



Trinity United Methodist Church

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November 19, 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)

All Good Gifts (Schwartz)
My Heart Is Filled (Getty-Ijames)

Joey Wilson
Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Taehwan Roh

The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

[UMH 92](#)

Children's Message

Anne 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

Till I Wake (Burleigh)

David Case, trombone

Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-9a

Taehwan Roh

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Message

Generosity Changes the World

Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Clergy

* Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

[UMH 593](#)

* Benediction

Neil Hough

* Closing Music

The Blue Bells of Scotland (Pryor)

David Case, trombone

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, November 20 — James 1:17-27

One of the themes of James is that faith in God leads to good works. It is not enough to say that we believe in God, believe in Jesus, and believe in the Holy Spirit, we are expected to respond to God's generous gift (of Jesus) by putting our faith into action. James reminds us that, *"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world"* (James 1:27). As a response to God's generosity, our generosity changes the world by caring for people who need our help.

- In what ways do you put your faith into action? What kind of good works do you accomplish with your time, talent, and treasure?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for your generous gift of Jesus Christ and your word of truth. Help us to respond to your generosity with good works that change the world. Amen.*

Tuesday, November 21 — Philippians 4:10-20

As an itinerant preacher, Paul was helped by the generosity of the churches in Macedonia (2 Corinthians 11:9), which included the church in Philippi. In the final paragraphs of his letter to them, he thanked them for their gift. He reminded them that their gifts to him — to support his ministry — were actually, *"a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God"* (Philippians 4:18). In the same way, our offerings to God (through which we sacrifice something that is valuable to us) support the mission and ministry of the Church

- How do you describe your financial contributions to your church? Are they *"payment"* for *"services rendered"*? Or are they a sacrificial offering that God uses to advance God's purposes in the world?
- Prayer: *God of Mercy, forgive me for viewing my support of your church from a transactional perspective. Remind me that my giving is a sacrificial offering to you. Amen.*

Wednesday, November 22 — 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

The final section in the first of two New Testament letters to Timothy includes instruction about use of the financial resources, the need for contentment, and the dangers of *"the love of money"* and *"eagerness to be rich"* (1 Timothy 6:10). Timothy is to instruct *"those who in the present age are rich"* to *"do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share"* (1 Timothy 6:17-18). This is sound teaching for 21st century Christians. We, too, benefit when we get our priorities in order and use our resources to change the world in Jesus' name.

- What do you think about the warnings and instructions you read in 1 Timothy 6? What protects you from *the love of money* and *eagerness to be rich*? What helps you to be *rich in good works*?
- Prayer: *Loving God, I too often desire to be rich in material wealth and not in good works. Give me the courage I need to follow your teaching for a faithful and godly life. Amen.*

Thursday, November 23 — Mark 10:17-22

One of the most troubling stories in the Gospels is the one in which Jesus encounters a man with many possessions. Note the context of this passage: Jesus has just blessed the little children and used them as an example for his disciples and the crowds (Mark 10:13-16). The contrast between the children and the wealthy man is intentional and his disciples struggled to understand (Mark 10:28-31). For today, notice what Jesus insists the man do with the proceeds of the sale of his many possessions. He says, *"give the money to the poor, ... then come, follow me"* (Mark 10:21).

- What do you think about what Jesus told the man to do? What would it take for you to obey if Jesus told you to do the same thing? How might you cultivate that level of trust in God? Why do you think Jesus told him to give the money to the poor?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, I confess that some of Jesus' teaching is difficult and Gospel stories are hard to understand. Help me hear what you want to say to me today. Amen.*

Friday, November 24 — Isaiah 58:6-9

In Isaiah 58, the LORD instructs Isaiah to warn God's people about their sins, specifically, about the way they worship. (See Isaiah 58:1-5.) In God's eyes there is true worship and false worship. (In this passage, fasting is an act of worship.) We are meant to understand that true worship is not about empty words and meaningless rituals. True worship is expressed in faithful action on behalf of people on the margins of society — those who are oppressed, poor, hungry, naked, and homeless. This is the kind of worship that honors God, putting our relationship with God into action.

- Using Isaiah 58:6-9 as a guide, how have you worshipped God this week? This month? How might the Holy Spirit be inspiring you to put your faith into action right now?
- Prayer: *Righteous God, help me to see that true worship is not empty words and meaningless rituals. Lead me to the true worship you desire for me. Amen.*

Saturday, November 25 — Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus' parable of the final judgment draws on the teaching of Isaiah 58 about the difference between false and true worship. According to the parable, the criteria for the final judgment will be whether we cared for Jesus by caring for anyone who is hungry, thirsty, or naked, anyone who is a stranger or sick or in prison. When we care the *"least of these who are members of my family"* (Matthew 25:40, 45) we care for Jesus — even when we don't realize that it's him. One of the points of the parable is that caring for the *"least of these ..."* should be automatic. It should be our default mode. It should be the primary way we use or time, our talent, and our treasure.

- If you were to be judged today according to Jesus' parable, how would you do?
- Prayer: *God of High Expectations, thank you for showing me what you expect of me. Give me the courage, and the faith, I need to care for the people you care about. 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 p.m, on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - jaswilson@sloft.com

Prayer Group

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

Our Prayer List

Alan, Alice, Amanda & David, Amber & Brianna, Andrea, Andrew, Arnold, Audrey, Beem family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Caroline, Carrie, Cathy, Chris, Christopher, Claudia, Daniel, Danny, Dave & Gail, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Dick, Di Letti family, Donnie, Doris, Ed, Elanie, Eileen, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Erik, Fran & Tom, Gabe, Gary & Lindie, Glenda, Greg, Gregg, Hammer family, Harriet, Harry, Henry, Hong family, Jackie, Jan, Janice, Jean, Jeanette, Jeanne, Jeff, Jenna, Jimmy, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, Jomer, Josie, Judi, Kathy, Kay & John, Krista, Kobi, Lajoie family, Laura, Lejoy family, Leslie, Linda, Liz & David, Lori, Luana, Lynne, Mack, Macy, Marciene, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Moore family, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Norma, Norman, Pat, Patty, Paul, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter & Laura, Powers family, Prissila, Sandra, Sheila, Speidel family, Stephanie, Susan, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Wayne, Williams family, and Yancey, 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 famine and war, peace in the Middle East, protection from gun violence in the world and for its victims and families, those living in war zones, those living with cancer, more empathy in the world.



Support Youth & Scouts

Christmas Tree Sales

Sales begin Friday, November 24, 12 - 5 p.m.

Lot Hours:

Thurs. & Fri. 5 - 7 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun. 12 - 5 p.m.



Scan QR code to sign up to help on the lot.



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, **January 9** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule is 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.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class for 7th graders, and older youth who have not taken the class, will begin with a kick-off for youth, parents and faith friends on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Anne Hough will once again be the lead teacher, and the class will meet most Sundays from 4 - 5 p.m. and will run through mid-May. Confirmation Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, May 19. For more details and to register, please visit the youth webpage: umtrinity.org/education/youth. Registration is needed now so we can order Bibles.

Mission Trip: March 2024

We are excited to announce a Trinity trip to The Leadership Center in rural Honduras from Saturday, March 2 to Thursday, March 7, 2024. This team will be on campus to support 55 young women in their educational and spiritual development. This team will join Chris and Dan Moore who will be serving three weeks on campus. Interested persons should contact Chris Moore (christinecmoore@gmail.com, 571 215-2948) or Dan Moore (703 980-5050, danmoore53@gmail.com).

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Tonight: No Youth Group

Nov. 21 Tree Unload about 4 p.m. Wear gloves and sneakers.

Nov. 26: No Youth Group

Dec. 3: Youth Group, 4:30-6 p.m.

Christmas Tree Sales start Friday! The Trinity Youth Group/Trinity Congregation share the sales shifts with the Trinity Boy Scout Troops. All proceeds from the sales support our Boy Scout and Youth Group activities throughout the year. There are many ways you can support our annual fundraiser:

- Help unload trees
- Sell trees on the lot
- Buy a tree

Find more details at <https://conta.cc/3SuiH0x>

Contact Catherine Wethington for up to date with youth group happenings, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com.

Coming Up

November

- 20 Crafts for a Cause
- 21 Christmas Trees Arrive
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
- 26 Hanging of the Greens
- 26 Celtic Service

December

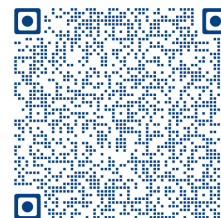
- 3 Martha's Table
- 4 Crafts for a Cause
- 10 Lessons & Carols
- 12 Trustees Meeting
- 14 Cookie Exchange
- 16 Christ House
- 18 Crafts for a Cause
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Office Closed
- 26 Office Closed
- 31 Celtic Service

March 2024

- 2-7 Mission Trip to Honduras

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.