



Trinity United Methodist Church

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August 20, 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 *Forlana (Finzi)* Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

* Call to Worship Taehwan Roh

We gather here this day to hear God's word for us.

We praise God for the opportunity to gather together.

We are sent forth from this place to share God's transforming love.

Lord, encourage us and empower us to do your will. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* [UMH 152](#)

Children's Message Laurie Strollo

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) *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* (Grant & Smith) Philip Keirstead

Offertory (10:30) *Take My Life and Let It Be* (Hérold) Summer Choir

Scripture Genesis 50:15-26 Taehwan Roh

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's household; and Joseph lived for one hundred and ten years. Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children of Machir son of Manasseh were also born on Joseph's knees.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.' So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, 'When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here.' And Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.'

Message *The Wonder of What God Can Do* Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) Clergy

* Closing Hymn *O Worship the King* [UMH 73](#)

* Benediction Neil Hough

* Closing Music *Allegro from Suite in C, Z. 666* (Purcell) Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, August 21 — Genesis 45:1-28

Two affirmations by Joseph provide bookends for the final scenes in the story of Joseph. The first of these affirmations is in Genesis 45:7-8. (The second is in Genesis 50:19-20.) From the beginning of Joseph's story, we have seen God at work. Now, in Genesis 45, Joseph plainly states his confidence that what has transpired in his life is part of God's larger plan for his family—and for the world. The point is not that God wills human suffering, but that God can redeem human suffering and still accomplish God's purposes in the world.

- Have you ever experienced God's redemptive power when you (or someone you love) was suffering? What was that like for you? How did that experience impact your relationship with God?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, sometimes my vision is narrow and self-centered. Open my eyes to see more clearly the ways you are at work in my life and in the world. Amen.*

Tuesday, August 22 — Genesis 46:1-7, 26-34

After revealing his identity to his brothers and reassuring them that God's providence had reunited them, Joseph told them to go and bring his entire family to Egypt so that they could be settled in the land of Goshen (which is in northern Egypt.) Reading this part of the story through the lens of the larger story of God's people, we are reminded that God's people are itinerant. Go back and read Genesis 12:1-4 — *"The LORD said to Abram, 'Go' ... so Abram went."*

- We believe that God is still a sending God (read the commissioning stories in the Gospels) which means that God will be sending us to the places we need to go. Are you willing to go where God sends you?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I confess that I am too often reluctant to listen to your voice and go where you send me. Grant me the courage I need to trust and obey. Amen.*

Wednesday, August 23 — Genesis 47:1-26

The primary thread running through Genesis is God's covenant with Abram (later Abraham) and his descendants. (Remember that Jacob is Abraham's grandson.) The covenant spelled out in Genesis 12:1-3 promises that God will bless Abram and his family and that *"in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* This has been a theme in Joseph's life in Egypt and is reinforced in Genesis 47:7-10. Since, as God's people and spiritual descendants of Abraham (see Galatians 3:6-7), we are still under the terms of the covenant. This means that, *"in [us] all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

- How is your stewardship of God's blessings in your life contributing to God's blessing of the world (all the families of the earth)?
- Prayer: *Covenant-Making God, teach me how to be a trustworthy steward of your blessings in my life. Use me to be a blessing to others. Bless the world through me. Amen.*

Thursday, August 24 — Genesis 47:27-48:20

Before he dies, Jacob blesses Joseph's sons. It's a scene reminiscent of the scandal surrounding Jacob's own blessing by Isaac in Genesis 27. (Remember that Esau was older than Jacob, yet Jacob received the "primary" blessing from Isaac.) Jacob's blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh, and Jacob's explanation in Genesis 48:19, provides critically important context for the time in Israel's future when Ephraim is the stronger and more powerful tribe. Genesis is clear about the presence of God's guiding hand in the series of events that make up the story of Joseph's life. Reading the story, we discover that God often works in completely unexpected ways.

- Have you ever experienced this? Has God ever worked in unexpected ways in your life?
- Prayer: *God of Wisdom, sometimes it is hard for me to understand the way you work in my life and in the world. Increase my understanding and my willingness to trust you. Amen.*

Friday, August 25 — Genesis 48:21-49:33

After blessing Ephraim and Manasseh, Jacob blesses his other sons. The words of each blessing make the most sense in the larger context of Israel's (the nation) story, which is described in later Old Testament books. For today, consider the importance of blessing our next generations. The blessings passed on to the next generations can be material blessings, but they can also be so much more. Faith, wisdom, history, tradition, and encouragement are just few examples.

- Give some thought to what you are passing on to the next generations in your family and in your community. How are you blessing those that follow you? What are they receiving from you? What are they learning from you?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for the multitude of blessings you have given to me. Show me how you want me to share them and bless the generations that follow me. Amen.*

Saturday, August 26 — Genesis 50:1-26

The story of Joseph, which began in Genesis 37, ends with Jacob's death, Joseph's act of forgiveness, and Joseph's death. In the final words of Joseph (recorded in Genesis) he reinforces his earlier affirmation (Genesis 45:7-8) that despite the evil intended by his brothers, God intended it for good. The work of redemption and reconciliation was (and is) God's work. The thirteen (13) chapters of the story of Joseph is one of the Bible's most powerful examples of the wonderful things that God can do.

- The point is that if God can work in Joseph's life, God can work in your life. With that in mind, what wonders of God's love and grace have you experienced?
- Prayer: *God of Wonders, I am overwhelmed by the gift of your amazing grace and the transforming power of your love. I offer you my praise and thanksgiving. Amen.*

Nursery on Sundays

The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

This Week on Zoom

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Pastor's Bible Study

Bible Study will return in the Fall.

Prayer Group

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

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan & Rhonda, Alessandro, Amanda & David, Amber & Briana, Anceravage family, Andrea, Andrew, Ann, Ann & John, Ann Ruth, Annabelle, Annie, Anthony family, Art, Art & Marcie, Arye family, Ashton, Barb, Barb & JR, Barbara, Barbara & Betty, Becki, Bennett, Bethany, Betty, Beverly & Wally, Bill & Maddie, Bivens family, Brett, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Cabatan family, Calvin, Carol & Rich, Carrie, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Charles, Chatham family, Chris, Chris & Russ, Constance, Coston family, Cusenza family, Dana, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Davey, David, David & Carol, Decca, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Diane, Dick, Dicky, Dorothy, Dylan, Eileen, Elaine, Emily, Emmett, Evelyn, Fabio, Fletcher family, Fran & Tom, Frank, Gail, Gant family, Gary & Lindie, Griggs family, Hager family, Hanna and Franz, Harriet, Harris family, Harry, Hayley, Hein family, Helen, Henrietta, Henry, Hill, Hunt family, Immuergut family, Jackie, Jean, Jeff, Jen, Jessica, Jewell family, Jim, Joan, Joe, Joe & Marie, John, John & Evan, Judi, Julia, Kaki, Karen, Kathy, Kay & John, Keith, Kennedy, Kevin & Angie, Leah, Ladye, Laub family, Libby, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lois, Lori, Louise, Luana, Lucie, Lyle, Marcia, Marciene, Macy, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Matt, Mary, Mary Lee, Melissa, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, Monica, Nadjmeh, Naty, Norman, Pat, Patrick, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Peter, Phil, Quinn family, Ray, Rebecca & Craig, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Roberts family, Romana, Ron, Rosemary, Ruby, Rudi, Russell family, Ryan, Samantha, Sara, Sarah, Sasha, Scott, Sihoo, Speidel family, Stanley, Steve, Summers families, Sunny, Susan, Suzanne, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Victoria, Wally, Wood family, Yancey, Yorke, 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.



"Joseph: Dreaming God's Dreams" is our summer sermon series exploring the life of Joseph from Genesis 37-50. It highlights how God works through flawed individuals amidst their successes and struggles. Throughout his life, God was with Joseph and used him to do great good. Invite a friend to worship as we dream God's dreams together and learn lessons for our own lives from the life of Joseph.

Ice Cream Social

hosted by the Youth Group
Sunday, August 27
after 10:30 worship



Backpack Blessing
Sunday, August 27
8:30 & 10:30 AM



BOUNCE BACK

Sunday, Sept. 10
after 10:30 worship



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.

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

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.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sunday, August 27: End of Summer Pool Party immediately following the ice cream social, 12:30-3:30 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

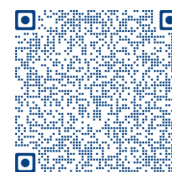
August

27 Backpack Blessing
27 Ice Cream Social
27 Youth Pool Party
27 Celtic Service

September

3 Martha's Table
4 Office Closed
5 Executive Council Meeting
10 Bounce Back Sunday
11 Crafts for a Cause
12 Book Chat
16 Christ House
19 Trustees Meeting
24 Celtic Service
25 Crafts for a Cause
30 Women's Retreat

Attendance: Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link.



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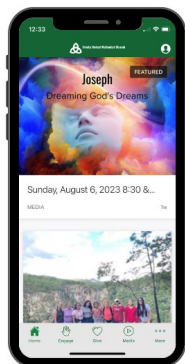
FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT: WOMAN TO WOMAN

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 eaehough@gmail.com to register.



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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.