



Trinity United Methodist Church

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September 10, 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 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 (8:30)	<i>Largo in D, RV 93 (Vivaldi)</i>	Jerry Rich
Prelude (10:30)	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness (arr. Lamb)</i>	Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements	Clergy
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* Call to Worship	Taehwan Roh
Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God's transforming love.	
We praise God for God's presence with us!	
Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.	
We thank God for God's mercy toward us.	
Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.	
Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. Amen.	

* Gathering Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	UMH 89
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Children's Message	Laurie Strollo
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Prayers of the People	Taehwan Roh
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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	<i>His Eye Is on the Sparrow (Gabriel)</i>	Catherine Wethington
Offertory (10:30)	<i>O Word of God Incarnate (Courtney)</i>	Chancel Choir, Diana Wensley, trumpet

Scripture	Psalms 90:1-8, 12	Taehwan Roh
Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.	You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.	
You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.' For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.	For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.	
	So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.	

Message	<i>I Believe in God</i>	Neil Hough
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* The Apostles Creed	UMH 881
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Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)	Clergy
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* Closing Hymn	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	FWS 2008
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* Benediction	Neil Hough
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* Closing Music	<i>Psalm 19 (Marcello)</i>	Jerry Rich (8:30), Diana Wensley (10:30)
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* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, September 11 — Genesis 1:1-5

The opening chapters of Genesis describe the creation of the world. There are multiple layers to the creation story, which are worthy of our careful attention. We can draw several conclusions from what we read — about God, about humanity, and about the world itself. The most important conclusion, and the primary lesson for today, is that *God is the creator of heaven and earth*. As we consider what we believe, we should always remember that God is the one who creates (and re-creates, see Isaiah 65:17 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-19.)

- Which aspects of the creation story is most meaningful for you right now? (Note that what speaks to you today might be different tomorrow.) How does affirming your faith in God, the Creator, impact the way you live your life?
- Prayer: *Creator God, thank you for speaking the world into being and for calling it good. Help me to see myself and the world the way you see me and the world. Amen.*

Tuesday, September 12 — Exodus 3:1-15

When God called Moses and sent him to Pharaoh to set the Israelites free from slavery in Egypt, Moses had doubts. In verse 11 he questions God's decision (to call Moses for this task.) He then suggests that the Israelites will want to know the name of the God who sent him and he asks God what he should tell them. God's reply is in verse 14, "*I AM WHO I AM*" ... "*I AM has sent me to you.*" "*I AM*" is a play on the Hebrew name for God, *Yahweh*, and suggests that God is the source of all that is — of life itself. The Israelites will be saved by the one who is the source of life itself.

- In Scripture, we discover that God reveals Godself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. What is the nature of the God you have discovered in the pages of the Bible? Who is God to you?
- Prayer: *God of Eternity, open my eyes to see and my ears to hear. Help me to understand the beauty and the power of your name as you reveal yourself to me in Scripture. Amen.*

Wednesday, September 13 — Acts 17:16-28

The first-century world was a world not unlike our own, filled with a multitude of idols. In Athens, Paul was confronted by people from a variety of non-Christian backgrounds and belief systems. He notes that one of the idols is dedicated "*to an unknown god*" (verse 23) and proceeds to make a speech about the God he worships. Note, in verse 24, how he describes "his" God: "*The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth.*"

- What will help you differentiate the God you worship from the pantheon of idols that seek your worship and allegiance? (Hint: The Apostles' Creed is a good place to start.)
- Prayer: *God of the Universe, forgive me for worshipping and professing allegiance to idols and other gods. I repent of my sin and profess my allegiance to you alone. Amen.*

Thursday, September 14 — Psalm 8

Psalm 8 is a hymn of praise. It celebrates the goodness of God as creator and locates human beings in the "order" of God's creation. Along with other Psalms (and, in fact, the entirety of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments), we discover a vitally important truth: God is God and we are not. We need to read and pray and sing the Psalms because we too often forget our station in the world. We are too easily tempted to believe that we are God. We try to take God's place.

- When and how have you been tempted to put yourself in the place of God? if so, how has God "*put you in your place*"?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, transform my heart and mind today so that I no longer give in to the temptation to "be God" in my life. I will trust you to "be God" today and always. Amen.*

Friday, September 15 — Psalm 19:1-4

The opening lines of Psalm 19 are a powerful witness to God, "*the creator of heaven and earth.*" The words (which were set to music by Franz Joseph Haydn) remind us that if we want to appreciate the wonder and majesty of God, and God's creation, we only have to look to the skies. All around us, if we pay attention, are signs of God's glory.

- If you can, spend some time outside this weekend. Look for signs of God's glory in the beauty of creation. What does creation tell you about God?
- Prayer: *God of Majesty and Glory, thank you for revealing yourself to me in the beauty of the world around me. Help me pay attention to what you want to teach me. Amen.*

Saturday, September 16 — Psalm 90:1-8

Reading, praying, and singing the Psalms can be a humbling experience. In the beautiful words we experience the wonder of God, "*from everlasting to everlasting you are God*" (verse 2). We also experience the depths of the human condition, "*you have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance*" (verse 8). The distance between God and us is like a chasm — far beyond our ability to bridge the gap on our own. All we can do is trust in God's grace, that God is God, and we are not. It is simple, but it is not easy.

- In what ways do you experience the chasm between God and (your) humanity. Can you accept that God has bridged the gap when you could not?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I confess that I fall short of your glory and need your forgiveness. Remind me once again of the transforming power of your love and grace. 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

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

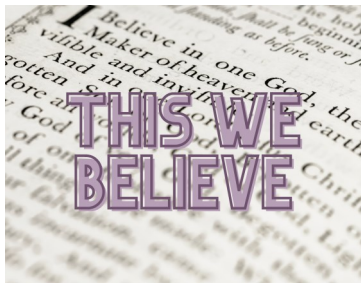
Prayer Group

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

New Sermon Series — *This We Believe*

Starting on Sunday, September 10, Pastor Neil Hough will be preaching a sermon series called, ***This We Believe***. It's based on The Apostles' Creed, one of the most familiar statements of what Christians believe. It will be an opportunity for all of us, long-time

believers and newcomers to Christian faith, to explore what we believe and why it's so important. If you know someone who has questions about what it means to be a Christian, invite them to join us as we learn about our faith together.



Pastor's Bible Study — Resumes This Week

As a complement to his sermon series, Pastor Neil will be leading a study of Adam Hamilton's book, ***Creed: What Christians Believe and Why***. The study will explore, in great depth, the statement of faith known as The Apostles' Creed. The study will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and on Zoom) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Classes will start on September 12 and 13. No registration or Bible study experience is required. The study book is available in various formats at Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers.

Our Prayer List

Alessandro, Alethia, Amber & Briana, Andrew, Ashley, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Chatham family, Christopher, Coston family, Cusenza family, Dan, Daniel, Danny, David, Debbie, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Dick, Ellie, Eric, Foltz family, Frankie, Jan, Judi, Laurie, Lucie, Matt, Matthew, Maxley, Milligan family, Niki & Blake, Roberts family, Speidel family, Stuart, Summers families, Thomas family, Whitney, Yancey and Yosmanovich family, students, seminarians, graduates, travelers, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by the opioid epidemic and those working to end it, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil.

BOUNCE BACK

TODAY

after 10:30 worship

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

Choir Rehearsals



Chancel Choir
every Sunday in the Sanctuary
10 a.m. warmup
10:30 a.m. service
11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. rehearsal



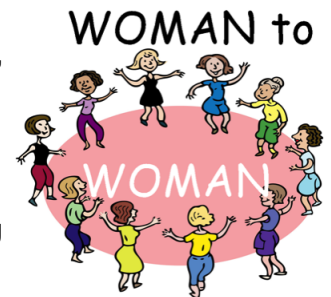
Trinity Ringers
second Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary
9:30 - 10 a.m. rehearsal
10:30 a.m. prelude

Contact Jerry Rich, jrich@potomacschool.org

Trinity's choirs welcome new singers and ringers. Contact the director, Jerry Rich, for more information about Trinity's music ministry.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT: WOMAN TO WOMAN

Ladies: give yourself the gift of a special day, designed just for you, by attending this one-day retreat led by Reverend Anne Hough on **Saturday, September 30 from 9:30 – 4:30** in the Fellowship Building at the church. We will learn from various women in the Bible, and from each other, as we spend time relaxing, having fun, and growing closer to God and one another. The cost to cover lunch and supplies is \$20, payable by check, or through the church app, and designated for the retreat. Email Anne at aeahough@gmail.com to register.



Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tues., **Sept. 12** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule and more at <https://umtrinity.org/education/adults> or contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com.

Fellowship

Fellowship hosts provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Please consider signing up for a week. The sign up is on a white board sitting on top of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Lobby. Contact Alesha Luxon, alesha.luxon@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.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sept. 17: Youth Group
4:30 - 6 p.m.

Scan the QR code at the right to register your youth for Youth Group today!

Contact Catherine Wethington to stay up to date with youth group happenings this summer or to volunteer: umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.



Coming Up

September

- 10 Bounce Back Sunday
- 11 Crafts for a Cause
- 12 Book Chat
- 14 Preschool Board Meeting
- 16 Christ House
- 19 Trustees Meeting
- 21 Church & Society Meeting
- 24 Mission Sunday
- 24 Celtic Service
- 25 Crafts for a Cause
- 30 Women's Retreat

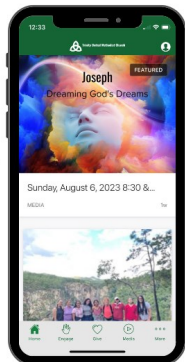
October

- 1 Martha's Table
- 1 Pet Blessing
- 7 Movie Night
- 9 Crafts for a Cause
- 15 *Spire* Deadline
- 21 Christ House
- 21 Good Works Day
- 21 Trustees Meeting
- 23 Crafts for a Cause
- 24 Charge Conference
- 29 Trunk or Treat
- 29 Celtic Service

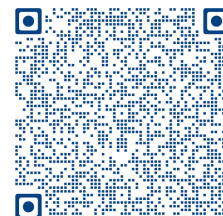


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Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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. The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.