



Trinity United Methodist Church

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May 22, 2022

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance today. This attendance will be used should contact tracing become necessary.



Prelude	<i>Air in D</i> , BWV 1068 (Bach)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love! In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished. In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign! Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices! Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness! Praise be to God. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>O Church of God, United</i>	UMH 547
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		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)	<i>Spirit of God</i> (Scots melody, arr. Walker)	Catherine Wethington
Anthem (10:30)	<i>God That Madest Earth and Heaven</i> (Thorne)	Ensemble
Scripture	Romans 13:8-10	Gilmer
Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.		
Message	<i>The Greatest Commandment: Love Neighbor</i>	Neil Hough
The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	UMH 664
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music	<i>Voluntary in D</i> , op. 6 no. 4 (Stanley)	Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, May 23 — Leviticus 19:9-18

The Old Testament Book of Leviticus has been called the “manual of the priests” and was traditionally used as a resource for teaching Jewish children about the Jewish faith. It contains laws that encompass all aspects of individual and community life in Israel: everything from worship rituals to dietary regulations. In chapter 19, we learn about living a holy life.

- At the heart of the chapter are these familiar words: “*you shall love your neighbor as yourself*” (Leviticus 19:18). How might these words guide your actions this week? How will you love your neighbor today?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for teaching me your ways. Help me to understand what is important to you. Give me courage to live the holy life you desire for me. Amen.*

Tuesday, May 24 — Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Leviticus 19 is not the only chapter in the Torah (the first 5 books in the Old Testament) that describes God’s intentions for relationships with neighbors. Deuteronomy 15 insists that God’s people not be “*hard-hearted or tight-fisted*” (Deuteronomy 15:7). Instead, we are to “*give liberally and be ungrudging*” (Deuteronomy 15:10). The message is clear: God desires mercy, compassion, and generosity.

- What do you think about this teaching? How will you respond?
- Prayer: *Compassionate God, remind me of your amazing grace and inspire in me the desire to extend your mercy and compassion to my neighbors and people in need. Amen.*

Wednesday, May 25 — Luke 10:25-37

When Jesus was tested by a lawyer (an expert in Jewish law), he (Jesus) affirmed that God’s primary desire is that we love God and love our neighbor. But the lawyer asked a very important follow-up question: “*who is my neighbor?*” (Luke 10:29). Like the lawyer, we want to set limits on God’s requirement that we love our neighbor. What we discover is that Jesus’ definition of a neighbor is quite different than ours.

- Remember: Samaritans and Israelites had a contentious relationship. They would more likely have been enemies than “neighbors.” So, how will you embody Jesus’ teaching in your life today?
- Prayer: *God of Love, teach me to see other people the way you see them. Teach me to treat others the way you want me to treat them. Teach me to be a good neighbor. Amen.*

Thursday, May 26 — Romans 13:8-10

According to his letters and the tradition of the Church, the Apostle Paul took Jesus’ teaching and example quite seriously. Writing to the Church in Rome he insisted that all of the commandments “*are summed up in this word: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’*” (Romans 13:9).

- What is the single commandment that guides your life? What would change in your life if “*love your neighbor as yourself*” was your primary guide for your words and actions?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I confess that I do not always obey your teaching and love my neighbors as myself. Forgive me I pray. Transform my life according to your word. Amen.*

Friday, May 27 — Galatians 5:13-15

Being saved by God’s grace through faith (see Ephesians 2:8) does not set us free from having to obey God’s law. Instead, God’s grace *sets us free so that we can obey* God’s law and live the life that God intends for us, a life of joy and abundance, a life of grace and peace: a life of love.

- Review your words and actions over the past few days. How well have you obeyed God’s command to “*love your neighbor as yourself?*” (Galatians 5:14). What would like to do differently next week? What will you do differently next week?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, do not let me use the gift of freedom for my own purposes. Instead, transform my life so that I can obey your great commandment to love my neighbor. Amen.*

Saturday, May 28 — John 15:12-17

In his final words to his disciples, Jesus gave them “*a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another*” (John 13:34). It turns out that the phrase “*love one another*” occurs four different times in Jesus’ final instructions. This means that it is important and that we should take it seriously.

- If we are Jesus’ disciples, we will bear the fruit of love. What is one way that you will “*go and bear fruit*” today? (John 15:16)
- Prayer: *God of Grace, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for sending him to be my Savior and friend. With your help I will bear the kind of fruit – love – that will last. 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. Nursery attendants and children's ministry volunteers wear masks.

This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

Pastor's Bible Study: Paul

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

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

Prayer Group

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

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Alexandra, Alison & Norman, Alma, Andrea, Andrew & Sue, Ann, Anne & Jay, Bag-sit family, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Ben, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brooks family, Buddy & Vanna, Cal, Carol, Carol & Rich, Cathryn, Cathy, Chad, Charlie, Christopher, Cindy, Claudia & Yauwu, Connie, Culhane family, Daniel, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Detwiler family, Dick, Earl & Mary Lou, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ellie, Emily, Erin, Eunice, Evelyn, Fran & Tom, Franco, Frank, Gary & Lindie, Gwyn, Hager family, Hania, Harriet, Helen, Howard, Jane, Jeff, Jeremy, Jill & George, Jim, Jo, Jo & Dennis, Joe & Doris, Joe & Marie, John, Jonathan, Joseph, Judy, Julie Ann, Julio, June, Kathryn, Kathy, Katie & Stephen, Kay & John, Kelly, Keith family, Kenderdine family, Kostik family, Krista, Lena, Liliana, Lindstedt family, Liu family, Liz & David, Lois, Lord family, Luana, Luke, Madeline, Marcia, Marciene, Margaret, Marilyn, Martin family, Matthew, Matthews family, McDonald family, McKenna family, Mickey, Miller family, Mike & Audra, Morgan, Nakia & Chris, Nancy, Nell, Niko, Paul, Paul & Arla, Paul & Barbara, Paul & Lisa, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peter, Rachel & Henry, Potts family, Rae, RH, Ricky, Roberto & Erica, Rodger, Sandra, Sandy & Vinnie, Sarah, Sasha, Schnell family, Shelley, Sherry, Sihoo, Smith family, Spencer, Sue, Summers family, Suzanne, Tim, Tom, Tracy, Vail, Vera, Vicki, Yancey, and Yvette, the people of Ukraine and those assisting them, travelers, confirmands and faith friends, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, students and teachers, schools with Covid outbreaks, healthcare and emergency workers, hospital chaplains, those in foster care, those who mourn, the homeless, those distributing vaccines, COVID vaccines for children, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters and political turmoil around the world.

We extend **sympathy** to Kathy Lindstedt and family on the May 20 death of her husband, Jan.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

O Church of God, United

1. O church of God, united
to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message,
with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps
along the upward way.
2. From every land and nation
the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader
they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence
upon his saving word.
3. Though creeds and tongues may differ,
they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit
we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power
of thy redeeming name.
4. May thy great prayer be answered
that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united
in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness,
to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness
may find the one true light.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace You feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name that we bear.

Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send the address where you want to receive it to info@umtrinity.org

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 for next week.

Children's Worship for ages 4 - 4th grade meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Club 56 for grades 5 & 6 meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Christ House Closet

Christ House is a medical facility for homeless men in Washington, D.C. All newly admitted patients are provided with comfortable, clean clothing. The current needs list is in the E-News. Collection bins are in the Fellowship Lobby.

Crafts for a Cause

Crafts for a Cause meets every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: June 13, 27, July 11 & 25. No crafting experience is needed and all are welcome. Alesha will lead card making for the Ronald McDonald House on June 13. If you'd like to sign up, please email **Alesha Luxon** at alesha.luxon@gmail.com.



Scan QR code
for Children & Youth
Registration

Graduate Recognition: June 12

Send us the names of your graduates (high school and above) to be included in our list for graduate recognition in worship on June 12 and in the July-August Spire. Student name with the name of the school from which s/he is graduating should be sent to info@umtrinity.org by **June 6**.

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Gilmer is leading a study about the apostle Paul on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom. For more information, please see <http://umtrinity.org/education/pastors-classes>.

Trinity Preschool of McLean

For 2022-23, we have class options for children two and a half years old - Kindergarten. <http://umtrinity.org/preschool>.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays
Jr. High: 5 - 6p.m.
Youth join in fellowship, Bible study, and fun! Youth Group meets in-person in the Fellowship Building, masks are required.

Interested in volunteering with the Youth Group or want more information? contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com) or visit umtrinity.org/education/youth.

Coming Up

May

29 Celtic Service
30 Office Closed

June

5 Confirmation Sunday
12 Graduate Recognition
13 Crafts for a Cause
14 Book Chat
20 Office Closed
26 Celtic Service

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Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Worship is live streamed from the Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:30 & 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.