



Trinity United Methodist Church

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August 6, 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 (8:30)
Prelude (10:30)

Prelude on MICHAEL (Callahan)
Sonatina in D, mvmt. 1 (Schubert)

Jerry Rich
Yorke Allen, violin

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Taehwan Roh

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

Let us worship God.

* Gathering Hymn

Come, Christians Join to Sing

[UMH 158](#)

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Children's Message

Neil Hough

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)
Offertory (10:30)

In Remembrance (Red)
The Prayer (Sager)

Catherine Wethington
Genevieve Evans and Catherine Wethington

Scripture

Genesis 44:25-34

Taehwan Roh

And when our father said, "Go again, buy us a little food", we said, "We cannot go down. Only if our youngest brother goes with us, will we go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us." Then your servant my father said to us, "You know that my wife bore me two sons; one left me, and I said, Surely he has been torn to pieces; and I have never seen him since. If you take this one also from me, and harm comes to him, you will bring down my grey hairs in sorrow to Sheol." Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy's life, when he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die; and your servants will bring down the grey hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. For your servant became surety for the boy to my father, saying, "If I do not bring him back to you, then I will bear the blame in the sight of my father all my life." Now therefore, please let your servant remain as a slave to my lord in place of the boy; and let the boy go back with his brothers. For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the suffering that would come upon my father.' '

Message

The Power of Sacrificial Love

Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Anthem (10:30)

Come, Let Us Eat (Kwilia)

Clergy
Summer Choir

* Closing Hymn

Because He Lives

[UMH 364](#)

* Benediction

Neil Hough

* Closing Music (8:30)
* Closing Music (10:30)

Allegro from King Arthur (Purcell)
Sonatina in D, mvmt. 3 (Schubert)

Jerry Rich
Yorke Allen, violin

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, August 7 — Genesis 41:53-42:24

In Genesis 41, Joseph was installed as Pharaoh's second-in-command and was responsible for stewardship of Egypt's resources. During the seven years of plenty, they stored grain in abundance. Then, during the seven years of famine, "all the world" came to Egypt to buy grain (Genesis 41:57) — including Joseph's family. This means that approximately twenty (20) years after Joseph dreamed of greatness (Genesis 37:5-11), his dreams come true. By the grace of God, Joseph is now in a position of power over his brothers.

- Dreaming God's dreams requires great patience, which requires confidence in God's faithfulness. What helps you stay strong and confident as you wait for God's dreams to come true? What can you do today to increase your ability to trust God's promises?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, forgive me when my faith wanes and I start to doubt your promises. Strengthen my faith. Increase my patience. Help me to trust that you are faithful. Amen.*

Tuesday, August 8 — Genesis 42:25-38

When his brothers arrive in Egypt to buy grain, Joseph is outwardly cold, and even hostile to them. (He recognized them, but they did not recognize him.) He keeps Simeon and sends the other nine (9) back to Canaan with instructions to return with their youngest brother, Benjamin. We can imagine many reasons for Joseph's attitude and behavior, but Genesis 42:15-16 emphasizes that the brothers are being tested. Just as Joseph was tested by his numerous trials and tribulation, his brothers and father are, in their own way, also being tested.

- The story of Joseph and his family reveals multiple ways that your faith and your integrity might be tested. What kinds of testing have you experienced? In what ways have you experienced God's love and care for in the midst of your trials and tribulations?
- Prayer: *Father in Heaven, let your Kingdom come and your will be done in my life. Supply my daily needs and see me safely through the trials and tribulations that test me. Amen.*

Wednesday, August 9 — Genesis 43:1-15

The severity of the famine required that Jacob and his family once again had to purchase food from Egypt. Despite his protests (Genesis 42:38), Jacob ultimately agreed to send Benjamin with his brothers — just as Joseph had instructed. From a human perspective, this part of the story reflects the difficult decisions we must make on a regular basis. Jacob weighs the potential pain of losing Benjamin against the pain the entire family would suffer if Joseph refused to help them. According to Genesis 43:13-14 Jacob's decision is made possible by the grace (mercy) of God.

- What difficult decision(s) are you considering today? How does your confidence in God's grace change your decision-making process?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, thank you for the gift of your grace that makes all things, including difficult decisions, possible. Grant me the courage I need to trust you every day. Amen.*

Thursday, August 10 — Genesis 43:16-25

The theme of God's grace and mercy, introduced by Jacob in Genesis 43:13-14, is echoed by Joseph in Genesis 43:29. As we have seen, God is the primary actor in this story and the nature and character of God is being revealed. When God's grace and mercy are embodied by Joseph (and his steward) in the way he greets his brothers, the broken relationships begin to heal. When the steward, in Genesis 43:23, reassures the brothers, he uses the language of shalom (peace.)

- God's grace and mercy have the power to change lives and change relationships. In what ways are you experiencing God's grace in your life right now?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, fill me with your Spirit today so that I will embody your grace and mercy and experience your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.*

Friday, August 11 — Genesis 43:26-44:17

The relationship between Joseph and his brothers is healing, but the reconciliation is not yet complete. Joseph throws a dinner party for his brothers and asks about their well-being. He weeps when he sees Benjamin. But he also has one final test for them in Genesis 44, where they will have to completely rely on Joseph's grace. This is what makes reconciliation possible: recognizing the need for grace — and being willing to accept grace when it is offered.

- This is true for our relationships with other people and our relationship with God. Reconciliation and salvation are possible when we acknowledge and accept our need for grace and forgiveness. Are you willing and able to accept God's grace and forgiveness for yourself?
- Prayer: *Loving God, thank you for loving me without reservation or hesitation. Thank you for offering me grace and forgiveness. I accept your love, grace, and forgiveness. Amen.*

Saturday, August 12 — Genesis 44:18-34

In the final scene before Joseph reveals himself to his brothers, we see an example of sacrificial love in action. When Joseph threatens to make Benjamin his slave, Judah speaks boldly to Joseph and pleads for mercy on behalf of his Benjamin, his father Jacob, and their entire family. In the end, he offers to take Benjamin's place as Joseph's slave, keeping his promise to Jacob that he would ensure Benjamin's safe return (Genesis 43:8-9).

- End the week by reading John 15:12-13 and reflecting on the power of sacrificial love. Reflect on the sacrificial love offered through the death of Jesus. Reflect on the sacrificial love you might offer on someone's behalf.
- Prayer: *Eternal God, search my heart and soul and cleanse me from the selfish and self-centeredness of my sin. Make me a new creation in the image of Jesus. 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, Anceravage family, Andrea, Andrew, Ann, Ann & John, Ann Ruth, Annie, Art, Art & Marcie, Arye family, Ashton, Barb, Barb & JR, Barbara & Betty, Becki, Bennett, Bethany, Betty, Beverly & Wally, Bill & Maddie, Bivens family, Brett, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Cabatan family, Calvin, Carol, Carol & Rich, Carrie, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Charles, Chat-ham 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, Hill, Hunt family, Im-muergut 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, Mar-ciene, Macy, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Matt, Mary, Mary Lee, Melissa, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, Monica, Nadj-meh, 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, Stanley, 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.

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

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



BOUNCE BACK

Sunday, Sept. 10
after 10:30 worship

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)

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

Coming Up

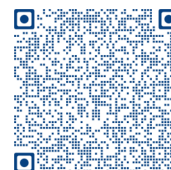
August

6 Martha's Table
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

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:

- ~~Week 1: The Beginning of the Story Part 1 — Genesis 1 through 5~~
- ~~Week 2: The Beginning of the Story Part 2 — Genesis 6 through 11~~
- ~~Week 3: This Week: The Story of God's People Part 1 — Genesis 12 through the Birth of Jesus~~
- **Week 4 - This Week:** The Story of God's People Part 2 — Jesus' Ascension through Today

Contact Anne at eaehough@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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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.