



Trinity United Methodist Church

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May 14, 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 to register your attendance today.

Prelude (8:30)
Prelude (10:30)

Sonata in A, K. 322 (Scarlatti)
Blessed Assurance (arr. Lamb)

Jerry Rich
Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Anne Hough

Look for God in this place.

We search for God's love and peace.

It is here, given for you out of God's absolute love for you.

Lord, help us receive that love and then to bring it to others.

Peace be to you all.

And also to you. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

[UMH 92](#)

Children's Message

Anne Hough

Prayers of the People

Anne Hough

Anthem (10:30)

Surely the Lord Is in This Place (Colvin)

Chancel Choir

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)
Offertory (10:30)

His Eye Is on the Sparrow (Gabriel)
Adagio religioso, KV 622 (Mozart)

Maggie Rabe
Sydney Rushing, flute

Scripture

Ruth 1:7-11, 14-18

Sarah Thomas (8:30), Trent Hooton (10:30)

So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!' When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her..

Message

Family Values

Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Anne Hough

* Closing Hymn

Happy the Home When God Is There

[UMH 445](#)

* Benediction

Neil Hough

* Closing Music

March in D from Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook (Bach)

Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, May 15 — Ruth 1:1-14

The Old Testament book of Ruth is about a woman from Bethlehem named Naomi. Because of a famine, she and her husband went to Moab where they had two sons who ended up marrying two Moabite women, Ruth and Orpah. As the story begins, Naomi's husband, Elimelech, and both of her sons have died. When Naomi prepared to return to Bethlehem, she encouraged her daughters-in-law to stay in Moab to find new husbands.

- The story of Naomi and Ruth begins with tragedy and a significant life-change. How do you feel when you experience significant change and tragedy in your life? Where do you turn for help? In whom or in what do you find comfort?
- Prayer: *God of Heaven and Earth, thank you for the witness of Scripture. Help me to find myself in your story and to understand your Word for my life today. Amen.*

Tuesday, May 16 — Ruth 1:15-22

As Naomi returned to Bethlehem, Ruth vowed to go with her and stay by her side. The commitment she made to Naomi sounds somewhat familiar. In verse 17, she swore an oath in which she promised to stay with Naomi, *"until death do us part."* But even though Ruth was with her, Naomi was bitter when she returned to Bethlehem.

- The promise made by Ruth to Naomi is often used, in some fashion, in relation to marriage. But it is really about the commitment of family. In your life, has anyone ever made this kind of commitment to you? If so, how does that feel for you?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, all human commitments pale in the light of your commitment to us. Remind me today of your covenant promises and your steadfast love. Amen.*

Wednesday, May 17 — Ruth 2:1-23

In his fields of barley, Boaz, a wealthy relative of Elimelech, took notice of Ruth and treated her like a member of his family, not like a poor woman from a foreign country. The favor of Boaz gave hope to bitter Naomi. It was through her foreign daughter-in-law that Naomi's life could be redeemed.

- In the story of Ruth, Naomi, the legal bonds and promises of family responsibilities are extended in unusual and unexpected ways. Have you ever experienced this? How wide is your definition of family?
- Prayer: *Loving God, I thank you for my family and their impact on my life. Help me be as faithful to them as you are faithful to me through Jesus. Amen.*

Thursday, May 18 — Ruth 3:1-18

According to chapter 3, the relationship between Boaz and Ruth continued to develop and Ruth boldly asked Boaz to act as their next-of-kin. According to custom, to *"act as next-of-kin"* was to serve as a redeemer. Ruth was asking Boaz to redeem her life by marrying her (Ruth) and through their marriage, to also redeem Naomi's life.

- One of the points of the book of Ruth is that we are quite often more like Naomi — in need of redemption — than we are like Ruth or Boaz. Are you in need of redemption? If so, who is your redeemer?
- Prayer: *Redeeming God, I know that without you, I am lost. I need your saving grace and loving mercy. I need Jesus to be my redeemer and my savior. Amen.*

Friday, May 19 — Ruth 4:1-12

Even though Boaz was not Naomi's official next-of-kin, he accepted the role of *"next-of-kin"* (a redeemer) for Naomi and for Ruth. When the official next-of-kin stepped aside, Boaz married Ruth, the Moabite daughter-in-law of Naomi, so that Elimelech's name could be maintained.

- Although Boaz is one of the heroes in this story, it is Ruth's commitment to Naomi that is most striking. As a Moabite woman, she is an unexpected hero. Have there been any unexpected heroes in your life? Has anyone you didn't expect acted like family for you? Have you ever acted like family for someone else?
- Prayer: *God of Abundant and Eternal Life, thank you for the example of Ruth and Boaz. Teach me how to be family for the people who need me most. Amen.*

Saturday, May 20 — Ruth 4:13-22

The story of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz had a happy ending. Boaz married Ruth and they had a son named Obed. Boaz and Ruth allowed Obed to be Naomi's official next-of-kin so that she could inherit the property that belonged to Elimelech. Then in chapter 4, verses 18-22, we discover that Obed was ultimately the grandfather of King David. In other words, through Ruth and Boaz God not only redeemed Naomi's life, but God also redeemed the people of Israel.

- How has God used your family, and people close to you, to redeem your life in the midst of tragedies? How has God used you to redeem the tragedies of others?
- Prayer: *God of Hope, forgive me when I think only of myself and only of my concerns. Use me today to bring hope and grace and peace to the people around me. 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

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, Bricker family, Boris, Calvin, Chatham family, Chris, Cindy & Keith, Cusenza family, Danny, Davey, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Dick, Evelyn, Gail, Griggs family, Hanna and Franz, Harry, Hein family, Hunt family, Jackie, Jewell family, Jim, Joe, Lois, Marilyn, Mary, Minou, Peter, Phil, Quinn family, Roberto & Erica, Ron, Rosemary, Ruby, Ryan, Sarah, Scott, Sihoo, Suzanne, Tom, Yancey, 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.

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).

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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)

No meeting today.

Next Sunday, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

For more information about volunteering or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.



Coming Up

May

- 16 Trustees Meeting
- 18 Finance Committee
- 20 Christ House
- 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 Crafts for a Cause
- 19 Trustees Meeting
- 25 Celtic Service

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.