



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday in Lent

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	<i>Sicilienne</i> (attrib. von Paradis)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.		
<b>We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.</b>		
May we open our hearts to Him.		
<b>May our lives be healed and strengthened for service. Amen.</b>		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>When We All Get to Heaven</i>	p. 3 / UMH 701
Children's Message		Neil Hough
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
Offering		Neil Hough
This morning's offering will be received as we pass the offering plates. You may also give online at <a href="http://umtrinity.org/give">http://umtrinity.org/give</a> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.		
Anthem (8:30)	<i>How Can I Keep from Singing?</i> (Lowry)	Joey Wilson
Anthem (10:30)	<i>Wondrous Love</i> (arr. Shackley)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Luke 23:32, 39-43	Eileen Gilmer (8:30), Lachlan Thomas (10:30)
Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.		
One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'		
Message	<i>"Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise."</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion		Clergy
* Closing Hymn	<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i>	p. 3 / UMH 361
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music (8:30)	<i>Toccata in G Minor</i> (Pasquini)	Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

# Grow — Pray — Study

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

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## **Monday, March 6 — Luke 23:33, 39-43**

The image of three crosses is familiar to many Christians. Each of the four Gospel writers tells us that two other men were crucified along with Jesus. But only Luke describes their conversation. We are meant to understand that the two criminals represent two ways to respond to Jesus. It should be clear which of the two criminals makes the right decision.

- The phrase “*Remember me . . .*” (Luke 23:42), is a request for salvation. (Read Genesis 8:1 and notice how it says that “*God remembered Noah*” and then saved him from the waters of the flood.) Are you able to ask Jesus to “*remember you*” today?
- Prayer: *Lord Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Save me from the power of sin and death. Grant me the underserved gift of eternal life with you. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, March 7 — Exodus 2:23-25, 13:3-10**

Just as God remembered and saved Noah (in Genesis 8), God remembered and saved Israel in the time of Moses. The Exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt was and is the defining story in the Jewish tradition. It is celebrated every year, as Moses instructed the Israelites to observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread. Remembering is an essential part of our relationship with God. We are expected to “*remember*” in our prayers and worship how God “*remembered*” and saved us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

- Which spiritual disciplines help you remember what God has done for you? What can you do during the season of Lent to remember that you have been saved by God's love and grace?
- Prayer: *God of Eternity, thank you for the witness of Scripture and stories of salvation that strengthen my faith. Help me to remember what you have done through Jesus. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, March 8 — Luke 5:27-32, Luke 15:1-2**

Jesus' offer of salvation to the criminal on the cross was not the first time Jesus offered grace and mercy to a sinner. In fact, Luke tells us that Jesus had a reputation for eating with and associating with outcasts and sinners. Luke also tells us that the religious people were offended that Jesus willingly welcomed and ate with sinners. On the cross Jesus reinforced his true purpose on earth.

- Read Luke 5:31-32 again. How does Jesus fulfill these words on the cross? How does Jesus fulfill these words in your life? How do you as a member of the Body of Christ (the Church) fulfill these words today?
- Prayer: *Loving God, forgive me when I resent your love for outcasts and sinners. Help me see others the way you see them. Help me love others the way you love them. Amen.*

## **Thursday, March 9 — Romans 5:10-19**

One of the effects of Jesus' death is that the curse of sin and death is removed. Through the grace of God, humanity can once again enjoy a relationship with God in Paradise. The promise Jesus makes to the criminal in Luke 23:43 is for everyone — in this life and in the next.

- What would it be like to experience God's Paradise in your life today? In what ways might your life be different? Are you ready to receive the gift of salvation *today*?
- Prayer: *God of Paradise, release me from the paralyzing power of sin and death and set me free to love and serve you more fully — today and always. Amen.*

## **Friday, March 10 — Luke 19:1-10**

Many of us learned about Zacchaeus from a children's song (“*Zacchaeus was a wee little man . . .*”) We might have forgotten some of the additional details in the Biblical story: Zacchaeus' great wealth; the grumbling of Zacchaeus' neighbor; Zacchaeus' repentance and salvation (Luke 19:8-9); and the clear statement of Jesus mission, “*the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost*” (Luke 19:10). One of the points of the story is that God's grace has the power to change our lives in the present and the future.

- As you look forward to spending eternity in Paradise, how has God's saving grace affected your life in the present. Has God's grace led you to repentance? Do you experience the abundant life that Jesus promises (John 10:10)?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, today I accept the gift of abundant and joy-filled life that comes through your saving grace. Help me live with confidence and faith. Amen.*

## **Saturday, March 11 — Revelation 2:1-7**

The New Testament Book of Revelation ends in chapters 21 and 22 with a detailed vision of the new heaven and the new earth and the glorious new Jerusalem, where the garden (from Genesis 2 and 3) has been restored. It's a vision of Paradise that gives us hope and invites to keep the faith. The message to the Ephesians promises Paradise, not because they are good, but because God is good. We are saved by God's grace, accepted in faith.

- What is preventing you from accepting for yourself the saving grace of God?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, give me the gift of patient endurance and the strength I need to repent of my sin and follow Jesus. Help me let go of everything that hold me back. 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](mailto:jaswilson@slofft.com).

### Lent 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

Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Ben, Boris, Brooks family, Bruce, Catherine, Chatham family, Claudia & Yauwu, Dan & Chris, Daniel, Debbie, Debbie & Steve, DeMicco family, Desarae, Detwiler family, Emily, Evey, George, Gaeber family, Griggs family, Henrietta, Hunt family, Jean, Jewell family, Jim, Joan, John, Karen & David, Laurie, Linda, Lisa & Mike, Marcy, Marilyn, Quinn family, Rasmussen family, Richard, Roberto & Erica, Podesta family, Shadle family, Spencer & Emily, Sweeney family, Tom, Vicki, Vinnie, Yancey, Zanarini family, 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 Howard and Cathy Chatham on the Feb. 26 death of their son, Jeremy Chatham

We also extend **sympathy** to Mary Lou Griggs on the Feb. 26 death of her husband, Earl Griggs. A service celebrate Earl's life will be held here at Trinity on Monday, March 13 at 11 a.m.

**Attendance QR Code:** We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance today.



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

### When We All Get to Heaven

1. Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;  
sing his mercy and his grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
he'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,  
what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
we'll sing and shout the victory!

2. While we walk the pilgrim pathway,  
clouds will overspread the sky;  
but when traveling days are over,  
not a shadow, not a sigh.  
(Refrain)
3. Let us then be true and faithful,  
trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of him in glory  
will the toils of life repay.  
(Refrain)
4. Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon his beauty we'll behold;  
soon the pearly gates will open;  
we shall tread the streets of gold.  
(Refrain)

### Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

## Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)

### Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tues., **Mar. 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](mailto:kathyngs@gmail.com).

### Called Charge Conference: 3/7

There will be a Called Charge Conference on March 7, at 7 p.m. in-person and on Zoom. The agenda for the Charge Conference will be limited to one item: approve proposed changes to clergy compensation for 2023. The Charge Conference is open to everyone, but members of the Executive Council are the voting members.

### 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. 27. All are welcome. For more information, contact Alesha Luxon at [alesha.luxon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

### Lent Bible Study

Join Pastor Neil for our Lenten Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Tuesday morning classes will be held in-person and on Zoom. Wednesday evening classes will be on Zoom. Everyone is invited to participate. No previous Bible study experience is necessary.

This Lent study will focus on Jesus' dying hours and his final words as the Gospel writers recorded them. We'll consider the people who were present as Jesus was dying, reflect on his final statements, and try to understand what they mean for our lives today. *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton will be the text for the Lent Study.

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

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

For more information about volunteering or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington, [umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com). Youth registration QR code:



## Coming Up

### March

- 5 Martha's Table
- 7 Called Charge Conference
- 13 Crafts for a Cause
- 14 Book Chat
- 18 Christ House
- 26 Celtic Service
- 27 Crafts for a Cause

### April

- 1 Good Works Day
- 2 Palm Sunday
- 6 Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.
- 7 Good Friday, 7 p.m.
- 9 Easter Sunday
  - 7 a.m. Sunrise Service
  - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 10 Office Closed
- 11 Book Chat:
- 15 Christ House
- 24 Crafts for a Cause
- 30 Celtic Service

### Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday, April 9, Trinity's Sanctuary will be decorated with lilies, tulips and hydrangeas, given in honor or memory of loved ones. Please scan the QR code below or visit [umtrinity.org/worship/easter-flowers](http://umtrinity.org/worship/easter-flowers) to complete an order form. All memorials/honors will be noted in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you order flowers, you're encouraged to take them home after the service. Deadline to order is March 20.



Tulips are \$11 per plant.  
Lilies are \$15.50 per plant.  
Hydrangeas are \$25 per plant.

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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](https://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.