



Trinity United Methodist Church

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July 23, 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 4 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>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i> (arr. Calalhan)	Jerry Rich
Prelude (10:30)	<i>You Are Near Me</i> (Schutte)	Summer Choir

Welcome and Announcements	Clergy
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* Call to Worship	Neil Hough
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We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, the fears and hatred which seem to abound.

For what can we hope?

We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.

Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope and peace. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn	<i>O Church of God, United</i>	UMH 547
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Children's Message	Laurie Strollo
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Prayers of the People	Neil Hough
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Offering	Neil Hough
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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>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i> (arr. Bonds)	Catherine Wethigton
Offertory (10:30)	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i> (arr. Bonds)	Nadine Wethigton

Scripture	Genesis 16:7-16	Neil Hough
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The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, 'Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?' She said, 'I am running away from my mistress Sarai.' The angel of the Lord said to her, 'Return to your mistress, and submit to her.' The angel of the Lord also said to her, 'I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.' And the angel of the Lord said to her,

'Now you have conceived and shall bear a son;

you shall call him Ishmael,

for the Lord has given heed to your affliction.

He shall be a wild ass of a man,

with his hand against everyone,

and everyone's hand against him;

and he shall live at odds with all his kin.'

So she named the Lord who spoke to her, 'You are El-roi'; for she said, 'Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?' Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between

Kadesh and Bered.

Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Message	<i>The One Who Knows Me</i>	Taehwan Roh
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Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)	Clergy
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* Closing Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	UMH 664
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* Benediction	Taehwan Roh
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* Closing Music	<i>Rondeau</i> from <i>Sinfonies de Fanfares</i> (Mouret)	Jerry Rich
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* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, July 24 — Genesis 1:1-4a, John 1:1-5

The creation story in Genesis 1 says that, before anything else was spoken into existence, God's first act of creation is to bring light into darkness. This is what God has always done and what God continues to do today. The first chapter of John's Gospel echoes the creation story and affirms that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness of our lives. The Good News is that the darkness of the world cannot overcome the light of God's glory.

- How have you experienced darkness in your life? How have you experienced God's light?
- Prayer: *God of Creation, allow your light to shine brightly and dispel the darkness of the world. Let the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, shine in the darkness of my life. Amen.*

Tuesday, July 25 — Isaiah 58:6-14

Isaiah 58:6-14 is one of the Bible's many passages that describe God's desire for justice, compassion, and mercy. Ministries of freeing the oppressed, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the homeless are more pleasing to God than ritual fasting. This does not mean that God rejects our worship, but that God expects us to serve God in both word (acts of worship and devotion) and deed (acts of justice, compassion, and mercy.) God's light shines when we bless others.

- In what ways have you fulfilled the expectations God describes in Isaiah 58? How have your acts of justice, compassion, and mercy strengthened your relationship with God? What act of justice, compassion, or mercy will you perform today?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, forgive me for ignoring the cries of hurting people. Grant me the courage I need to answer your call to serve the needs of others. Amen.*

Wednesday, July 26 — Isaiah 9:1-2, Matthew 4:12-17

In his introduction to Jesus' ministry, Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah who promises that God's people will be delivered from oppression and that God's light will shine in their darkness. Matthew's point is that Jesus fulfills the prophet's promise of God's salvation. The larger message is that Jesus is God's answer to the brokenness of the world.

- How has the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus served as light for your life? How has the message of Jesus guided your decisions and your actions – in both good times and bad times?
- Prayer: *God of Salvation, thank you for sending Jesus to be light for a world shrouded in darkness. I choose to let his example and his teachings guide my life today. Amen.*

Thursday, July 27 — Ephesians 5:8-14

New Testament writers used the image of light and darkness not only to describe the difference Jesus has made in the world, but also to describe the difference Jesus can make in our lives. The light of Christ shines brightly in our lives, revealing our brokenness, our pain, and our sin. It is only when we walk by the light of Jesus Christ that we can clearly see the way forward.

- Use the teaching and example of Jesus to honestly examine the state of your life today. Ask God to help you see yourself clearly. In prayer, confess your sin and your need for God's grace. Give thanks to God for the many blessings you have received.
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I confess that too much of my life is lived in darkness. I need your saving grace. Forgive my sin and grant me the new life you offer through Jesus. Amen.*

Friday, July 28 — 1 John 1:1-10

The *First Letter of John* picks up one of the central themes of John's Gospel – that God's light shines through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It also challenges us to walk in the light of Christ, confess our sins and receive the forgiveness of God. This passage describes the choice facing everyone who has an encounter with Jesus: to walk in the light or continue walking in the darkness.

- Have you chosen to walk in the light of Christ? How have you responded to Jesus' invitation to be his disciple? In prayer, renew your commitment to be a child of God today.
- Prayer: *Eternal God, today I (once again) choose to follow your Son, Jesus, and be his disciple. I will learn from him and trust that he will teach me your ways. Amen.*

Saturday, July 29 — John 13:34-35, 1 John 2:7-17

Living as a child of God and a disciple of Jesus Christ requires that we love one another in both word and action. The way we live our lives, the way we behave toward one another, is a reflection of our relationship with God. Jesus insists that our love – in word and action – for one another is the way the world will know that we are his disciples and children of God.

- Reflect on the quality of your human relationships. What does your behavior (what you say and do) reveal about your relationship with God and your commitment to be a follower of Jesus? How well does the character and quality of your human relationships bear witness to Jesus Christ?
- Prayer: *God of Love and Light, fill me with your Holy Spirit and teach me your ways so that my life bears witness to your love and grace. Help me live as a child of Light. Amen.*

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

Tuesdays are hybrid (in-person & on Zoom).

Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837

Prayer Group

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

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan & Rhonda, Alessandro, Amanda & David, Amber & Briana, Andrew, Ann, Ann & John, Ann Ruth, Anne, Annie, Art & Marcie, Ashton, Barb, Barb & JR, Barbara & Betty, Becki, Bennett, Bethany, Betty, Beverly & Wally, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Calvin, Carol & Rich, Carrie, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Charles, Chatham family, Chris, Chris & Russ, Coston family, Cusenza family, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Davey, David, David & Carol, Decca, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Dick, Dicky, Dorothy, Dylan, Eileen, Elaine, Evelyn, Fabio, Fletcher family, Fran & Tom, Frank, Gail, Gant family, Gary & Lindie, Griggs family, Hager family, Hanna and Franz, Harriet, Harris family, Harry, Hayley, Hein family, Helen, Henrietta, Hill, Hunt family, Immuergut family, Jackie, Jean, Jen, Jessica, Jewell family, Jim, Joe, Joe & Marie, Judi, Julia, Kaki, Karen, Kathy, Kay & John, Keith, Leah, Ladye, Laub family, Libby, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lois, Lori, Louise, Luana, Lucie, Marcia, Marciene, Macy, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Mary, Mary Lee, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, Monica, Nadjmeh, Neil, Pat, Patrick, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peter, Phil, Quinn family, Ray, Rebecca & Craig, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Romana, Ron, Rosemary, Ruby, Rudi, Russell family, Ryan, Samantha, Sara, Sarah, Sasha, Scott, Sihoo, Steve, Summers families, Sunny, Susan, Suzanne, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Victoria, Wally, Wood family, Yancey, Yorke, students, seminarians, graduates, 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.



"Joseph: Dreaming God's Dreams" is our summer sermon series exploring the life of Joseph from Genesis 37-50. It highlights how God works through flawed individuals amidst their successes and struggles. Throughout his life, God was with Joseph and used him to do great good. Invite a friend to worship as we dream God's dreams together and learn lessons for our own lives from the life of Joseph.



July Collection

School Supplies for Grace Ministries

- Backpacks
- No. 2 pencils
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Wide-ruled notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Blunt-tipped scissors
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Plastic folders
- Pencil sharpeners
- Assorted construction paper



GRACE Ministries of the United Methodist Church (graceministriesumc.org) is a faith-based community outreach program serving over 1,000 low-income families each month in Northern Virginia. GRACE provides emergency food, clothing, household items, diapers and healthcare information and screenings at seven local United Methodist Churches.

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., **Sept. 12** 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.

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.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m.: Free Concert at Cherry Hill Park, Falls Church. Lil Maceo Funk Band featuring award winning Saxophonist Kareem Walkes

Contact Catherine Wethington to stay up to date with youth group happenings this summer or to volunteer: umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.

Coming Up

July

27 Youth Concert in the Park
30 Celtic Service

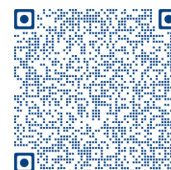
August

6 Martha's Table
15 Trustees Meeting
19 Christ House
27 Ice Cream Social
27 Youth Pool Party
27 Celtic Service

September

3 Martha's Table
4 Office Closed
10 Bounce Back Sunday
11 Crafts for a Cause
12 Book Chat
16 Christ House
19 Trustees Meeting
24 Celtic Service
25 Crafts for a Cause

Attendance: Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link.



Summer Bible Study with Anne Hough

Anne is leading a four-week Summer Bible Study. You are invited to join her for one session or all four. Tuesday morning classes will start at 10:30 a.m. and be in-person in the library and on Zoom. Wednesday evening classes will start at 7 p.m. and be held on Zoom. Zoom meeting information is in the bulletin. The four topics will be:

- The Beginning of the Story Part 1 — Genesis 1 through 5
- **This Week!:** The Beginning of the Story Part 2 — Genesis 6 through 11
- The Story of God's People Part 1 — Genesis 12 through the Birth of Jesus
- The Story of God's People Part 2 — Jesus' Ascension through Today

Be sure to bring your *Bible* to the first two sessions. Contact Anne at eaehough@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 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. The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.