



Trinity United Methodist Church

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August 13, 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 *Von fremden Ländern und Menschen* from *Kinderszenen Op. 15* (Shumann) Diane Pelak

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

* Call to Worship Taehwan Roh

Welcome today to a celebration of God's love!

We are grateful for this welcome.

Feel the loving power of God flow into your lives.

We open our hearts and lives to receive God's blessings.

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

Lord, be with us today as we listen for your words of hope.

* Gathering Hymn *Blessed Assurance* [UMH 369](#)

Children's Message Laurie Stollo

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 (8:30) *Just as I Am* (Elliott/Bradbury) Joey Wilson

Offertory (10:30) *Spirit of the Living God* (Iverson) Summer Choir

Scripture Genesis 45:1-3, 9-15 Taehwan Roh

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. '

Message *Choosing Reconciliation, Not Retaliation* Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) Clergy

* Closing Hymn *Let There Be Peace on Earth* [UMH 431](#)

* Benediction Neil Hough

* Closing Music *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (arr. Carter) Diane Pelak

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, August 14 — Genesis 43:26-34

In Genesis' account of Joseph's relationship with his brothers, there are numerous twists and turns. Even though his brothers threw him in a pit and sold him into slavery, when Joseph meets them more than 20 years later, he still has strong (positive) feelings for them and weeps when he sees them the first time (Genesis 42:23-24) and again when he sees Benjamin (Genesis 43:30). The bonds of love between the siblings is still very strong.

- Joseph clearly experiences a variety of emotions. He loves his brothers, even though he treated them as strangers at first and spoke harshly to them (Genesis 42:7). How might you follow Joseph's example and love someone, even when you are angry with them? Does his example challenge you to change the way you think about love?
- Prayer: *Loving God, help me follow the example of Joseph and the teaching of Jesus and love everyone. Help me love others the same way you love both them and me. Amen.*

Tuesday, August 15 — Genesis 44:30-34

The reconciliation between Joseph and his brothers is triggered by Judah's willingness to take Benjamin's place. It's not just an example of sacrificial love between siblings, it's an embodiment of God's love, the kind of love we experience through the suffering and death of Jesus, who took our place and died our death to atone for our sin. Judah's words also reveal the inner transformation he's experienced. It's important to remember that he was the one who suggested selling Joseph to the Midianites in Genesis 37:26-28.

- Consider the example of Judah today. Have you experienced the transforming power of God's love for yourself? In what ways do you embody God's love in your daily life?
- Prayer: *God of Salvation, thank you for loving me so much that you sent Jesus to die my death and offer me the hope of abundant and eternal life. Transform my life today. Amen.*

Wednesday, August 16 — Genesis 45:1-3, 9-15

Joseph and his brothers had already been reunited (starting in Genesis 42:6), now the reconciliation begins. Joseph takes the initiative to heal and repair the broken relationship. Notice how Genesis 45:3 describes the brothers' reaction when Joseph reveals himself to them: they were so dismayed, that they could not speak. We'll think more about what Joseph tells his brothers in Genesis 45:4-8 another time. Today, we'll focus on Joseph's willingness to take action to restore their relationship.

- Think about your network of relationships. Are you in any relationships that have been strained or broken? What action might you take this week to move toward reconciliation?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, help me look honestly at my own life and ask for forgiveness when it's needed. Give me the courage to forgive when needed, just as you forgive me. Amen.*

Thursday, August 17 — Matthew 5:9-12, 21-26, 38-42

Reconciliation is one of the central themes in the biblical story. God seeks reconciliation with us — fallen humanity — through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. God also calls on us to seek reconciliation with others. Our relationship with God affects our affects our relationships with one another and our relationships with one another affect our relationship with God. That's why Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, calls us to a higher level of righteousness (Matthew 5:20) and gives us practical examples of righteous living.

- What do you think about Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5? Is it easy to do what Jesus expects of you? Where do you need to grow, to be the kind of person Jesus wants you to be?
- Prayer: *God of Great Expectations, thank you for the example and teaching of Jesus. Give me the courage I need to seek a higher level of righteousness today. Amen.*

Friday, August 18 — Romans 12:9-21

Paul, the New Testament apostle, emphasized the need for strong and healthy relationships among the family of believers — the Church. He insisted that the Church's witness to the world was affected, positively or negatively, by the Church's unity (or lack of unity.) In his letter to the Church in Rome, he writes a paragraph we call the "*marks of a true Christian*." In it, he emphasizes reconciliation, not retaliation, insisting that we "*live in harmony with one another*" (Romans 12:16) and "*overcome evil with good*" (Romans 12:21).

- Of Paul's marks of a true Christian, which ones are easiest for you? Which ones are most challenging for you? Where is God nudging you toward growth in your discipleship?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, forgive me for not seeking to live in harmony and for wanting to seek vengeance. Teach me your ways and help me overcome evil with good. Amen.*

Saturday, August 19 — James 3:13-18

James writes extensively about the need for wisdom as followers of Jesus. The opening of the letter says, "*If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God ...*" (James 1:5) He compares and contrasts God's wisdom with the world's wisdom. He insists that our faith must be a living faith, one that requires positive action, not just a word on our lips, a thought in our head, or a feeling in our heart. He says that we will experience peace when we actively work for peace (James 3:18).

- Review the past week. When and where have you followed the wisdom of the world? When and where have you followed the wisdom of God? When and where have you experienced God's peace?
- Prayer: *God of Peace, grant me the gift of wisdom today. Grant me the gift of righteousness and peace. Grant me the courage I need to work for peace. 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

Bible Study will return in the Fall.

Prayer Group

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

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan & Rhonda, Alessandro, Alison, Amanda & David, Amber & Briana, Anceravage family, Andrea, Andrew, Ann, Ann & John, Ann Ruth, Annie, Anthony family, Art, Art & Marcie, Arye family, Ashton, Barb, Barb & JR, Barbara, Barbara & Betty, Becki, Bennett, Bethany, Betty, Beverly & Wally, Bill & Maddie, Bivens family, Brett, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Cabatan family, Calvin, Carol & Rich, Carrie, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Charles, Chatham family, Chris, Chris & Russ, Constance, Coston family, Cusenza family, Dana, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Davey, David, David & Carol, Decca, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Diane, Dick, Dicky, Dorothy, Dylan, Eileen, Elaine, Emily, Emmett, 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, Henry, Hill, Hunt family, Immuerget family, Jackie, Jean, Jen, Jessica, Jewell family, Jim, Joan, Joe, Joe & Marie, John, Judi, Julia, Kaki, Karen, Kathy, Kay & John, Keith, Kevin & Angie, Leah, Ladye, Laub family, Libby, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lois, Lori, Louise, Luana, Lucie, Marcia, Marciene, Macy, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Matt, Mary, Mary Lee, Melissa, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, Monica, Nadjmeh, Naty, Norman, 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, Speidel family, Stanley, Steve, Summers families, Sunny, Susan, Suzanne, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Victoria, Wally, Wood family, Yancey, Yorke, Yosmanovich family, 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.

Ice Cream Social

hosted by the Youth Group
Sunday, August 27
after 10:30 worship



Backpack Blessing
Sunday, August 27
8:30 & 10:30 AM



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. The 2023-24 book schedule and more at <https://umtrinity.org/education/adults> 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)

Monday, August 14: Mario Kart Tournament 6-8 p.m. hosted at Catherine's home

Sunday, August 27: End of Summer Pool Party immediately following the ice cream social, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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

Coming Up

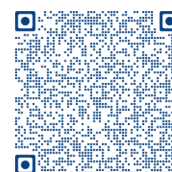
August

15 Trustees Meeting
19 Christ House
27 Backpack Blessing
27 Ice Cream Social
27 Youth Pool Party
27 Celtic Service

September

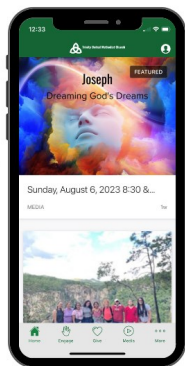
3 Martha's Table
4 Office Closed
5 Executive Council Meeting
10 Bounce Back Sunday
11 Crafts for a Cause
12 Book Chat
16 Christ House
19 Trustees Meeting
24 Celtic Service
25 Crafts for a Cause
30 Women's Retreat

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



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Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the families of the Culmore neighborhood, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all your generosity and support providing school supplies for the children of the GRACE Ministries families of Culmore. We distributed 40 bags!

God bless you,

Ana Maria

We also received a video of the children receiving their school supplies. The link was in Friday's E-News.

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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.