



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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. This attendance will be used should contact tracing become necessary.



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| Prelude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>Largo in D, RV 93 (Vivaldi)</i>         | Jerry Rich           |
| Welcome and Announcements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            | Clergy               |
| * Call to Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            | Neil Hough           |
| Welcome, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.<br><b>We come because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.</b><br>We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge.<br><b>We seek help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.</b><br>Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.<br><b>We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts. Amen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |                      |
| * Gathering Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Gather Us In</i>                        | p. 3 / FWS 2236      |
| Children's Message                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            | Laurie Strollo       |
| Prayers of the People                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            | Hough                |
| Offering                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            | 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>His Eye is on the Sparrow (Gabriel)</i> | Catherine Wethington |
| Anthem (10:30)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>Awaken Me to Pray (Lantz)</i>           | Ensemble             |
| Scripture                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Luke 14:25-33                              | Hough                |
| Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. |                                            |                      |
| Message                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>The Fine Print of Discipleship</i>      | Eileen Gilmer        |
| The Sacrament of Holy Communion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                            | Hough                |
| * Closing Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>As a Fire Is Meant for Burning</i>      | p. 3 / FWS 2237      |
| * Benediction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                            | Gilmer               |
| Closing Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Psalm 19 (Marcello)</i>                 | 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, September 5 — Luke 4:16-22, Luke 5:27-32**

During his earthly ministry, Jesus said many things that challenged the conventional wisdom of his day and upset many people. Sometimes we struggle to understand the meaning of Jesus' words for our lives. If we're honest, we wonder if he really meant some of the things he said. Was he exaggerating to make a point or trying to shock his hearers into doing something differently? Or, was reaching out to people on the margins of society really his primary purpose?

- How do you feel when you read Jesus' challenging statements? How do you interpret their meaning for your life? Do you believe that Jesus speaks for God? How does that affect the way you understand his words.
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for sending Jesus to teach me your ways and to help me understand how you want me to live my life. Give me the faith I need to trust him. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, September 6 — Luke 6:20-36**

Conventional wisdom in both Jesus' time and in ours says that health and wealth are signs of God's favor and blessing. So when Jesus says that, in God's Kingdom, the first shall be last and the last shall be first (see Luke 13:30) and that we should love our enemies, he confronts our understanding of what's right and true. In other words, he redefines what it means to be successful. The question is: will we accept Jesus' definition of success or will we stick with ours?

- How do you define success? By what criteria do you evaluate your life? How do you know when you are doing well? In what ways might your definition of success differ from the one Jesus embodies in the Gospels?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, forgive me for failing to live up to your expectations for my life. Help me to believe that Jesus is the ultimate example of a successful life. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, September 7 — Luke 9:18-27**

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the lens through which we view the ministry and teaching of Jesus. It is no accident that Peter's announcement that Jesus is the Messiah is followed by Jesus' announcement about his death and resurrection. Jesus insists that if we trust that he is the Messiah, we must be willing to leave everything behind and follow him (see Luke 5:11, 5:28, 18:28). Being a disciple of Jesus comes with a cost – but it is worth it.

- How far would you go to follow Jesus? Would you leave everything behind? Would you give up the good life you enjoy today to serve God?
- Prayer: *God of Love, Jesus' words are often hard to hear and hard to understand. Help me to know what they mean for my life and give me the courage I need to act on them. Amen.*

## **Thursday, September 8 — Luke 12:49-53**

We usually think of Jesus as being kind and compassionate. At Christmas we call him the Prince of Peace. But in Luke 12, he says that he has come to bring division. These are striking words and in order to understand them better, we need to examine the context of his teaching, which is the necessity to be prepared for God's judgment. In other words, he is saying that we need to make a decision about whether we will trust God and follow Jesus, with the knowledge that our decision will have consequences in all aspects of our lives, including our relationships.

- Jesus asks us to make some potentially difficult decisions. By what criteria do you make big decisions in your life? How much of your life are you willing to give up so that you can follow Jesus to the end?
- Prayer: *God of Compassion, thank you for the promise of salvation and life with you always. Let your Kingdom come and your will be done in my life today. Amen.*

## **Friday, September 9 — Luke 14:25-33**

Jesus' words hit very close to home when he suggests that what we hold most precious can be – and often are – impediments to faithful discipleship. On more than one occasion in the Gospel accounts of his ministry, Jesus challenges us to count the cost of following him. He asks us to let go of everything that holds us back and keeps us from living faithfully and obediently.

- Have you given one hundred percent of your life to Jesus? If not, what are you holding back? What parts of your life are you unwilling to give up?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I am aware that there are parts of my life that I am unwilling to surrender – even to follow Jesus. Forgive my unwillingness to trust you completely. Amen.*

## **Saturday, September 10 — Luke 18:18-30**

The story of Jesus' encounter with the rich ruler works on three different levels. First, there is the rich man who wanted Jesus to affirm his "goodness." Then there are the disciples who wonder, "*Then, who can be saved?*" Finally, the story challenges our understanding of what is right and true. Like Jesus' first disciples, we have a hard time believing that Jesus would ask anyone – especially us – to "*sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor*" (Luke 18:22) to follow him.

- The question we need to answer for ourselves is this: what is Jesus asking of me?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, open my eyes to see and my ears to hear your truth for my life. Show me what you require of me and grant me enough faith to obey. 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. Nursery attendants and children's ministry volunteers wear masks.

## This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

### Prayer Group

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



Bounce Back Sunday  
September 11  
after 10:30 worship

Potluck lunch, games, bounce house, fun and fellowship for all!

## Thank You from Grace Ministries

We received a thank you note and photos from Grace Ministries for your generous donations of school supplies this summer. See the note and photos at <http://tumcthespire.wordpress.com/>.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

### Gather Us In

1. Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song
3. Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

### As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame  
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to god's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.
2. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle loving actions we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble listening spirit, we would live to god's delight.
3. As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance of god's new and glorious dawn.

## Our Prayer List

Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Asher, Betty, Bob, Boris, Carolina, Charlie, Christine, Clin, Davey, Diane, Donna, Earl & Mary Lou, Ellen, Emily, Finn, Fiona, Franco, Gilmore family, Greenberg family, Isobel, Jeff, Jeffmader, Jody & Andy, John, Junior, Kathy, Krista & Robert, Lisa, Maeve, Marcia, Marilyn, Mark, Mickey, Patterson family, Roberto & Erica, Sandy & Vinnie, Sasha, Spencer, Tracy, Vicki, Weiss family, Yancey, travelers, the people of Ukraine and those assisting them, Afghanis, Sudanese, victims of human trafficking, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, healthcare and emergency workers, hospital chaplains, those who mourn, the homeless, those distributing vaccines, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters and political turmoil around the world.

## 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

Another season of reading and chatting begins on Tuesday, **Sept. 13** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The Sept. book is *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, [kathyngs@gmail.com](mailto:kathyngs@gmail.com), for more.

### Chancel Choir Seeks Singers

Our Chancel Choir is a vital part of Trinity's worship life; members learn about their faith as they minister to others through music. We welcome new singers! Rehearsals start on **Sunday, Sept. 18 at 11:45 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. Why not give us a try? For more information, please email Jerry Rich ([jrich@potomacschool.org](mailto:jrich@potomacschool.org)).

### 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** (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

Crafts for a Cause meets every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Sept. 6 & 19. No crafting experience is needed and all are welcome. If you'd like to sign up, please email **Alesha Luxon** at [alesha.luxon@gmail.com](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

### Fall Women's Retreat:

#### Seeking Inner Peace

Reverend Anne Hough will be leading this day retreat on **Saturday, October 1** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. The cost to cover lunch and supplies is \$20. For details, please visit <http://umtrinity.org/education/adults>. To register, please email Anne at [eaehough@gmail.com](mailto:eaehough@gmail.com).

### Fellowship

Feel free to join us after each service in the Fellowship Lobby to catch up and get to know each other better. We also need volunteers to make this Fellowship happen. If you are willing to help, please email Alesha Luxon ([alesha.luxon@gmail.com](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com)). Instructions provided. Thanks to all for supporting this church and this ministry.

### Music Together

This popular music education program for children aged 0-5 and the adults who love them, will hold classes at Trinity this fall! Join the talented and creative Miss Patti for twelve weeks of singing, dancing and fun, starting in mid-September. Learn more and register at [littlestepsmusic.com](http://littlestepsmusic.com). Have questions? Email Ashley at [littlestepsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:littlestepsmusic@gmail.com).

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Next Meeting: September 18  
Register at <http://bit.ly.youthreg22>  
Are you an adult interested in volunteering with our youth or do you want more information about joining youth group? Contact Catherine Wethington ([umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com)).

## Coming Up

### September

- 5 Office Closed
- 6 Executive Council
- 6 Crafts for a Cause
- 11 Bounce Back Sunday
- 13 Book Chat
- 17 Music Concert: Brassolatura
- 19 Crafts for a Cause
- 25 Celtic Service

### October

- 1 Women's Retreat
- 2 Pet Blessing
- 3 Crafts for a Cause
- 9 Oscar Serrano (Honduras) visit
- 10 Office Closed
- 11 Book Chat
- 17 Crafts for a Cause
- 30 Celtic Service
- 31 Crafts for a Cause

### November

- 1-8 Honduras Mission Trip
- 5 Rise Against Hunger
- 8 Book Chat
- 11 Office Closed
- 14 Crafts for a Cause
- 20 Hanging of the Greens
- 27 Celtic Service
- 28 Crafts for a Cause

### Brassolatura

A Concert featuring Brass Quintet and Coloratura Soprano, Catherine Wethington, will be held on Sat., Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. in the Trinity Sanctuary. Enjoy a variety of music from classical to American Musical Theater, including composers such as Handel, Verdi, Jerome Kern and more.

### Trinity Church Staff

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### Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.