



Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 8, 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)
Prelude (10:30)

Mexican Lullaby (Marroquín)
Day by Day (arr. Lamb)

Jerry Rich
Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Taehwan Roh

Welcome to God's house, a place of faith.

From our homes, we come seeking God's word.

Here you will find nourishment and hope.

May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

Here you will find rest from your struggles

Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your words so that we may leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes, encouraged and challenged to be your people. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

[UMH 140](#)

Children's Message

Neil Hough

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)
Offertory (10:30)

The Call (Vaughan Williams)
Gather at the River (LaBarr)

Catherine Wethington
Chancel Choir

Scripture

Luke 24:44-49

Taehwan Roh

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Message

The Forgiveness of Sins

Neil Hough

* The Apostles Creed

[UMH 882](#)

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Clergy

* Closing Hymn

Freely, Freely

[UMH 389](#)

* Benediction

Neil Hough

* Closing Music

Pomposo from *Trumpet Sonata* (Purcell)

Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 9 — Romans 3:21-26

One of the most powerful words in the Bible is one we often miss: “all.” When we pay attention to it, we are forced to acknowledge that we cannot exclude ourselves from the company of sinners who have fallen short of the glory of God and need God’s grace (verse 23). We are also forced to acknowledge that we cannot exclude others from the promise of salvation by grace through faith (verse 22).

- Which is easier for you to accept, that “all” have sinned, including you, or that righteousness (salvation) is for “all” who believe, including people you might prefer to exclude?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for continuing to show me that I am sinner who needs your grace. Thank you for continuing to save me and others by grace through faith. Amen.*

Tuesday, October 10 — Psalm 103:8-18

Although forgiveness is a prominent New Testament theme and is inseparable from the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we find promises of God’s forgiveness throughout the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. The heading for Psalm 103 (in many editions of the Bible) is “*Thanksgiving for God’s Goodness*.” When we can affirm that we believe in the forgiveness of sins (in The Apostles’ Creed), we are affirming that God is good, even when we are not.

- Take a moment to review the past week. When and how have you experienced God’s goodness? Have you noticed the contrast between God’s goodness and your humanity? Are you willing and able to accept the forgiveness that God offers you?
- Prayer: *Forgiving God, I confess my need for your grace and mercy today. Open my heart and mind to experience your steadfast love and trust in your goodness. Amen.*

Wednesday, October 11 — Luke 5:17-26

When Jesus heals the paralyzed man by forgiving his sins, we discover one of the most profound truths of the Gospel: salvation and healing go hand in hand. Through Jesus, God can forgive our sins and make us whole. God’s love and grace is the most powerful force in the universe. It can heal us (body, mind, and soul) and set us free from the sin that paralyzes us — the sin that prevents us from experiencing the fullness of the life God intends for us to experience.

- How has your relationship with Jesus provided healing in your life? How has your relationship with Jesus set you free from the fear and doubt (and anything else that might hold you back)?
- Prayer: *God of Hope, thank you for the gift of Jesus and the possibility of new life through him. Set me free to live and love and be a faithful follower of Jesus. Amen.*

Thursday, October 12 — Luke 17:1-6

We find the (inseparable) themes of repentance and forgiveness throughout Luke’s Gospel, from chapter 1 through chapter 24. We discover in chapter 17 that forgiveness is not only something we receive (from God), but forgiveness is also something that we are expected to share with others. Jesus insists that if we are to be *forgiven*, we should also be *forgiving*. Like the disciples, we may wonder if we have enough faith to do as Jesus teaches. Thankfully, even a little bit of faith (like the size of a mustard seed) can make all the difference.

- Is there someone you need to forgive today? If you are struggling to forgive, ask Jesus to increase your faith.
- Prayer: *Dear Jesus, I believe, but my faith is weak and limited. Increase my faith today. Help me forgive others just as I have been forgiven by you. Help me, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

Friday, October 13 — Luke 24:44-49

When we affirm that we believe in the *holy catholic church* (in The Apostles’ Creed) we agree that the church belongs to God and that, as members of God’s church, we continue Jesus’ ministry in the world. According to Luke’s account of Jesus’ commission to his disciples, the message we proclaim is the same message that was central to Jesus’ earthly ministry. Jesus said that “*repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations*” (verse 47).

- We proclaim repentance and forgiveness through our words and our actions. Or not. What message have your words and actions proclaimed today?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, forgive me for the many ways I fail to obey Jesus’ commission. Transform my life so that can witness to your love and grace every day. Amen.*

Saturday, October 14 — Ephesians 2:1-10

Too many people in the world today struggle to acknowledge their need for God’s grace. We are often tempted to believe that we can earn God’s favor and save ourselves from the power of sin and death. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments insist that we cannot. Ephesians emphatically teaches us that “*by grace [we] have been saved through faith*” (verses 5 and 8) and that this is a gift from God, not something we do for ourselves (verse 8).

- Have you accepted that you are a sinner who needs to be saved by grace, through faith? Have you accepted God’s gift of salvation by grace through faith? Can you affirm that you believe in the forgiveness of sins?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, thank you. Thank you for the gift of your grace. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for saving me from the power of sin and death. 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

Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - jaswilson@sloft.com

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762

Tuesdays are hybrid (in-person & on Zoom).

No Wednesday class this week.

Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837

Prayer Group

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

Our Prayer List

Amanda & David, Andrew, Audrey, Beem family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Cathy, Claudia, Daniel, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Dick, Di Letti family, Doris, Ed, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Fran & Tom, Gary & Lindie, Goeres family, Greg, Hammer family, Harriet, Harry, Jackie, Jan, Jean, Jeanette, Jenna, Jimmy, Joe & Marie, Kay & John, Kathy, Leslie, Liz & David, Lori, Luana, Mackensen family, Macy, Marciene, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Nancy, Nell, Patty, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter, Sheila, Stephanie, Steve, Susan, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna and Yancey, 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, victims of earthquake and flooding, victims of famine and war, Farmingdale, NY community.

Current Sermon Series – This We Believe

Pastor Neil Hough is preaching a sermon series called, **This We Believe**. It's based on The Apostles' Creed, one of the most familiar statements of what Christian's believe. 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 – Continues This Week

As a complement to his sermon series, Pastor Neil is leading a study of Adam Hamilton's book, **Creed: What Christians Believe and Why**. The study is exploring, in great depth, the statement of faith known as The Apostles' Creed. The study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and on Zoom) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom. It's not too late to join the class. No registration or Bible study experience is required. The study book is available in various formats at Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers.

Please join Trinity's trustees at 9 a.m. - noon on **October 21**, when it is once again to come together for fellowship and the shared joy of caring for our church home! We will celebrate being part of the Trinity family as we perform non-routine upkeep and repairs in anticipation of upcoming important celebrations including Thanksgiving and Christmas. A light breakfast, snacks, and a pizza luncheon will be served. Please notify Wayne Detwiler (wdetwiler@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or wish to participate, or just show up! – all are welcome and appreciated!



Good Works Day

share the Warmth

Coat Drive for SHARE of McLean

October 7- October 29

Drop off on Sundays at Worship or at the Outdoor

Movie Night 10/7 and Trunk or Treat 10/29

winter coats, winter hats, gloves, scarves,

sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece, boots



All sizes welcome

The Trinity Youth Group is hosting a Coat Drive for SHARE of McLean.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday,
Oct. 29
after worship



<https://umtrinity.org/education/children>

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 Tuesday, **October 10** 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.

Charge Conference: Oct. 24

Our 2023 Charge Conference, the annual meeting of our congregation, will meet on **Tuesday, October 24** at 7 p.m. The meeting will use a hybrid format in-person and on Zoom this year. This is the meeting to set clergy compensation and leadership nominations for 2024. Members of the Executive Council are voting members of the Charge Conference, but the meeting is open to everyone.

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.

Fellowship

Sign up on the white board in the coffee bar to provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Contact Alesha Luxon, alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays: Youth Group
4:30 - 6 p.m. at the church.

Oct. 15: No Youth Group

Oct. 29: Share the Warmth coat drive collection at Trunk or Treat after 10:30 worship.

Nov 4: RISE AGAINST HUNGER:

Register for the **8 a.m. volunteer slot**. Volunteer slots are filling up. Don't miss your chance to participate in this important volunteer ministry!

Do you receive Youth emails? If not, email Catherine at umtrinityyouth@gmail.com to be added to our list.

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

October

- 9 Crafts for a Cause
- 10 Book Chat
- 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

November

- 1 Missions: TLC presentation
- 4 Rise Against Hunger
- 4 Martha's Table
- 6 Crafts for a Cause
- 14 Trustees Meeting
- 14 Book Chat
- 18 Christ House
- 20 Crafts for a Cause
- 21 Christmas Trees Arrive
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
- 26 Celtic Service

Attendance: Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link. Don't forget to include the first name of each family member present as well as surname.



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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.