



Trinity United Methodist Church

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April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

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 (8:30)
Prelude (10:30)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Kauffmann)
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Krug)

Jerry Rich
Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-3, 6-9

Neil Hough

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

* Call to Worship

Eileen Gilmer

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Children's Message

Neil Hough

Prayers of the People

Eileen 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)
Anthem (10:30)

In Remembrance of Me (Red)
All Glory, Laud, and Honor (French)

Philip Keirstead
Chancel Choir

Scripture

John 19:30a

Eileen Gilmer

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.'

Luke 23:44-47

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.'

Message

"It is Finished" & "Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit."

Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Clergy

Lamb of God (Paris)

* Closing Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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* Benediction

Hough

Closing Music (8:30)

La Générosité (Telemann)

Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, April 3 — 1 Corinthians 4:10-13

There are more than 160 references to “fools,” “foolish,” or “foolishness” in the Bible. In general, foolishness is the opposite of wisdom. But in 1 Corinthians, the apostle Paul contrasts the wisdom of the world with the foolishness of God. (See also 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.) The death of Jesus on a cross seems like foolishness to the world and Paul is willing to be a “fool for the sake of Christ” (1 Corinthians 4:10).

- These words may confront your desire for status in the eyes of the world. What do you think about Paul's willingness to be a “fool for the sake of Christ”? Are you willing to be a “fool for the sake of Christ”?
- Prayer: *God of Wisdom and Mercy, forgive me for seeking wisdom and status in the eyes of the world. Grant me the courage I need to be a fool for you today. Amen.*

Tuesday, April 4 — Hebrews 5:1-10

The New Testament insists that there is a sharp contrast between the ways of the world and the ways of God. In 1 Corinthians 1:25 we read, “For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.” On the cross we witness Jesus' willingness to be human, to be weak, to suffer, to pray, and to cry out. What we discover is that, in Jesus' human weakness, God is strong, and we are saved.

- Do you ever try to deny your own humanity by acting strong when you are weak? Is it hard for you to accept that weakness leads to strength and death leads to life?
- Prayer: *God of Strength, I need your strength for I am weak. I surrender myself to your love and power today. Help me learn to put my trust completely in you. Amen.*

Wednesday, April 5 — Psalm 31

Many people have come to believe that “real” prayer is spontaneous and extemporaneous. Yet, the Psalms invite us to pray the same prayers that God's people have been praying for generations. When we pray the Psalms, we don't pray alone, with pray with all of God's people, including Jesus. And when the Psalms become embedded in our heart and mind, they are available when we need them most.

- Does your prayer-life consist only of spontaneous prayer? Have you ever used the written prayers of the Bible and the Church? Are you willing to embed the Psalms in your heart and mind? How might you start a new discipline of reading and praying the Psalms?
- Prayer: *In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. Amen. (Psalm 31:1)*

Holy Thursday, April 6 — Luke 22:14-23

One of the striking features of the Last Supper is that Judas, the disciple who betrays Jesus, is at the table with him. This is a powerful reminder that the holy meal we call The Lord's Supper is for everyone. Judas' betrayal does not exclude him from the offer of God's grace. Even though he will be judged by God for his actions, he is offered grace. In the same way, we are offered grace even though we all too often betray and deny knowing Jesus in our words and actions.

- Have you ever felt that you were excluded from God's grace? Can you accept the possibility that God's grace is for you, no matter who you are or what you've done?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, thank you for the gift of your unconditional love and saving grace. Forgive me for the many ways I betray and deny you every day. Amen.*

Good Friday, April 7 — Luke 23:44-47, John 19:28-30

According to Luke, Jesus' final words were taken from Psalm 31:5. It is fitting that his final words from the cross were words of prayer. His act of surrender to God is an example worth following. According to John, he simply said, “It is finished” (John 19:30). Not only did he breathe his final breath, but he had also accomplished all that he had been sent by his Father to accomplish.

- Take time between now and Easter Sunday to read one (or more) of the accounts of Jesus' death: Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, or John 19.
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, into your hands I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. Amen. (Psalm 31:5)*

Holy Saturday, April 8 — John 19:31-42

The power of Easter depends upon the reality of Good Friday. Each of the Gospel writers goes to great lengths to help us understand that Jesus was truly dead and physically buried. He did not simply appear to be dead. His tomb was guarded so that his body could not be stolen (Matthew 27:62-66). The Gospel message is clear: God raises the dead. The only way to be raised from the dead ... is to die.

- As you prepare to celebrate Easter tomorrow, take time to reflect on the finality of death. Consider your mortality, your relationship with death, and your need for God's grace.
- Prayer: *God of Resurrection and Life, I willingly take up my own cross, die to sin, and surrender my life to you today. Raise me to new life in Jesus' name tomorrow. 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.

Lent 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

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Annie Ruth, Art & Marcie, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bennett family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Boris, Brooks family, Bruce, Bud & Steve, Candice, Carol & Rich, Carolina, Catherine, Cathy, Chatham family, Claudia & Yauwu, Dan & Chris, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave, David & Carol, Debbie, Debbie & Steve, DeMicco family, Desarae, Detwiler family, Dick, Elaine, Eliana, Elizabeth, Emily, Evey, Fran & Tom, Gabrielle, Gaerber family, Gary & Lindie, George, Griggs family, Gwen, Hanna & Franz, Harry, Harriet, Henrietta, Hunt family, Jackie, Jean, Jeanne, Jenny, Jeffrey, Jessica, Jewell family, Jill, Jim, Joan, Jodi, Joe & Marie, John, Jon, June, Karen, Kathy, Kay & John, Laurie, Lazalier family, Leonard family, Linda, Lisa & Mike, Liz & David, Lorna, Luana, Marcienne, Marcy, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Meredith, Minou, Quinn family, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Podesta family, Priscilla, Rasmusen family, Raquel, Richard, Richard & Anne, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Shadle family, Sharon, Spencer & Emily, Strollo family, Sweeney family, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Tracie, Vanna, Vicki, Vinnie, Wally & Beverly, Yancey, Zonarini family, 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, and the Covenant Church & School community.

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

Jesus. Keep Me Near the Cross

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:
In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.
2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.
(Refrain)
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me.
(Refrain)
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.
(Refrain)

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., **April 11** 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.

Children's Ministries

Easter Egg Hunt today. Join us on the lawn following the 10:30 service! Pre-K through K will get the first crack at the eggs, followed by grades 1-3, and 4-6. Our Youth Group friends are invited to assist!



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.

Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: April 10 & 24. All are welcome. For more information, contact Alesha Luxon at alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Easter Fellowship

Come early for 10:30, stay late for 8:30. Fellowship with your church family on Easter. Special treats will be served in the Fellowship Lobby 9:30-10:20 a.m.

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.

Lent Bible Study

Join Pastor Neil for our Lenten Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Tuesday morning classes will be held in-person and on Zoom. Wednesday evening classes will be on Zoom. Everyone is invited to participate. No previous Bible study experience is necessary.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sunday, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
For more information about volunteering or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.
Youth registration QR code:



Coming Up

April

- 2 Palm & Passion Sunday
- 2 Easter Egg Hunt
- 6 Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.
- 7 Office Closed
- 7 Good Friday, 7 p.m.
- 9 Easter Sunday
7 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 10 Office Closed
- 10 Crafts for a Cause
- 11 Book Chat
- 15 Christ House
- 24 Crafts for a Cause
- 30 Celtic Service

Holy Week Worship



Sunday, April 2
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.



Thursday, April 6
7 p.m.



Friday, April 7
7 p.m.



Sunday, April 9
7 a.m.



Sunday, April 9
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

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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. 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.