



# Trinity United Methodist Church



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*  
François-Joseph Navez, 1823

*“Jesus came  
and stood among them...  
‘Peace be with you.’”*

*John 20:19*

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8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. We'd appreciate it if you would complete the registration pad and pass it down. Remember to include each family member present today. Prayer requests can be submitted by scanning the QR code on page 5 with your phone's camera and clicking the link. For those worshipping in the Chapel today, please complete an attendance card.

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PRELUDE

*To God Alone Be Glory* (Walther)  
*Christ Is Risen* (Polish melody)

Jerry Rich (8:30)  
Trinity Ringers (10:30)

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

You who have been wounded by the world,  
**Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God,**  
we have not touched you,  
**Although we believe you are our Lord and our God.**  
You are our refuge in hurt and pain.  
**You are our Lord and our God! Alleluia!**

\* GATHERING HYMN

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
sometimes we are bold and sure that you are the Living One  
who defeated death and destruction for us all.  
**Sometimes we wonder at the ancient stories of your resurrection,  
and we are not so sure that things happened in the way they describe.**  
Amid our doubts, bless us with your peace.  
Bless us with the joy and assurance of your presence,  
wherever we are in our journey of faith.

(A moment of silent prayer.)

We rejoice in you, Risen Savior,  
for you open before us your life-giving peace and power.  
You are our Lord and our God. Alleluia! **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Emily Summers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Our prayer will conclude with:*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

Peggy Fox (8:30)  
Jeff Pugh (10:30)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut,

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Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of God, for us, the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE	<i>The Lord in the Midst of Closed Doors</i>	Taehwan Roh
COMMUNION (8:30)		
OFFERING	<i>Our offering is received as we pass the plates, but you may also give online at <a href="http://umtrinity.org/give">http://umtrinity.org/give</a> or through our app.</i>	
Offertory	<i>This Joyful Eastertide (Wood)</i>	Brendon O'Donnell (8:30) Chancel Choir (10:30)
Doxology		UMH 94
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
* CLOSING HYMN	<i>Because He Lives</i>	UMH 364
* BENEDICTION		
* POSTLUDE	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Bertalot)</i>	Jerry Rich
<i>*congregation invited to stand</i>		

### Our Prayer List

Adeline, Anne, Annie Ruth, Barb & JR, Billy & Susie, Bobby, Brian, Carina, Carol & Rich, Carol & David, Carol, Carolyn, Carrie, Cathey, Chris, Daniel, Dara, Darlene & Steve, Dan, Daniel & Krissy, Davey, David, David & Meg, Emily, Emmett, Gail, Geoff, George, Greg & Rubina, Gregg, Jason, Jennifer, Jennifer & Carrie, Jimmy, Joanna, Linda, Maddy & Bill, Marciene, Margie, Marilyn, Marina, Marguerite, Matthew, Meri, Nancy, Norman & Teresa, Ogle family, Peg & Dick, Rich family, Roh family, Ruth & Mickey, Silva, Thomas, Vicki, Vinod, Viviana, Wayne family, Winie & Joseph, Yancey, and peace in the Middle East and efforts of those seeking peace, our nation's leadership and unity, US soldiers and civilians abroad, people experiencing natural disasters, those without housing, those who are hungry, those trying to do the right thing, peace in our nation, Spring Break travelers, students finishing the school year.

# Grow — Pray — Study

Our weekly devotional is available at <https://bit.ly/TrinityGPS>



## Monday, April 13 — Psalm 27

The psalm holds together two movements that do not easily fit—confidence and fear. The speaker names both without resolving the tension. Instead of waiting for fear to disappear, trust is expressed in the middle of it. What stands out is not the removal of threat, but the decision to locate one's focus differently.

This suggests that faith does not always move us out of uncertainty, but reshapes how we stand within it. Attention becomes central. Where we direct our gaze begins to shape how we interpret everything else, even before anything outward changes.

- Where does your attention naturally go when you feel uncertain or unsettled?
- What would it look like to intentionally redirect that attention, even for a moment?
- **Prayer:** God, in the midst of competing voices, help me to center my attention on you. Teach me to see my situation through your presence. Amen.

## Tuesday, April 14 — Isaiah 43:1–7

This passage begins not with change, but with naming. Before anything is resolved, identity is spoken. The sequence matters—belonging is established prior to movement, prior to deliverance, prior to clarity.

That ordering challenges how we often approach faith. We tend to look for stability in outcomes, but this passage locates it in relationship. Identity is not something we construct through circumstances, but something received and remembered within them.

- What has been shaping your sense of identity most strongly these days?
- How does beginning with being known and named by God reshape how you see yourself this week?
- **Prayer:** God, before anything else shifts, ground me in who I am in you. Help me to live from that identity. Amen.

## Wednesday, April 15 — 2 Corinthians 5:14–21

Paul describes a shift that is not immediately visible, yet fundamentally alters how reality is understood. The language of “new creation” points less to instant transformation and more to a redefined frame through which everything is now seen.

That reframing does not remain internal. It moves outward into relationships, into responsibility, into participation. What has been received begins to take shape in how one lives and responds to others.

- In one relationship this week, how might you respond differently in light of this new perspective?
- What would it look like for reconciliation to take a small but concrete step in that situation?
- **Prayer:** God, reshape how I understand what is in front of me. Lead me into a way of living that reflects your renewing work. Amen.

## Thursday, April 16 — Exodus 14:10–31

The tension in this passage comes from being positioned between what is known and what is unknown, with no clear path forward. The reaction is immediate—fear fills the space where direction is absent.

What is striking is that resolution does not begin with human action, but with waiting. The movement forward only becomes visible after that pause. The sequence invites a different kind of response to uncertainty—not urgency, but trust.

- Where do you feel pressure to act quickly without clarity?
- What might it mean, in that situation, to pause and allow space instead of forcing a decision?
- **Prayer:** God, in moments when I do not see a way forward, teach me to trust your work before I can recognize it. Amen.

## Friday, April 17 — Romans 8:31–39

This passage does not avoid naming what threatens stability, but it re-frames its significance. What appears powerful is placed alongside something more enduring. The comparison is not equal.

The effect is not the removal of difficulty, but a reordering of what carries ultimate weight. What we face is acknowledged, but it is no longer allowed to define the final reality.

- If this truth were fully trusted, what would you no longer need to fear as much?
- How might that shift change the way you carry a current burden?
- **Prayer:** God, reorder what I consider ultimate. Help me to hold what I face within the greater reality of your love. Amen.

## Saturday, April 18 — Luke 5:1–11

The moment unfolds in the context of repeated effort that has not produced results. Experience has already shaped expectation. What happens next interrupts that pattern, not by explanation, but by invitation. The response that follows is not built on certainty, but on willingness. Action is taken without guarantee, and only afterward does understanding begin to change. The sequence matters—movement comes before clarity.

- What is one specific step you sense you are being invited to take this week?
- What would it look like to act on that invitation, even without knowing the outcome?
- **Prayer:** God, when I am shaped by what has not worked, help me to remain open to your invitation. Give me the courage to respond. Amen.

## Today at Trinity

### Fellowship Hosts

9:30 a.m. Susan Long

11:30 a.m. Andrea Hager

### Chancel Choir, 10 a.m.

The Chancel Choir meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. to prepare to lead worship at 10:30 a.m. New singers are always welcome. If you'd like to know more about Trinity's music ministry, please contact Jerry Rich, [jrich@potomacschool.org](mailto:jrich@potomacschool.org).

**Children's Worship, 10:30 a.m.** (ages 4 - 6th grade)  
Children's Worship takes place following the Children's Message in our Fellowship Building across the Breeze-way.

## This Week

**Monday, 7 p.m.: Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting**

### Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: Book Chat

Book Chat will meet on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout. For more information, contact Suzanne Hamilton or use the QR code on page 5.

### Wednesday: Spire Deadline

### Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

A dedicated community that meets via Zoom to lift up the needs of our church family, community and world. We are praying for you to join us! If you'd like to know more or to participate, please speak to one of our pastors or call the office, 703-356-3312.

### Friday: Share New Beginnings Donations Due at the Church

See the announcement in the next column about the Share New Beginnings project. Links to the needed items Wish List and volunteer list can be found using the QR code on page 5.

### Saturday: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a place of healing; a residential, medical facility for homeless men located on Columbia Road in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. We prepare lunch on the third Saturday of every month. Contact Connie Jeremiah for more information, 703-307-4635 or [dcjeremiah@verizon.net](mailto:dcjeremiah@verizon.net).

### Saturday: Youth at SHARE New Beginnings!

The Youth Group will join Church & Society to create a welcoming and homey environment for one of Share's previously unhoused clients—a single mother caring for 5!



### Saturday: A Way to Help a Family Start Anew!

Next weekend, our Trinity family will come together to help furnish a home for a family of 6, though in ministry known as SHARE New Beginnings.

This big project takes many folks collaborating together, and we **still need your help** in welcoming this large family into a safe, new home of their own!

Please consider assisting in any of these ways: donating or purchasing selected items from the home items wish list (items are needed at the church by Friday, April 17), assisting at Trinity UMC with a lunch for our volunteers, or serving on-site to set up the new home. **Both wish list and volunteer sign up** can be found by scanning the **QR code** found on page 5.

If any questions, speak with Catherine Wethington, [umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com), or Cindy Oh, [cohva7762@gmail.com](mailto:cohva7762@gmail.com).

We rejoice to be part of this terrific work at a challenging time for lower-income families!

## Coming Up

### April 26: Youth Group

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

### May 3: Martha's Table Snack Packaging

Following both worship services, we will gather in the Fellowship Lobby to make bags of trail mix for weekday distribution by Martha's Table in Washington, D.C. The snack bag assembly line is fun and also makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of people in our community. All supplies provided!

## About Our Ministries

### Nursery

The **Nursery** is staffed during both our Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under. Our nursery is located in the Fellowship Building; simply speak to an usher and they will provide assistance.

### Children's Worship Folders

**Folders** are available during worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please return your folder to the "used bin" so it can be replenished.

### Fellowship: Getting Connected

You are invited to meet friends and neighbors after each of our worship services! Join us in the Fellowship Lobby across the breezeway. Each week individuals, families or ministry teams host our refreshments. Please consider signing up for the 8:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code under Quick Links at the right to sign-up.

### Trinity Preschool of McLean

TPoM welcomes all students ages 2-6. Please visit [umtrinity.org/preschool](http://umtrinity.org/preschool) to learn more about this vibrant ministry or to schedule a tour for your child.

### Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed each Sunday to greet people, answer questions and hand out bulletins. Use the QR code below to volunteer for this essential ministry of hospitality, or speak to one of the pastors.

### Quick Links

Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link.

- > Prayer Requests
- > Children & Youth registration
- > Book Chat discussion group
- > Christ House wish list
- > Children's Creation Story Skit
- > Fellowship Hour hosts, Ushers
- > Share New Beginnings volunteers
- > Share New Beginnings Wish List



All elementary-age children are invited to be part of this special presentation on Mother's Day. Rehearsals resume next week and continue on Sundays through May 3, except today. Rehearsals are 11:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. in Room 402-403. Use the QR code on the left to learn more or contact Meredith Faust.

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Worship is in-person and livestreamed on Sundays from our Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from our Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: [youtube.com/UMTrinity](https://youtube.com/UMTrinity). Our 5 p.m. Celtic Service is in-person and streamed on the last Sunday of the month. If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)