in the church and community.

Then, after the 10:30 service, we'll gather for a picnic lunch. We plan to be outside, but please note that the picnic will be held rain or shine. Here are some details as you plan for Sunday:

- Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided, grilled to perfection by the United Methodist Men.
- Drinks will be provided — water, iced tea, and sodas.
- We need you to help provide the rest of the feast. Please bring a vegetable, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. You can drop them off in the Fellowship Building Lobby before the service. The refrigerator will be available if you need it.
- If you have special dietary requirements, please bring what you need.

We need help setting up and cleaning up on Sunday. Set-up will start around 10 a.m. and we'll clean-up as the party draws to a close.

Finally, you can contribute to a Love Offering for Neil and Anne by going to umtrinity.org/give-now or using the app and choosing Love Offering in the Fund options. You can also write a check to bring or send to the church. Make sure it's clearly marked for the Love Offering.

I hope you'll plan to join us on Sunday June 8, not only to say goodbye to Neil and Anne, but also to spend time in Christian fellowship with the Trinity Church Family.

Stephanie Grunenfelder



class of **2025** Graduate Recognition

The high school and post-secondary Class of 2024 will be recognized in worship on June 1. Send your name and the name of the school from where you graduated and future plans (as known) by May 28 to info@umtrinity.org.

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AT 4 P.M.**

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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

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762
Tuesday's class is also in-person. Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837 on Zoom only.

Book Chat: June 10

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Meeting ID: 824 6934 5400

Prayer Group

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

Pastor's Bible Study: Philippians

The power of Christ's resurrection continues to shape our daily lives long after Easter Sunday. Join Pastor Taehwan for the final session of our study of the book of Philippians, a letter filled with encouragement, written by the Apostle Paul while in prison. We are exploring the themes of lasting joy, Christlike humility, and the strength of Christian community. It is not too late to participate. No prior experience is needed — just come with an open heart. All are welcome!

- ⇒ **Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.** – Trinity Library (Hybrid with Zoom)
- ⇒ **Wednesday at 7 p.m.** – Zoom Only



Family Photos for Pastor Dave

We've gotten to know a little about Pastor Dave Rochford and his family through his introduction in *The Spire* and email in early May. Now, it's our turn to introduce us to Pastor Dave. Please complete the form with a photo by June 10. The form can be found at <http://umtrinity.org/about-us/quick-links> or use the link in the E-News. Your photo can be your Christmas card photo or family Easter photo, or a recent snapshot of your family.

Our Prayer List

Aaron, Alan & Rhonda, Allen family, Amy, Anita, Anne, Anusha, AP, April, Audrina, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Becca, Becky, Ben, Ben & April, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brent, Brett & Laurie, Bruce, Bud, Cameron, Cami, Carl, Carol & Rich, Caspari family, Catherine, Cathy, Charlie, Chick, Chris, Christine, Christopher, Chuck, Dan, Daniel, Danielle, Danny, Dara, Darlene & Steve, Davey, David, David & Carol, David & Doreen, David & Sara-Michelle, Debbie & Steve, Diane, Douglas, Eifiona, Eleanor, Ella, Ellen, Emerlina, Emily, Eric, Erica, Evan, Frank, Franklin, Gail, Gary & Lindie, Geoff, Gregg, Hanna, Harry, Holly, Hoyt, Hyland, Jack, Jack & June, Jason & Emmett, Jeff, Jennifer, Jewel, Jim, Jim, Jimmy, Joan, Joanna, Joe, John, Jonathan, Jones family, Judy, Juli, Julie, Katie, Ken, Kevin, Krista & Robert, Kurt, Ladye, Laura, Leo, Leonore, Leslie, Levi, Libby, Linda, Lon & Barb, Luke, Macy & Ellie, Mandy & Mack, Margarita, Marie & Joe, Margie, Marguerite & John, Marilyn, Mark, Matthew, Melissa, Merlin, Mia, Mickey & Ruth, Mikey, Mikie, Myrtle, Nancy, Nanette, Nolen family, Okun family, Olin, Owena, Pearl, Peggy, Peter, Pi, Ples, Rishi, Ron, Rosemary, Rowan, Sam, Sam & Evan, Sheila, Silva, Sissi, Sitta, Spencer, Stacy & Ellie, Steve, Strollo family, Susan, Teddy, Teresa & Norman, Terry, Tessa, Tim, Thomas, Tom, Tom & Hannah, Veda, Victor, Vinnie, Wayne family, Winie & Joseph, Woody, Yancey, and those who are traveling, people losing jobs, success for 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, leadership crisis in South Korea, those affected by the California wildfires and Myanmar earthquake, storm and flood victims, those trying to make a better future for our nation, government employees, immigrants, orphans in Ethiopia, victims of abuse and hostages throughout the world, and the Hough, Rochford & Roh families & Trinity UMC during the pastoral transition.



Highlights from E-News

Book Chat

Book Chat meets on Tuesday, **June 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. This month's book is *Notes of a Native Son* by James Baldwin. All are welcome and you don't need to be a Trinity member or have even read the book to join. Zoom information on p. 7.

Camp Highroad

Summer Camp ages 5 – 12th grade. <https://www.camphighroad.org/summer-camp>

Camp Highroad is hiring summer counselors, counselors in training and program staff. <https://camphighroad.campbrainstaff.com/>

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship 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.

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

Vacation Bible Saturday will be July 12. More details will be available soon.

Fellowship

Each week individuals, families or ministry groups host our Fellowship snacks. Please consider signing up for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code at the right to sign-up. Today's host is Lisa Russell (8:30).

Prayer Group

Meets on Zoom on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.! Everyone is welcome.

Trinity Preschool of McLean

Class options for children two and a half to six years old. Enrollment for Summer Camp 2025 and 2025-26 is open. Call the school office today to inquire about current openings or to schedule a school tour. <http://umtrinity.org/preschool>.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed each Sunday to greet people and hand out bulletins. We need two people each Sunday. If you would like to volunteer please sign up at umtrinity.org/usher. Today's ushers are David & Karen Hunt (10:30).

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Youth Group will meet on June 1, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Then, come back at 4 p.m. for the Trinity music concert, *Feel the Love*.

To receive youth emails, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.

Coming Up

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26 Office Closed

June

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1 Choir Concert
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Office Hours: 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](https://www.youtube.com/UMTrinity). The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.