



Trinity United Methodist Church

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January 16, 2022

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Masks Required.

We require everyone 3 and older to wear a mask at Trinity Church. We make this requirement to keep everyone healthy and safe during this current Covid surge. If you don't have one that fits properly over your nose and mouth, you may find one in the Narthex.

We ask that everyone complete a purple attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance today. This attendance will be used should contact tracing become necessary.



Prelude

Grazioso (Telemann)

Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Eileen Gilmer

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

* Gathering Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7)

UMH 57

Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People

Gilmer

Offering

Hough

This morning's offering will be received in the offering plates at the entrance. 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)

This Little Light of Mine (Work)

Catherine Wethington

Anthem (10:30)

Soon and Very Soon (Crouch-Schrader)

Ensemble

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:1-7

Gilmer

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

Message

Grow in Faith

Neil Hough

* Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace

UMH 378

* Benediction

Hough

Closing Music

Little Prelude and Fugue in C (attrib. Bach)

Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, January 17 — Mark 4:1-9

Jesus' parable of the sower contains several lessons for our discipleship, and for the church. The four types of soil describe the variety of human conditions that God's Word finds when the Gospel is shared. It won't all take root, but the seed that finds fertile soil bears a miraculous harvest. It teaches us to till the soil of our lives so that God's Word can grow in us. It also teaches us to keep sharing the Good News and trust that God's Word will grow and bear fruit. That's what God desires — that God's Word grows and bears fruit in our lives, and in the world.

- Take some time today to reflect on Jesus' parable. What kind of soil has God's Word found in you? Is God's Word growing in you? Is God's Word bearing fruit in you?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for the teaching and example of Jesus. Help me to receive your Word and allow it to grow and bear fruit in my life. Amen.*

Tuesday, January 18 — 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

When the letter to the Corinthians was written, the church in Corinth was facing deep divisions and conflict. It seems that the Corinthians were more focused on, and divided by, their human leadership and allegiances than in the leadership of Jesus. (See 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 for some of the context.) In his response, Paul (the writer) reminds them that both he and Apollos played a role in their development as believers. But he insists that it is "only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7).

- We are often tempted to elevate our place in God's Kingdom and our role in God's Kingdom work. How might you resist that temptation? How might you remember that it's "God who gives the growth"?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, forgive me for failing to recognize that growing in discipleship is your desire for my life. Help me learn to trust that you will help me grow if I let you. Amen.*

Wednesday, January 19 — Colossians 1:9-14

Growing in discipleship and "*in the knowledge of God*," (Colossians 1:10) is a central theme in New Testament letters. What's assumed by the writers is that an encounter with the living God in Jesus Christ will change our lives. We will be "*filled with knowledge*," "*lead lives worthy of the Lord*," and "*bear fruit in every good work*" (Colossians 1:9-10). This growth is made possible by God's "*glorious power*" (Colossians 1:11).

- God expects that you will be *filled with knowledge, lead a life worthy of Jesus, and bear fruit in your life*. Are God's expectations being fulfilled in your life?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, fill me with the resurrection power that was unleashed in the world on Easter. Transform my life. Help me to lead a life worthy of Jesus. Amen.*

Thursday, January 20 — Ephesians 4:11-16

The New Testament is clear that God intends to mold us into "*the measure of the full stature of Christ*" (Ephesians 4:13). The New Testament is also clear that facilitating this growth and maturity is the purpose of the Church, which has been given the necessary gifts to accomplish this purpose. This means that we are not only going to grow in our own discipleship, we are also going to help others do the same, using the gifts we have been given.

- First, reflect on your level of spiritual maturity. Where is God helping you grow? Second, reflect on the gifts you've been given to help others grow in their spiritual maturity. How are you using the gifts God has given you to help others?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, grant me the courage I need to allow you to work in my life. Help me grow in my ability to follow Jesus and live into the fullness of your Kingdom life. Amen.*

Friday, January 21 — Acts 2:37-47

After the Holy Spirit fills Jesus' disciples (Acts 2:1-13), Peter stands and preaches a sermon about Jesus (Acts 2:14-36) that bears a miraculous harvest of converts (Acts 2:41). But that wasn't the end of the Pentecost story. The addition of 3,000 new believers was just the beginning of the Holy Spirit's work. What followed was the formation of the Church. In Acts 2:42-47 we find an outline of the Church's ministry and some of the spiritual disciplines that we still practice today: teaching/learning, spending time in fellowship, breaking bread (Communion), praying, sharing resources, and worshipping God.

- Of the spiritual disciplines listed in Acts 2:42-47, which ones are most meaningful for you? Which ones challenge you? Which ones will be your priority in 2022?
- Prayer: *Loving God, thank you for the Church. Thank you for planting me in the midst of a community of believers that will help me grow in my discipleship. Amen.*

Saturday, January 22 — Ephesians 3:14-21

End this week by spending time with the prayer and benediction that concludes the third chapter of Ephesians. Pray this prayer for yourself. Reflect on the ways this prayer is being answered in your life right now. Notice how the prayer is primarily about allowing God to work in your life. Notice how God is the one who gets the glory. Re-read 1 Corinthians 3:5-7. Remember that in the life of Christian discipleship, it is "only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7).

- Are you willing to allow God "*to accomplish abundantly far more than all [you] can ask or imagine*" (Ephesians 3:20) ... in your life?
- Prayer: *God of the Universe, I confess that I all too often fail to believe that your dreams for my life and for the world can be accomplished. Grant me the gift of faith. Amen.*

Online Worship

Live streamed from the Sanctuary
Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



On Youtube: youtube.com/UMTrinity

In Person Worship

Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Pre-register at umtrinity.org/health
We ask that everyone over 2 years old wear a properly fitting face mask while at Trinity Church. The Nursery will be staffed and available 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@sloflt.com.

Pastor's Bible Study: Philippians

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762
Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Alma, Anne & Jay, Annie Kate, Asher, Austin, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Betsy & Dave, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brackley, Buchanan family, Buddy & Vanna, Carol, Carol & Rich, Carolina, Carolyn, Catherine, Cathy, Claudia, Connie, Dan & Chris, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Dick, Ed & Cookie, Elaine, Emily, Erica & Roberto, Errol, Fran & Tom, Gail, Gary & Lindie, Gay, Gerald, Harriet, Henry, Isobel, Janice, Jeff, Jeremy, Jill & George, Jim & Sue, Jo, Joe & Marie, Jose, Judy, Juliet, Karen, Karim, Katherine, Kathy, Kay & John, Laurie, Liz & David, Lois, Luana, Marciene, Marilyn, Mary, Melissa & Chad, Mickey, Miller family, Milton & Janine, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Paul & Lisa, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Penny, Rachel, Ricky, Robb family, Sandy, Sarah, Self family, Sharon, Shelby, Shelley, Steve & Linda, Suzanne, Tom, Tracy, Vicki, Vinnie & Sandy, Wiesner family, Yancey, and Yauwu, students, healthcare and emergency workers, hospital chaplains, those who mourn, the homeless and those who face eviction, the unemployed, healing for our country, those who have or have had COVID-19, those distributing vaccines, COVID vaccines for children, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters and political turmoil around the world, those displaced by tornadoes, fires and floods, and schools and airlines dealing with COVID outbreaks.

Send us your prayer requests: Visit umtrinity.org and look for Prayer Requests under Worship.

This section provides the text for today's hymns so that those worshipping at home can follow along.

O For Thousand Tongues to Sing

(vs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Highlights from E-News

You'll find more information in Friday's E-News. If you're not receiving our weekly e-mail, please send the address where you want to receive it to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat: Feb. 8

"Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep the postmen from their appointed rounds." According to Wikipedia, the original version of this oath originated about 2,500 years ago with the Greek historian Herodotus. We know it isn't true of the mail, but the Trinity Book Chat won't be stopped by bad weather: We meet by Zoom! On Tuesday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m., we'll talk about *Tilly and the Crazy Eights*, by Monique Gray Smith. A woman named Tilly impulsively agrees to help drive a group of indigenous elders from western Canada to Albuquerque for the world's biggest Powwow. This road trip novel, dubbed a "coming of age story for the older crowd," is ultimately a tale of love and resilience. Please contact Kathy Maher at Kathyngs@gmail.com or 703-790-8884 if you'd like to join the group.

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 for next week.

Children's Worship for ages 4 - 4th grade meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Club 56 for grades 5 & 6 meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.



Scan QR code
for Children & Youth
Registration

Christ House Closet

Christ House is a medical facility for homeless men in Washington, D.C. All newly admitted patients are provided with comfortable, clean clothing. The current needs list is in the E-News. Collection bins are in the Fellowship Lobby.

Grocery Gift Cards

Last month, we distributed \$675 in gift cards to 40 families. The people we help are always very appreciative. Cards can be put it in the offering plate.

Pastor's Bible Study: Philippians

Join Pastor Neil Hough for a 4-week study of the New Testament Letter to the Philippians. The class will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m., **starting January 18 and 19**. One of the themes of Philippians is finding joy and contentment in difficult circumstances — a very relevant message for today. Reading and study the Bible together is one of the ways we keep our commitment to *Grow in Faith*. Invite a friend and join us.

This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Listed below are the 30-minute time slots for *This Week at Trinity* airing on Channel 36:

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.
Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Every Sunday at 7 a.m.

Trinity Preschool of McLean

2022-23 Enrollment

Enrollment for 2022-23 begins Jan. 10 for church members. More information at <http://umtrinity.org/preschool>.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays 5-6 p.m.

Weekly in-person meetings

Youth meet every Sunday for a time of fellowship, bible study, and fun! The next Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 16. In the Fellowship Building, masks are required. For the time being dinner will not be served during youth group meetings.

Confirmation classes will be held Jan. 9—May 15 on Sundays, 4 - 5 p.m. Pastor Anne Hough will serve as this year's lead teacher.

For more information about our Youth Group please contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com). For more youth activities, including service opportunities, please visit umtrinity.org/education/youth.

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