



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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February 5, 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 3 with your phone's camera to register your attendance today.

Prelude *Pastel on Steal Away to Jesus* (Callahan) Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

\* Call to Worship Eileen Gilmer

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**The One who calls us,**

The One who equips us,

**The One who loves us without end.**

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

\* Gathering Hymn *O How I Love Jesus* p. 3 / UMH 170

Children's Message Laurie Strollo

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 <http://umtrinity.org/give> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.

Anthem (8:30) *Come and Find the Quiet Center* (Green) Catherine Wethington

Anthem (10:30) *The Beatitudes* (Butler) Chancel Choir

Scripture Mark 12:13-27 Eileen Gilmer (8:30), Emery Stover (10:30)

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; and the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.'

Message *The Enemies He Made* Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion Clergy

\* Closing Hymn *Lord of the Dance* p. 3 / UMH 261

\* Benediction Hough

Closing Music *A Litany of Joy* (Fedak) 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, February 6 — Mark 8:14-9:1**

The blindness of Jesus' disciples is one of the themes of Mark's Gospel. Their inability to comprehend the necessity of Jesus' suffering and death — illustrated by Peter's rebuke of Jesus in Mark 8:32 — makes them just as blind as the man in Bethsaida. The disciples will need a second touch of Jesus' healing hand before they will be able to see clearly.

- Everyone has some blind spots. Are you aware of any blind spots in your life? What part of the Gospel message is “blurry” for you? Where do you need Jesus to help you see more clearly?
- Prayer: *God of Healing, grant me clarity of vision, so that I might see more clearly and understand more completely how to faithfully follow Jesus in my life. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, February 7 — Mark 9:2-29**

The account of Jesus' transfiguration on a “high mountain” serves as a turning point in the Gospel. Jesus is now moving toward Jerusalem, where the events he has foretold (Mark 8:31) will occur. On the mountain with three disciples, the identity of Jesus is affirmed, and the disciples are instructed by the heavenly voice, “listen to him!” The events surrounding the transfiguration show Jesus' frustration with the disciples and their need to listen carefully and see clearly.

- What is stopping you from fully comprehending the truth of the Gospel? Are there parts of Jesus' message that are hard for you to hear? Are you willing to acknowledge your need to learn?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, forgive my lack of faith and hardened heart. Open my ears and heart to truly listen to Jesus and learn from him how to live a meaningful life. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, February 8 — Mark 9:30-49**

Mark intentionally shows the contrast between Jesus, the suffering servant, and the disciples, who argue about which one of them is the greatest. Jesus insists that greatness in the Kingdom is not about being first, but is about being last, like children in the first-century world. He says that when his disciples welcome and serve the least and last, they serve Jesus himself. (See also Matthew 25:31-46.)

- These words of Jesus challenge our 21st century sensibilities. How do you feel about them? Are you willing to be last?
- Prayer: *God of Sacrificial Love, show me today how to love and serve the same way Jesus loved and served. Help me seek the kind of greatness that Jesus describes. Amen.*

## **Thursday, February 9 — Mark 10:1-31**

Jesus was unafraid to tackle difficult subjects like marriage and divorce and wealth. The fact that he often challenged the conventional wisdom of his day helps explain why he attracted a large following and created such strong opposition. The high expectations of Jesus' teaching (see Matthew 5:20) leads to the conversation recorded in Mark 10:26-27. Read Mark 10:26-27 again.

- Reflect on the promise made by Jesus (in verse 27). Can you affirm this statement? Will you acknowledge your need for God's saving grace?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, please forgive the many ways that I fail to live up to your expectations for my life. I need your grace. Help me live according to your will. Amen.*

## **Friday, February 10 — Mark 10:32-46**

Despite Jesus' teaching and his repeated prediction of his suffering and death, the disciples are still blind to the truth about Jesus, about the Kingdom of God, and about Jesus' expectations for their lives. The healing of Bartimaeus' blindness ends this section of the Gospel. With it, Mark emphasizes the need for followers of Jesus to have their eyes opened, so that they can see clearly as they follow Jesus to the cross and beyond.

- Mark wants us to understand that Jesus is the Messiah we need, not necessarily the Messiah we want. Are you willing to follow Jesus to the cross and beyond?
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be the Messiah I need. Despite my reluctance to journey with Jesus, today I choose to serve and follow him alone. Amen.*

## **Saturday, February 11 — Mark 11:1-11**

When Jesus enters Jerusalem with his disciples, he is hailed as a King. The contrast between the events of Palm Sunday and Good Friday is intentional. Mark insists that Jesus is God's King, but that he will be a crucified King. His crown will be made of thorns and his earthly throne will be a cross. Sadly, many people in Jesus' day, and in ours, are unable to accept that Jesus' death and resurrection is God's greatest display of divine power.

- Too many people prefer earthly, human power to the power of sacrificial love. Are you willing to trust the power of God's love?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, even though I struggle to understand what it means to serve a crucified King, I long to experience the life-changing power of your love and grace. 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).

### 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 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

Aidan, Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Alison, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Ann, Annie Ruth, Art & Marcie, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bea, Beath, Becky, Betty, Beverly & Wally, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Bill & Trisha, Boris, Brooks family, Bruce, Bryan, Bud, Buddy, Carol, Carol & Rich, Carolina, Caroline, Carolyn & Janice, Cathy, Charlie, Chris, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Debbie, DeMicco family, Diane, Dick, Dobson family, Dylan, Earl & Mary Lou, Elaine, Ellen, Eliza, Ellie, Emily, Evans family, Evelyn, Evie, Fahimi family, Fran & Tom, Fred, Gary & Lindie, Glenn, Grace, Gay, Green family, Hanna & Franz, Harriet, Henrietta, Hope, Hunt family, Ingrid, Isobel, Jack, Jackie, Jan, Jane, Janelle, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeffrey, Jeremy, Jessica, Jewell family, Jill, Jim, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, June, Junil, Karen, Karyn, Katherine, Kathleen, Kathryn & Wayne, Kathy, Kay & John, Kena, Ladye, Lana, Lena, Lilliana, Linda, Linda & Preston, Lisa, Liz & David, Lizzie, Luana, Lyndee, Marcia, Marcienne, Marcy, Maria, Marilu, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Matt, Meak family, Melissa & Chad, Mendez family, Mickey, Minou, Nancy & George, Nichols family, Nime, Pat, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Podesta family, Rasmussen family, Rebecca, Richard, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Roger, Roxanne, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Shadle family, Sherri, Sievera family, Steve, Sue, Sue & Stan, Susan, Tatiana, Teagan, Teresa, Tessa, Theo, Tim, Tom, Tommaso, Tony, Tracy, Vanna, Vicki, Wayne, Yancey, and Yvonne, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil.

We extend **sympathy** to David, Karen & Emily Hunt on the Feb. 1 death of Karen's mother, Gwyn.

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

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

### O How I Love Jesus

1. There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior's love,  
who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]
3. It tells of one whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below. [Refrain]

### Lord of the Dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

[Refrain:]

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on. (Refrain)
3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)
4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

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## 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., **Feb. 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).

### 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.



### Confirmation Class Service Project

The Confirmation class will be putting together **Blessing Bags**. These are one-gallon Ziplock bags, filled with food and personal items and a \$5 gift certificate to McDonalds, that can be kept in a glove compartment and given to people in our community who might need some help and encouragement — especially those who are homeless or home-insecure.

We are purchasing the supplies so that the bags will be uniform and are **inviting the congregation to contribute to the cost of the supplies**. If you would like to help, you can go <http://umtrinity.org/give> and make a one-time gift. Choose "Confirmation class" in the dropdown menu under "Fund." Thank you, in advance, for your support. We are hoping to fill 75 bags this year! Read more at <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth>.

### Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Feb. 13. All are welcome. For more information, contact Alesha Luxon at [alesha.luxon@gmail.com](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

### Scout Sunday

Next week is Scout Sunday. We encourage all Scouts to wear their uniform to worship.

### SHARE the LOVE Food Drive

February 5 - 26

Drive Thru Drop off: Feb. 26, 2 - 4 p.m.

Our youth are collecting items for SHARE of McLean during the Month of February. See the list of needed items at <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth>. There are drop off bins located in the Fellowship Lobby and in the Narthex.

Drive Thru Drop Off on February 26 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the back parking lot. Drop donations directly to the youth and enjoy a hot cocoa and a sweet treat as a thanks for donating!

Our youth collected more than 800 items for Share last year. This year we hope to donate more than 1000.

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today: 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Unplugged Retreat Feb. 20. Details for this one-day awesome experience at <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth> 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

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To help with the Pancake Supper, contact Jim Wilson at [jaswilson@slofit.com](mailto:jaswilson@slofit.com)

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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.