



Trinity United Methodist Church

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September 25, 2022

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance today. This attendance will be used should contact tracing become necessary.



Prelude	<i>Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring</i> (Bach)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
In Christ we are blessed. In Christ we are chosen. In Christ we belong in the family. We are heirs living in praise of his glorious grace. In Christ, the great mystery of God is revealed. We are called to be bold and confident in our faith. We share in the promise revealed to us. Praise to our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	p. 3 / UMH 154
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
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.		
Anthem (8:30)	<i>O Perfect Love</i> (Barnby)	Maggie Rabe
Anthem (10:30)	<i>Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord</i> (Evans)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Ephesians 3:1-13	Emily Summers
This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.		
Message	<i>We Are Heirs</i>	Neil Hough
The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	p. 3 / UMH 369
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music	<i>Trumpet Tune</i> (Clarke)	Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, September 26 — Ephesians 1:3-6

The Letter of the Ephesians describes the Church, the community of believers, in more than one way. In the opening verses, we discover that we have been adopted by God and, by God's grace, are now God's children. This makes us part of God's family — a meaningful description of the Church. It means that we are brothers and sisters. Being adopted means we have been chosen by God. That is truly a blessing.

- What does it mean to you that God has adopted you into God's family? How does being one of God's children impact your life? What difference does it make for you?
- Prayer: *Loving God, thank you for adopting me into your family and making me one of your children. Help me to always remember who I am and whose I am. Amen.*

Tuesday, September 27 — Ephesians 3:1-13

In the letter to the Ephesians, we discover that one of God's highest priorities is to bring Gentiles and Jews together into one family. The words in chapter 3 are directed to Gentile believers who, by God's grace, are now members of God's family. The language is familiar. Gentiles, along with all of God's adopted children (Ephesians 1:5) are now *heirs*. With first-century Gentiles, we share in the inheritance of the redemption that God promises for God's own people (Ephesians 1:14).

- What do you think about being one of God's heirs? Do you look forward to the inheritance that God has promised you? Will you accept it? Will you claim your place in God's family.
- Prayer: *God of Grace, the promise of redemption is a wonderful gift. It's a gift I do not deserve. Today, I accept your grace and claim my place in your family. Amen.*

Wednesday, September 28 — Romans 8:12-17

The New Testament way of describing followers of Jesus as children of God continues in the Letter to the Romans. Romans 8:17, however, takes it a step further, saying that we are "*joint heirs with Christ*". Even though Jesus has a unique role as God's Son, *the Word made flesh* (John 1:14), he is still a child of God — like us. As Jesus' followers, we obey his teaching, and we follow his example. Like him, we are filled with God's Spirit, and we share his ministry. As a result, we look forward to eternal glory, with Jesus in heaven, which is the inheritance God promises to God's children.

- Think today about your relationship with God and your relationship with Jesus. How are they connected? What does it mean for you to be a "*joint [heir] with Christ*"? How does being labeled as one of God's heirs change your life?
- Prayer: *Eternal Father, I am humbled to be a member of your family and to be a joint heir with Christ. Help me to accept and wear that label — and live my life accordingly. Amen.*

Thursday, September 29 — Titus 3:1-7

Our relationship with God is supposed to affect the way we live our lives. This is one of the primary threads that runs through the New Testament. Who we are (as children of God) and how we live our lives in the world cannot be separated. The third chapter of Titus makes that connection. It says that at one time, when we were separated from God, we were foolish, disobedient, and had been led astray, ... etc. But being saved by God's mercy changed everything. We don't earn our inheritance by changing our lives. Our lives are changed by the inheritance we are promised.

- Sometimes it is hard for us to accept that we are saved by God's grace and not by our good works. What helps you remember that you haven't earned your inheritance? What helps you accept the wonderful gift that God offers you through Jesus?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, forgive me for the ways I try to earn salvation through good works. Help me to trust learn that salvation is a gift and to accept your gift every day. Amen.*

Friday, September 30 — James 2:1-7

Being a member of God's family means that we have all kinds of brothers and sisters. James warns us about the danger of showing partiality, of making distinctions that God does not make. The point is that we are part of God's family because of God's love and grace. God is the one who brings us together and expects that we will love one another (James 2:8) and follow the teaching and example of Jesus who loved and welcomed everyone — including the least, last, and the lost.

- How do you respond to James' teaching about the danger of showing partiality. Can you take some time to honestly reflect on your life? Where do you need to grow?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, open my eyes, ears, mind, and heart to see people the way you see them — as your beloved children. Help me love them the way you love them. Amen.*

Saturday, October 1 — Revelation 21:1-7

The penultimate chapter of the Bible describes the amazing inheritance that God offers his children. As you read this passage notice the breadth of God's promises: a holy city; the promise of God's presence; the end of death, mourning, crying, and pain; and a new creation. God is "*making all things new*" (Revelation 21:5). This is the inheritance God promises to give us.

- Read Revelation 21:1-7 once again. If this sounds like something you want, accept the gift of salvation today.
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner who can only be saved by your grace. In faith, I accept the gift of salvation you offer through your amazing grace. 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

Engage Bible Study

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

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762
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.

Sermon Series: *Labeled*

We all wear a variety of labels. Some labels come from other people and the world around us. Some labels we put on ourselves. But we believe that God has different labels for us, labels that truly matter, labels that we can choose to wear. Join us each week as we discover what it means to be *Labeled* by God.

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Andrew, Annie Kate, Arthur, Asher, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Betty, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Bob, Boris, Carol & Rich, Carolina, Cathryn, Cathy, Charlie, Christine, Colin & Kelly, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, David, Diane, Dick, Dilian & Abby, Donna, Earl & Mary Lou, Eduardo, Eileen, Elaine, Ellen, Ellie, Emily, Evey, Finn, Fiona, Fran & Tom, Franco, Gary & Lindie, Gilmore family, Greenberg family, Harriet, Isobel, Jackie, Janet, Jeff, Jeffmander, Jeremy, Jill, Jodi, Joe & Marie, John, Jorge, June, Junior, Katherin & Tim, Kathy, Kathy & Russ, Kay & John, Krista & Robert, Kurtz family, Lana, Lena, Lisa, Liz & David, Luana, Maeve, Marcia, Marciene, Marilyn, Mark, Mickey, Mike, Milton & Janine, Pauline & Merlin, Patterson family, Peg & Dick, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Sandy, Sandy & Vinnie, Spencer, Starr family, Tim, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Valery, Vanessa, Vanna, Vicki, Viles family, Weiss family, Yancey, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, Trinity Preschool, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil around the world.

Send us your prayer requests at umtrinity.org.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat

Another season of reading and chatting begins on Tuesday, **Oct. 11** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The Oct. book is *the Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com, for more.

Chancel Choir Seeks Singers

Our Chancel Choir is a vital part of Trinity's worship life; members learn about their faith as they minister to others through music. We welcome new singers! We rehearse in the Sanctuary following the 10:30 a.m. service. Why not give us a try? For more information, please email Jerry Rich (jrich@potomacschool.org).

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 for next week.

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

Crafts for a Cause meets every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Oct. 3 & 17. No crafting experience is needed and all are welcome. If you'd like to sign up, please email **Alesha Luxon** at alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Fall Women's Retreat:

Seeking Inner Peace

Reverend Anne Hough will be leading this day retreat on **Saturday, October 1** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. The cost to cover lunch and supplies is \$20. For details, please visit <http://umtrinity.org/education/adults>. **Registration deadline is today.** To register, please email Anne at eaehough@gmail.com.

Martha's Table

Following both worship services on **Oct. 2**, we will make bags of trail mix for weekday distribution by Martha's Table in Washington, D.C. The snack bag assembly line is fun and makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of people in our community. All supplies are provided. Just come to the Fellowship Lobby after worship.

Pastor's Bible Study

As a complement to the *Labeled* sermon series, Pastor Neil is leading a four-week study on the *Letter to the Ephesians*. Everyone is invited to participate as we grow in our faith together. The study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22>
Are you an adult interested in volunteering with our youth or do you want more information about joining youth group? Contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

Coming Up

September

25 Celtic Service

October

1 Women's Retreat
2 Martha's Table
2 Pet Blessing
3 Crafts for a Cause
9 Oscar Serrano (Honduras) visit
10 Office Closed
11 Book Chat
15 Christ House
17 Crafts for a Cause
22 Good Works Day
30 Trunk or Treat
30 Celtic Service
31 Crafts for a Cause

November

1-8 Honduras Mission Trip
5 Rise Against Hunger
8 Book Chat
11 Office Closed
14 Crafts for a Cause
19 Christ House
20 Hanging of the Greens
27 Celtic Service
28 Crafts for a Cause

Children & Youth Activities

Registration 2022-23

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit the webpage to complete the registration today.

Children
Preschool - 6th grade
<http://bit.ly/childreg22>



Youth
7th - 12th Grade
<http://bit.ly/youthreg22>



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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.