



Trinity United Methodist Church

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February 12, 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)	<i>Dusk from African Sketches</i> (Okoye)	Jerry Rich
Prelude (10:30)	<i>The Great Sea</i> (Nagata)	Keeler Blanton, piano
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
We exist because God made us. We are here because Jesus calls us. We are together because the Spirit binds us to each other. Without God, where would we be? Who would we be? Let us worship God, who makes us a community of love.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	p. 3 / UMH 159
Children's Message		Neil Hough
Anthem (10:30)	<i>Amazing Grace</i> (trad.)	
Izzy, Sam & Henry Zimmerman; Joe He, vocals; Keeler Blanton, guitar; James Marks, tenor saxophone		
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
Scout Updates (10:30)	Pack 1127 Troop 869 Troop 1130	Samuel Bricker Christian Perrin Greg Griswold
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>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i> (trad.)	Joey Willson
Anthem (10:30)	<i>I Am Bound for the Kingdom</i> (Larson)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Mark 15:1-15	Eileen Gilmer (8:30), Joe He (10:30)
As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.		
Message	<i>24 Hours That Changed the World</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	p. 3 / UMH 504
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music (8:30)	<i>Fanfare in E Minor</i> (Fax)	Rich
Closing Music (10:30)	<i>Sailing into the Sun</i> (Faber) <i>Over the Rainbow</i> (Arlen)	Carter Brown, piano James Marks, piano

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, February 13 — Mark 11:12-26

In the parable of the sower (Mark 4:3-8), Jesus taught that, when received by receptive soil, the seed of God's Word would bear fruit. In the curse of the fig tree and the cleansing of the temple, Jesus demonstrates the consequences of fruit-**less**-ness. He affirms God's desire for fruit-**full**-ness that results from faith-**full**-ness.

- Spend time this week considering the ways your life is — or is not — bearing fruit. If the Gospel story is being written in your life, what is it saying about God? About Jesus? About you?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, forgive me for not fully receiving your Word and bearing your fruit. Give me the confidence and faith I need to allow you to bear fruit in me. Amen.*

Tuesday, February 14 — Mark 11:27-12:27

As the story of Jesus' earthly life moves toward its crucial moment (the word "crucial" is taken from the Latin word for cross), Mark tells us how the opposition to Jesus grows. The religious leaders question Jesus' authority (Mark 11:27-33) and try to trap him into opposing the Roman tax, an act of treason (Mark 12:13-17). The parable of the wicked tenants (Mark 12:1-10) tells the story of Jesus. The religious leaders see themselves in the story and want to arrest him (Mark 12:12).

- The Gospel invites every person to find themselves in the story. Where do you find yourself? To which of the characters do you relate? In his earthly ministry, does Jesus ever do or say anything that bothers you?
- Prayer: *God of history, give me the courage to be honest about my place in your story. Use Scripture to speak to me. By the power of your grace, transform my life. Amen.*

Wednesday, February 15 — Mark 12:28-44

The question, *What is the most important commandment?* was a matter of great debate in the time of Jesus. Jesus' answer — love God and love neighbor — has become the Great Commandment for Christians around the world. Growing in the knowledge and love of God and neighbor is the goal for every one of Jesus' followers.

- On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your love for God and neighbor. What do you need to do this week to grow in your ability to love both God and neighbor?
- Prayer: *Loving God, help me love you more today than ever before. Let your love flow through me into the world around me. Amen.*

Thursday, February 16 — Mark 13:1-13

The 13th chapter of Mark's Gospel is sometimes called a little apocalypse. In it, Jesus speaks of the future to prepare his followers for their life and ministry after his ascension into heaven. It is important to remember that apocalyptic writing is intended to change behavior in the present. Believe it or not, Jesus' words are meant to inspire confidence and faith in his followers, even in the most difficult circumstances.

- As you read Jesus' words in this section of the Gospel, how do you feel? Are you afraid? Or are you comforted? What needs to happen in your life so that you can find peace?
- Prayer: *God of peace, thank you for the promises of Jesus. Help me to trust you in every situation of my life. Open my eyes to see clearly what you would have me see. Amen.*

Friday, February 17 — Mark 13:14-37

When Jesus tells his disciples to "*keep alert*" (Mark 13:33) and "*keep awake*" (Mark 13:37), he is not talking about physical sleep, he is talking about being prepared for his return. Not only does this mean to "*repent, and believe in the good news*" (Mark 1:15), it also means to be faithful in ministry. Jesus wants his disciples to keep doing what he taught them.

- The passing of time makes "*keeping awake*" more difficult. What helps you to be prepared for Jesus' return? Do you ever think of Jesus' words in Mark 13 when you consider the ways you serve Christ?
- Prayer: *Faithful God, teach me once again the need for faith and faithfulness in my life. Show me what you want me to do. Help me learn to trust you more fully. Amen.*

Saturday, February 18 — Mark 14:1-11

The final section of the Gospel story begins in chapter 14. The denouement is at hand as Jesus is anointed in preparation for his death and burial and Judas agrees to betray Jesus. Mark contrasts the extravagant generosity of the anonymous woman with the hardened hearts of Judas and the religious authorities. The story of Jesus' death is a story of sacrificial love. The woman is the one who understands what God is doing.

- Do you understand what God is doing? If so, think about some ways you can follow the example of the woman in the story by practicing sacrificial love and extravagant generosity.
- Prayer: *Extravagant God, thank you for Jesus. Thank for offering me new life. I accept your gift of your sacrificial love and grace in Jesus' name. 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
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

Aidan, Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Alison, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Ann, Annie Ruth, Art & Marcie, Ashley, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bea, Beath, Becky, Beth, Betty, Beverly & Wally, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Bill & Trisha, Boris, Brooks family, Bruce, Bryan, Bud, Buddy, Carol, Carol & Rich, Caroline, Carolyn & Janice, Cathy, Charlie, Chris, Coston family, Dan & Chris, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Debbie, DeMicco family, Diane, Dick, Dobson family, Doris & Joe, Dylan, Earl & Mary Lou, Elaine, Eliza, Ellen, Ellie, Emily, Evans family, Evelyn, Evie, Fahimi family, Fran & Tom, Fred, Gary & Lindie, Glenn, Grace, Gay, Green family, Hanna & Franz, Harriet, Henrietta, Hope, Hunt family, Ingrid, Isobel, Jack, Jackie, Jan, Jane, Janelle, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeffrey, Jeremy, Jessica, Jewell family, Jill, Jim, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, June, Junil, Karen, Karyn, Katherine, Kathleen, Kathleene, Kathryn & Wayne, Kathy, Kay & John, Kena, Ladye, Lana, Lena, Lilliana, Linda, Linda & Preston, Lisa, Liz & David, Lizzie, Luana, Lyndee, Marcia, Marcienne, Marcy, Maria, Marilu, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Matt, Meak family, Melissa & Chad, Mendez family, Mickey, Minou, Miso, Nancy & George, Nichols family, Nime, Pat, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Podesta family, Rasmussen family, Rebecca, Rene, Richard, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Roger, Roxanne, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Shadle family, Sherri, Sievera family, Steve, Sue, Sue & Stan, Susan, Tatiana, Teagan, Teresa, Tessa, Theo, Tim, Tom, Tommaso, Tony, Tracy, Vanna, Vicki, Wayne, Yancey, and Yvonne, 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, and the people of Turkey and Syria and the aid workers there to help them.

We extend **sympathy** to Chip, Susie, Andrew & Amanda Coston on the Feb. 2 death of Susie's mother Kathy Graeber.

Today's hymn texts are provided for those worshipping at home.

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]
2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
[Refrain]
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]
4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

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Today's greeters at 10:30 are Carter Ford, Christian Perrin and Kieran Salerno.

Today's Call to Worship is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*. Used with permission.

Highlights from E-News

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



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday worship is on February 22 at 7 p.m.

Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tues., **Feb. 14** 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: Feb. 13. 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.

SHARE the LOVE Food Drive

Now through February 26
Drive Thru Drop off: Feb. 26, 2 - 4 p.m.

Our youth are collecting items for SHARE of McLean during the Month of February. See the list of needed items at <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth>. There are drop off bins located in the Fellowship Lobby and in the Narthex.

Drive Thru Drop Off on February 26 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the back parking lot. Drop donations directly to the youth and enjoy a hot cocoa and a sweet treat as a thanks for donating! Our youth collected more than 800 items for Share last year. This year we hope to donate more than 1000.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Unplugged Retreat Feb. 20. Details for this one-day awesome experience at <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth>
Share the Love, Feb. 26, 2 - 4 p.m. For more information about volunteering or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com. Youth registration QR code:



Coming Up

February

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To help with the Pancake Supper, contact Jim Wilson at jaswilson@slofit.com

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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.