



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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April 16, 2023

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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Prelude	<i>Grazioso</i> (Telemann)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Anne Hough
How beautiful is the word of the Lord; <b>Through God's wisdom, we find truth.</b> God's word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts. <b>Living Word, Great Teacher; live within us and guide us. Amen.!</b>		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>He Lives</i>	<a href="#">UMH 310</a> (After you click the link, check your Downloads folder.)
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		A. Hough
Offering		Neil 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>Come Down, O Love Divine</i> (Vaughan Williams)	Catherine Wethington
Anthem (10:30)	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> (arr. Courtney) Philip Keirstead,	Catherine Wethington
Scripture	Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9	A. Hough
When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.  Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.		
How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.		
Message	<i>The Ripple Effect</i>	Neil Hough
Communion (8:30)		Hough
* Closing Hymn	<i>He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought</i>	<a href="#">UMH 128</a>
* Benediction		N. Hough
Closing Music	<i>Sonata in D, K. 288</i> (Scarlatti)	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, April 17 — Genesis 1:26-31, Psalm 8**

Our relationship with God begins when we encounter the God who is Lord of the universe — and discover how much God loves us. Many of the Psalms, including Psalm 8, describe not only the majesty of God, but God's love for humankind and God's desire to be in relationship with humankind.

- Begin this week by listing the attributes of God. What do your experiences tell you about God? How would you describe God to someone who has never read the Bible? How would you describe your relationship to God?
- Prayer: *God of Creation, remind me again today of your majesty as Creator and Lord of the universe. Remind me of your steadfast love for me and for the world. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, April 18 — Psalm 84, Matthew 6:26, Matthew 10:29-31**

Today, consider what it means that the Lord of the universe, the God of heaven and earth, knows you, loves you, and cares for you. Every single person is a person of value, known and loved by God — including you. According to Jesus, the fact that God intimately knows and loves you means that you don't have to be afraid. It means God will take care of you, no matter your life situation or circumstances.

- What does it mean that God knows all about you, down to the last hair on your head? Is that comforting? Or is it unsettling? How does the nature of God affect your relationship with God?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, thank you for the promises of Scripture. Forgive me when I forget your promises and fail to be aware of your constant presence. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, April 19 — Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9, Luke 15:11-32**

Both the prophet Hosea and Jesus use the analogy of parents and children to describe the relationship between God and humankind. Their point is that God loves us the way a good parent loves their children. In fact, Jesus says that God loves us even when we wander away. And God rejoices when we return. He says there is a party in heaven when lost children are found.

- Think about the characteristics of the best human parents. What do these characteristics teach you about God (who is exponentially better than any human parent)?
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me, especially when I wander away and turn away from you. Reveal your mercy and grace to me once again. Amen.*

## **Thursday, April 20 — Romans 8:14-17, Galatians 3:26-4:7**

In more than one of his letters, the apostle Paul describes the God-human relationship as one of adoption. He says that through Christ, God has adopted us as children of God. We are, by God's grace, heirs of the Kingdom, joint heirs with Christ. This means we enjoy the promises of Kingdom-life on earth and in heaven, but it also means that we share in Kingdom responsibilities. This is part of God's covenant with us.

- What Kingdom promises do you, as an adopted child of God, enjoy? To what do you look forward? What Kingdom responsibilities do you have, as a child of God and citizen of the Kingdom?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, forgive me when I forget that I am your child and represent your family in the world. Help me remember who I am and whose I am. Amen.*

## **Friday, April 21 — John 15:1-11**

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are clear, God desires to be in relationship with every human being. In Jesus, God has bridged the gap caused by human sin and repaired broken God-human relationships. But more than that, according to Jesus, God desires not only that we accept God's grace, but also that we permanently abide in Jesus, so that our lives will bear good fruit of love and obedience and justice.

- In what ways do you abide in Jesus? How do you do your part to maintain your relationship with God? How do you know when you've wandered away from God?
- Prayer: *God of Love, I long to be in relationship with you through your Son, Jesus Christ. Give me the courage I need to abide in you, and in your love, at all times. Amen.*

## **Saturday, April 22 — Luke 11:1-4, Romans 8:24-27**

There are many ways to establish, maintain, and deepen our relationship with God. Worship, Bible reading and study, fasting, silence, and solitude are just a few of the traditional spiritual disciplines. However, prayer is the primary way we connect with God. God is waiting to be in relationship with us, and prayer is an essential way to open the God-human communication channel.

- How would you characterize your prayer-life today? What changes might you make, so that your relationship with God is deepened? Is God calling you to grow in your faith through prayer?
- Prayer: *Listening God, through the words and example of Jesus, teach me how you want me to pray today. Let your Spirit pray in and through me when I have no words. 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](mailto:jaswilson@slofft.com).

## Prayer Group

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

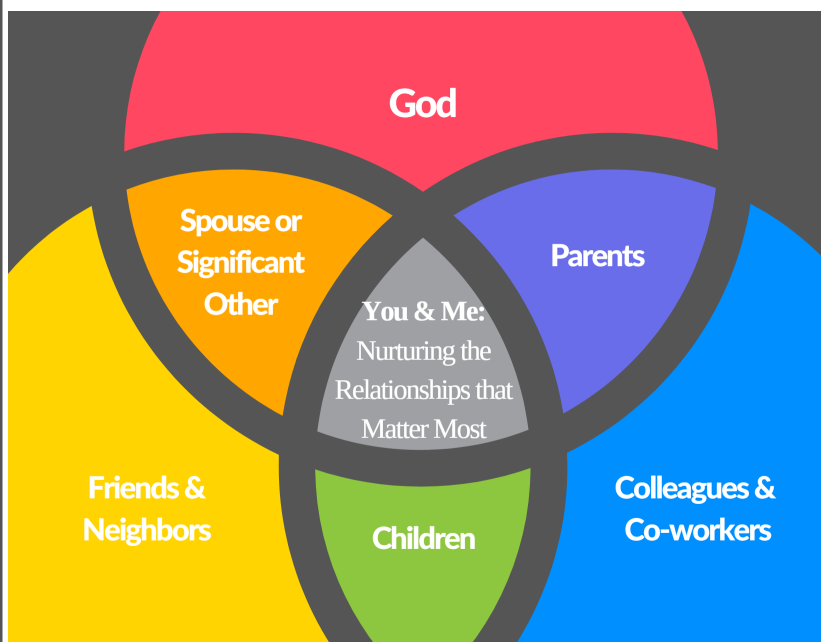
## This Week at Trinity on TV

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, Alex & Sarah, Allesandro, Amanda & David, Andrea, Angeliki, Ann, Annette, Annie Ruth, Art & Marcie, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bennett family, Bernadette, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Boris, Brooks family, Bruce, Bud & Steve, Candice, Carol & Rich, Carrine, Catherine, Cathy, Chatham family, Cindy, Claudia & Yauwu, Dan & Chris, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Davey, David & Carol, Debbie, Debbie & Steve, DeMicco family, Desarae, Detwiler family, Dick, Eileen & Ray, Elaine, Eliana, Elizabeth, Emily, Emma, Evey, Fran & Tom, Ferd & Martha, Gabrielle, Gaeber family, Gary & Lindie, George, Greg, Griggs family, Guizen, Gwen, Hanna & Franz, Harry, Harriet, Henrietta, Hunt family, Jackie, Jacob, Jean, Jeanne, Jenny, Jeffrey, Jessica, Jewell family, Jill, Jim, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, Jon, Jorge, June, Justin, Karen, Katherine, Kathy, Kay & John, Keith, Kelly, Kim, Laurie, Lazalier family, Leonard family, Linda, Lisa & Mike, Liz & David, Lois, Lorna, Luana, Marciene, Marcy, Marilyn, Mark, Martha & Fred, Melinda, Meredith, Minou, Myers family, Quinn family, Pam, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Podesta family, Priscilla, Rae, Rasmussen family, Raquel, Richard, Richard & Anne, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Sarah, Shadle family, Sharon, Spencer & Emily, Strollo family, Sweeney family, Teresa, Tessa, Tim, Tony, Tracie, Vanna, Vicki, Vinnie, Wally & Beverly, Yancey, Zanarini 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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## Sermon Series: *You and Me: Nurturing the Relationships that Matter Most*

Our lives are lived in the middle of intersecting circles of relationships: with God, with friends and neighbors, with colleagues and co-workers, with spouses and significant others, and with parents and children. These relationships are a gift from God and the source of many blessings in our lives. But they are also the source of much pain — through conflict, disappointment and hurt feelings. Starting on April 16, we'll look at what the Bible says about these relationships. We'll discover how our relationship with God affects our human relationships and what we can do to strengthen the most important relationships in our lives. Focusing on our own lives (what we can control, not on our desire to change others) we'll learn how to be better children of God, better friends, better workers, better spouses/partners, and better parents or children.

## 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

Our next meeting is on Tues., **May 9** 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](mailto:kathyngs@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.

### Confirmation Class

A reminder that today's Confirmation class will meet at 4 p.m. in Room 402-403.

### Crafts for a Cause

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

### 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](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com). Youth registration QR code:



## Coming Up

### April

24 Crafts for a Cause  
25 Trustees Meeting  
30 Celtic Service

### May

7 Martha's Table  
7 One World concert  
8 Crafts for a Cause  
9 Book Chat  
16 Trustees Meeting  
20 Christ House  
22 Crafts for a Cause  
28 Celtic Service  
29 Office Closed

### June

4 Martha's Table  
4 Confirmation Sunday  
5 Crafts for a Cause  
11 Eileen Gilmer Farewell  
13 Book Chat  
17 Christ House  
18 Crafts for a Cause  
19 Trustees Meeting  
25 Celtic Service

# Volunteers Needed

- Children's Ministry
- Fellowship Hosts
- Ushers
- and more



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