



Trinity United Methodist Church

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May 4, 2025

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	<i>Sonata in A, K. 322 (Scarlatti)</i>	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Taehwan Roh
Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing! Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness! God has remembered God's faithful ones. God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us! Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise! Rejoice, for God is truly with us.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>He Lives</i>	UMH 310
Reception of New Members: Jeff and Sophie Pugh		Clergy
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
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)	<i>God Is My Shepherd (Dvořák)</i>	Catherine Wethington
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord (Evans)</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Jonah 3:10 - 4:5	Taehwan Roh
When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.		
Message	<i>What's So Amazing About Grace?</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion		Clergy
* Closing Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	UMH 378
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>Fanfare (Lemmens)</i>	Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, May 5 — Exodus 20:1-6

The basic terms of God's covenant with us are (from God's perspective): I will be your God; you will be my people. (See Exodus 6:7, Leviticus 26:12, and Jeremiah 30:22.) From God's perspective, the covenant relationship is based on (God's) steadfast love. From our perspective, the covenant relationship is a response to God's love. It is based on our love for God (with heart, mind, soul, and strength) and our obedience of God's commandments — primarily, but not limited to, our love for our neighbors.

- Think back over your life. When and how have you experienced God's steadfast love? Have you responded to God's steadfast love for you by loving God and keeping God's commandments? How does your love for God and love for your neighbors define the shape of your life?
- Prayer: *Loving God, thank you for making and keeping your promises to me. Give me the strength and courage I need to make and to keep my promises to you. Amen.*

Tuesday, May 6 — Psalm 145:1-21

Psalm 145 celebrates the goodness and greatness of God. There is an element of thanksgiving for what God has done, but the emphasis is on God's character — the person and nature of God. Verses 8 and 9 are the heart of the Psalm: *"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made."* Whatever else we know about God, we can rest in the assurance of God's grace, mercy, compassion, and steadfast love for all of us and for all of creation.

- Do any of God's characteristics trouble you? If so, which ones? Do any of God's characteristics encourage you? Which of God's characteristics are most important to you?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, grant me a sense of assurance that your grace, mercy, love, and compassion will sustain me. Help me experience your grace and mercy every day. Amen.*

Wednesday, May 7 — Jonah 3:10-4:5

The story of Jonah is about God's willingness to offer second chances to Jonah and to the city of Nineveh. In Jonah 1:1-3, God called Jonah with the intent to send him to Nineveh and call the city to repentance. In response to God's call, Jonah ran away. Ultimately, he couldn't escape God's presence and eventually did what God commanded (in Jonah 3:1-5). Then, when Nineveh repented and God did not destroy it, Jonah became angry with God. He knew that God would show grace and mercy and steadfast love. He knew that God would keep God's promises, but he didn't like it.

- Have you ever been angry with God? Was it because of something God did? Or was it because of something God didn't do?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, today I surrender everything to you, including my anger. Calm my spirit. Teach me how to trust that you will do what's best for me and for others. Amen.*

Thursday, May 8 — Jonah 4:5-11

The Book of Jonah ends with a conversation between Jonah and God about a bush and about the city of Nineveh. God's message to Jonah was framed in the form of a question: if Jonah was so concerned about something as trivial as a bush, shouldn't God be even more concerned about the people of Nineveh? The entire story of Jonah is intended to hold a mirror to our reluctance to answer God's call and our resistance to God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness.

- What kind of relationship do you have with God's love and God's forgiveness? Do you ever feel the way Jonah felt? Does God's love and forgiveness ever bother you? Does God ever love and forgive the "wrong" people?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for your love and forgiveness. Forgive me when I selfishly and judgmentally refuse to accept that you offer your love and grace to everyone. Amen.*

Friday, May 9 — Luke 13:22-30

Some of Jesus' words are difficult to understand. As he made his way to Jerusalem, he was asked about salvation — about who will be saved. His answer was troubling to many of his hearers then, and it's troubling to many hearers today. He said that some people who expect to enter God's Kingdom will not, and that people from the four corners of the earth will be welcomed. What we discover as we read Luke's account of Jesus' life and ministry is that Jesus (and God) cares deeply about people who are the least, last, lost, and left out in the world.

- What do you think about Jesus' message? How does it make you feel? Can you accept the breadth and depth of God's grace?
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus and for the gift of salvation. Thank you for your amazing gift of grace. Today I choose to follow him, trust him, and obey him. Amen.*

Saturday, May 10 — Acts 10:34-48

Peter, who was one of Jesus' disciples and a leader of the early church, was led by God to have an encounter with a man named Cornelius (Acts 10:1-33). Cornelius was a Roman centurion, which means he was a Gentile — someone who was not an Israelite and who was assumed (by Peter) to be outside the reach of God's grace. However, God, through the Holy Spirit, led Peter to understand that Gentiles like Cornelius could also be God's people, and could be saved from the power of sin and death by God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. This was a turning point in Peter's life and ministry. It was a turning point for the early church as well.

- Are you willing to consider the possibility that God, through the Holy Spirit, is leading you to a new understanding about the scope and the power of God's grace? What is God teaching you today?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, open my eyes to see and my ears to hear once again your message of love and grace. Fill me with your Spirit and teach me what I need to know. 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

Charge Conference

Tuesday at 5 p.m. Meeting ID: 826 4819 8469

Pastor's Bible Study

On Break

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762
Tuesday's class is also in-person. Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837 on Zoom only.

Book Chat: May 13

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Meeting ID: 824 6934 5400

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 9 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

Our Prayer List

Aaron, Alan & Rhonda, Allen family, Amy, Anita, Anne, Anusha, AP, April, Audrina, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Becca, Becky, Ben, Ben & April, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brent, Brett & Laurie, Bruce, Bud, Cameron, Cami, Carl, Carol & Rich, Caspari family, Cathy, Charlie, Chris, Christine, Christopher, Chuck, Dan, Daniel, Daniele, Danny, Dara, Darlene & Steve, Davey, David, David & Carol, David & Doreen, David & Sara-Michelle, Debbie & Steve, Douglas, Eifiona, Eleanor, Ella, Ellen, Emily, Eric, Erica, Evan, Frank, Franklin, Gail, Gary & Lindie, Gregg, Hanna, Harry, Holly, Hoyt, Hyland, Jack, Jack & June, Jackie & Ron, Jason & Emmett, Jeff, Jennifer, Jewel, Jim, Jim, Jimmy, Joan, Joanna, Joe, John, Jonathan, Jones family, Judy, Juli, Julie, Katie, Ken, Kevin, Krista & Robert, Kurt, Ladye, Laura, Leo, Leonore, Leslie, Levi, Libby, Linda, Lon & Barb, Luke, Macy & Ellie, Mandy & Mack, Margarita, Marie & Joe, Margie, Marguerite & John, Marilyn, Mark, Matthew, Melissa, Merlin, Mia, Mickey & Ruth, Mikey, Mikie, Myrtle, Nancy, Nanette, Nolen family, Okun family, Olin, Owena, Pearl, Peggy, Peter, Pi, Ples, Rishi, Rosemary, Rowan, Sam & Evan, Sheila, Silva, Sissi, Sitta, Spencer, Stacy & Ellie, Steve, Susan, Teddy, Teresa & Norman, Terry, Tessa, Tim, Thomas, Tom, Tom & Hannah, Veda, Victor, Vinnie, Wayne family, Winie & Joseph, Woody, Yancey, and those who are traveling, people losing jobs, success for employment seekers, the children and staff at Heart to Heart Worldwide Village in Honduras, The Leadership Center, our nation's leadership and unity, soldiers abroad and at home, peace on earth, an end to antisemitism and Islamophobia, leadership crisis in South Korea, those affected by the California wildfires and Myanmar earthquake, storm and flood victims, those trying to make a better future for our nation, government employees, immigrants, orphans in Ethiopia, victims of abuse and hostages throughout the world, and the Hough & Rochford families & Trinity UMC during the pastoral transition.



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Graduate Recognition

The high school and post-secondary Class of 2024 will be recognized in worship on June 1. Send your name and the name of the school from where you graduated and future plans (as known) by May 28 to info@umtrinity.org.

Highlights from E-News

Book Chat

Book Chat meets on Tuesday, **May 13** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. This month's book is *Table for Two: Shorts Stories* by Amor Towles. All are welcome and you don't need to be a Trinity member or have even read the book to join. Zoom information on p. 3.

Called Charge Conference

There will be a Called Charge Conference on **May 6**, at 5 p.m. in-person and on Zoom. The agenda for the Charge Conference will be limited to one item: to approve proposed changes to clergy compensation for 2025. The Charge Conference is open to everyone, but members of the Executive Council are the voting members.

Camp Highroad

Summer Camp ages 5 – 12th grade. <https://www.camphighroad.org/summer-camp>

Camp Highroad is hiring summer counselors, counselors in training and program staff. <https://camphighroad.campbrainstaff.com/>

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship 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.

Children's Worship (ages 4 - 4th grade) and **Club 56** (grades 5 & 6) meet during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Vacation Bible Saturday will be July 12. More details will be available soon.

Fellowship

Each week individuals, families or ministry groups host our Fellowship snacks. Please consider signing up for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code at the right to sign-up. Today's hosts are Yvonne & Tsidi Tsikata (8:30) and Duncan family (10:30).

Meditation

Experience how mindfulness and meditation can quiet the mind, help us navigate the changing world, and explore our spiritual selves. The hour-long session begins at 7 p.m. on **Wed., May 21**, in Langley Hall.

Maureen Kammerer will conduct the session and has been giving lessons in mindfulness for over 30 years, helping others to experience the peace of a comfortable seated guided meditation. Questions? Call the church office, 703-356-3312.

Prayer Group

Meets on Zoom on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.! Everyone is welcome.

Trinity Preschool of McLean

Class options for children two and a half to six years old. Enrollment for Summer Camp 2025 and 2025-26 is open. Call the school office today to inquire about current openings or to schedule a school tour. <http://umtrinity.org/preschool>.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

No Sunday youth group on May 4. Youth Group will meet on May 18, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

To receive youth emails, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.

Coming Up

May

- 4 Martha's Table
- 4 Interfaith Concert at Immanuel PC
- 6 Called Charge Conference
- 13 Book Chat
- 17 Christ House
- 18 Confirmation Sunday
- 20 Trustees
- 21 Meditation
- 25 Celtic Service

June

- 1 Martha's Table
- 1 Choir Concert
- 8 The Houghs last Sunday
- 8 Farewell Reception for Houghs
- 10 Book Chat
- 15 *Spire* deadline
- 19 Office Closed
- 21 Christ House
- 29 Celtic Service

July

- 4 Office Closed
- 12 Vacation Bible Saturday

Quick Links

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera and click the link for quick access to forms. Or, visit: umtrinity.org/about-us/quick-links
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- > Fellowship hosts
- > Ushers
- > VBS



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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.