



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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May 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost

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.

Prelude (8:30)  
Prelude (10:30)

*Come, Holy Spirit* (Telemann)  
*Pan-Pastorale* (Donjon)

Jerry Rich  
Sydney Rushing, flute

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

\* Silent Prayer

Neil Hough

\* Call to Worship

Anne Hough

Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

**Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!**

Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

**Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!**

Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

**Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!**

\* Gathering Hymn

*O Spirit of the Living God*

[UMH 539](#)

Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People

Anne Hough

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)

*Litany of the Holy Spirit* (Hurford)

Joey Wilson

Offertory (10:30)

*O Breath of God* (Getty-Madeira, arr. Shackley)

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Acts 2:1-12

Anne Hough

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

Message

*This is God's Church: Acts(s) II*

Neil Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Anne Hough

\* Closing Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

[UMH 577](#)

\* Benediction

Neil Hough

\* Closing Music

*Trumpet Voluntary* (Alcock-Stubbley)

Jerry 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, May 29 — Isaiah 40:28-31**

The Old Testament prophets spoke both words of warning and words of hope. In their desperate times, the Israelites not only felt hopeless, but also powerless. Isaiah's words in chapter 40 served as a vivid reminder of God's promises to provide for the needs of God's people. He said that God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. That was good news for God's people.

- Have you ever felt hopeless or powerless? How were you able to experience God's presence in those difficult times? Often, God's power is only evident when we acknowledge our own powerlessness. Can you do that today?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, thank you for strengthening me when I am weak and powerless. Teach me to trust your promises and to live with confidence and faith. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, May 30 — Luke 24:45-49, Acts 1:8**

The Gospels describe Jesus as a *power-full* man. He was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:14) and performed many miracles through the power of God (Luke 4:36, 5:17, 6:19, 8:46). However, Jesus did not keep the power of God for himself. Before he ascended to heaven, he told his disciples that they themselves would receive the power of God — so that they would be his witnesses and continue his ministry on earth. Jesus promised that God would supply the power they needed, not only for daily living, but for ministry.

- In what ways have you experienced God's power working in your life? How has God empowered you to serve Him?
- Prayer: *Promise-keeping God, forgive my lack of faith. Grant me the courage I need today to believe in your faithfulness and trust you with my whole life. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, May 31 — Acts 2:1-13**

One of the Bible's great themes is *promise and fulfillment*. For example: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection fulfill God's promises to send a Messiah to save God's people from the power of sin and death. The coming of the Holy Spirit (recorded in Acts 2:1-4) fulfills Jesus' promise in Luke 24 and Acts 1. The Good News is that the Holy Spirit is also promised to us — so that we will be empowered to share the message of salvation.

- How do you know when you are filled with the Holy Spirit? Have you ever been *inspired* (literally, *filled with Spirit*) to share the Good News about Jesus? If so, you have experienced the power of God.
- Prayer: *God of Spirit and Truth, fill me with the Holy Spirit today. Empower me to share the Good News about Jesus with others through my words and my actions. Amen.*

## **Thursday, June 1 — 1 Corinthians 1:17-31, 2 Corinthians 4:7**

The apostle Paul describes the paradox of God's power. He says that God's power is not evident in the same ways that worldly power is evident. God's power is often most evident in weakness. The crucifixion of Jesus being the best example of power that looks like weakness. Paul insists that his own life and ministry witnesses not to the potential of human power, but to the "*extraordinary power of God*" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

- What do you think about Paul's description of the *paradox of power*? Have you ever experienced it? Have you ever experienced the power of God in something (or someone) that appeared to be weak or foolish or powerless?
- Prayer: *Loving God, forgive my limited awareness of your power at work in the world. Open my eyes to see more clearly. Open my heart and mind to trust you fully. Amen.*

## **Friday, June 2 — 1 Corinthians 4:14-20**

It seems that, during the time that Paul was absent from them, many of the Corinthian Christians had become arrogant. So, Paul promised that when he returned to Corinth, he would confront their arrogance and show that they were all talk, without any evident sign of God's power. He warns Christians in all generations that arrogance is not a channel for the Spirit and power of God, but often blocks the flow of God's power in the world.

- Have you ever experienced the truth of Paul's warning to the Corinthians in your own life? Has arrogance ever blocked the flow of God's power in your life? If so, how might you cultivate the virtues of humility and trust?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, remind me once again that you are God and I am not. Forgive my arrogance and self-centeredness. Grant me humility, faith, and trust. Amen.*

## **Saturday, June 3 — Ephesians 3:14-21**

The prayer in today's reading asks for the strength of God's power to work in the lives of individual disciples, but it also asks for God's power to be at work in the Church, God's community of believers. It says that the power of God can accomplish far more than any human being can hope for, ask for, or even dare to imagine. The catch is that God's power works for the glory of God, not for the glory (the arrogance?) of human beings.

- In what ways does your life reflect the glory of God? How might your life be different if you sought to glorify God in everything that you say and do today?
- Prayer: *God of Glory, I give myself fully to you today. Fill me with your Spirit. Empower my life. By your grace, I will glorify you in everything I do every day. 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

### Pastor's 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 9 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580



**Prayer Group** continues to meet on Zoom on Wednesdays at their new time - 9 a.m.! Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Allesandro, Andrew, Ann, Annie, Art & Marcie, Ashton, Barb, Barb & JR, Barbara & Betty, Becki, Bennett, Bethany, Betty, Beverly, Bill & Maddie, Bricker family, Briscoe family, Boris, Bruce, Calvin, Carol & Rich, Catherine, Cathy, Chatham family, Chris, Chris & Russ, Cindy & Keith, Cusenza family, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Davey, David, David & Carol, DeMico family, Detwiler family, Dick, Dorothy, Fran & Tom, Elaine, Evelyn, Frank, Gail, Gary & Lindie, Griggs family, Hanna and Franz, Harriet, Harry, Hayley, Hein family, Helen, Henrietta, Hunt family, Jackie, Jen, Jewell family, Hill, Jim, Joe, Joe & Marie, Judi, Julia, Kaki, Kay & John, Ladye, Linda, Liz & David, Lois, Louise, Luana, Lyndee, Marciene, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Mickey & Ruth, Minou, Nadjmeh, Pat, Patrick, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peter, Phil, Quinn family, Rebecca & Craig, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Ron, Rosemary, Ruby, Rudi, Ryan, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sihoo, Steve, Summers families, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Wally, Yancey, students, seminarians, 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.

### Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Neil Hough is leading a study about *Three Simple Rules*. From the beginning of the Methodist movement, John Wesley established General Rules for the members of the Methodist Society. These rules are still part of United Methodist doctrine and apply to 21st century life. Using a book by Bishop Reuben Job (entitled *Three Simple Rules*), we will look at the General Rules and consider what they mean for us today. The class meets Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (in the library and on Zoom) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (Zoom).



# CELEBRATE EILEEN'S MINISTRY AT TRINITY

## June 11





## 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., **June 13** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. 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.

### Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: June 5 & 19. 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).

### Graduate Recognition

The high school and post-secondary Class of 2023 will be recognized in worship on June 18. Send your name and the name of the school from where you graduated to by **June 15** to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org).

### Vacation Bible Saturday

A one-day (July 22) fun-filled Bible adventure for children ages 3 through rising 4th graders. We will follow the clues and discover who Jesus is through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and science experiments! Visit [umtrinity.org/vbs](http://umtrinity.org/vbs) for more details and to register.

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

**Next 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).



## Coming Up

### May

28 Office Closed

### June

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

### July

3 Crafts for a Cause  
4 Office Closed  
15 Christ House  
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**Attendance:** Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link.



## Vacation Bible Saturday

July 22, 2023

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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## Finding Jesus

Details and register at [umtrinity.org/vbs](http://umtrinity.org/vbs)

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### Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 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](https://youtube.com/UMTrinity). The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.