



Trinity United Methodist Church

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February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

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 3 with your phone's camera to register your attendance today.

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

To God Alone Be Glory (Walther)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Page)

Jerry Rich
Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Neil Hough

As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of the mountain,
we are called to follow wherever he leads.
As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,
we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

* Gathering Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People

N. Hough

Offering

N. 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)
Anthem (10:30)

Dwelling Place (Foley)
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky (Ledger)

Philip Keirstead
Chancel Choir

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

Neil Hough (8:30), Emmy Lookabill (10:30)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Message

Are You Listening?

Anne Hough

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

N. Hough

* Closing Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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* Benediction

A. Hough

Closing Music (8:30)

Rondeau from Abdelazer (Purcell)

Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, February 20 — Mark 14:12-42

The final 24 hours of Jesus' earthly life began with a Passover meal. In a traditional Passover meal, someone asks the following question: *Why is this night different from all other nights?* Even though Jesus predicted his death three times, his disciples had no idea how different this Passover meal would be. They had no idea that the events of the evening would not only change their lives, they would change the course of history.

- Which part of today's reading speaks most powerfully to you? Which part of the disciples' experience most closely matches your own? Can you relate to Jesus' disciples in any way?
- Prayer: *God of passion, help me to find myself in the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Increase my understanding of your will for my life. Amen.*

Tuesday, February 21 — Mark 14:43-72

Peter's denial of Jesus is one of the mostly distinctly human stories in the Bible. Despite his brash protests, Peter—as predicted by Jesus—denied knowing Jesus three times before dawn. The Gospel writers suggest that both Jesus and Peter were on trial that night. Both were convicted, but only one of them was guilty. Keep Peter's failure in mind while you read John 21:1-17. Jesus' faithfulness under trial redeems Peter's failure under trial.

- How does Jesus' faithfulness redeem your failures under trial?
- Prayer: *Faithful God, forgive my faults and failures. Redeem my life and use me as an instrument of your love and grace in the world that desperately needs to know you. Amen.*

Wednesday, February 22 — Mark 15:1-15

The name Barabbas means "*son of the father*." When Pilate asked the crowd which prisoner they wanted him to release, he asked them to choose between two "*sons of the father*." Barabbas was a rebel, a zealot who wanted to overthrow the Romans. This was the "*son of the father*" the people chose. In his own way, Barabbas wanted to save his people and lead to them freedom. This was the kind of savior the people chose.

- Can you understand why the crowd might have chosen Barabbas? Which "*son of the father*" would you (really) choose?
- Prayer: *Saving God, reveal to me today how much I need the saving grace that is only offered through Jesus. Help me resist the temptation to choose other "saviors." Amen.*

Thursday, February 23 — Mark 15:16-39

There is great irony in the passion of Jesus Christ. Jesus was accused of blasphemy and treason because he claimed to be the Messiah and King. When the religious leaders and the soldiers mocked Jesus, everything they said was true: their taunts revealed God's truth. The man dying on the cross was the Messiah and the King. By not saving himself, Jesus saved the world. The Gospel is consistent. Jesus is the Messiah, Savior, and King we need, not necessarily the Messiah, Savior, and King we want.

- Can you accept this? Can you accept a crucified King?
- Prayer: *Crucified Savior, thank you for saving me from the power of sin and death. I accept your love and grace. Today, I choose to serve and follow you. Amen.*

Friday, February 24 — Mark 15:40-16:8

Mark's Gospel has multiple endings. The earliest manuscripts end at Mark 16:8. (It is believed that verses 9-20 were added at a later date.) This ending leaves the story hanging, unfinished. There seems to be some uncertainty about what happened next. Think back to the very first verse of Mark's Gospel. Mark 1:1 says that the 16 chapters of the story are "*the beginning of the good news*." This suggests that the Gospel story was still being written in the lives of the original disciples and in the lives of the disciples to whom Mark was writing. It is still being written in the life of everyone who follows Jesus today.

- How is the Gospel story being written in your life? What is the next chapter?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, continue to tell the Gospel story through my life. Use me as a witness to the transforming power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Amen.*

Saturday, February 25 — Luke 23:33-35

According to the four Gospel writers, Jesus spoke seven phrases before he died on the cross. What the Gospel writers recorded as Jesus' final words tell us a great deal about what the writers believed about Jesus. They tell us a great deal about the meaning of Jesus' death. Luke tells us that Jesus asked God to forgive those who crucified him.

- What do these words of Jesus mean to you? Is forgiveness one of the primary meanings of Jesus' death for you? What do you think about Jesus asking God to forgive those who crucified him?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, forgive me of my sins. Help me follow Jesus' example and forgive others. Transform my life so that I can serve you more fully 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

Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link. jaswilson@sloft.com.

Lent Bible Study:

Starts Feb. 28 & March 1

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 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

Aidan, Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Alison, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Andy, Ann, Annie Ruth, Art & Marcie, Ashley, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bea, Beath, Becky, Beth, Betty, Beverly & Wally, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Bill & Trisha, Boris, Brooks family, Bruce, Bryan, Bud, Buddy, Carol, Carol & Rich, Caroline, Carolyn & Janice, Cathy, Charlie, Chris, Coston family, Dan & Chris, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Debbie, Diane, Dick, Dobson family, Doris & Joe, Dylan, Earl & Mary Lou, Edison, Eileen, Elaine, Eliza, Ellen, Ellie, Emily, Evans family, Evelyn, Evie, Fahimi family, Fran & Tom, Fred, Gary & Lindie, Glenn, Grace, Gay, Green family, Hanna & Franz, Hall family, Harriet, Henrietta, Hope, Hunt family, Ingrid, Isobel, Jack, Jackie, Jan, Jane, Janelle, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeffrey, Jeremy, Jessica, Jewell family, Jill, Jim, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, June, Junil, Karen, Karyn, Katherine, Kathleen, Kathleene, Kathryn & Wayne, Kathy, Kay & John, Kena, Ladye, Lana, Lena, Lilliana, Linda, Linda & Preston, Lisa, Liz & David, Lizzie, Luana, Lyndee, Marcia, Marciene, Marcy, Maria, Marilu, Marilyn, Martha & Fred, Matt, Meak family, Melissa & Chad, Mendez family, Mickey, Minou, Miso, Nancy & George, Nichols family, Nime, Pat, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Podesta family, Rasmussen family, Rebecca, Rene, Richard, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Roger, Roxanne, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Shadle family, Shannon, Sherri, Sievera family, Steve, Sue, Sue & Stan, Susan, Tatiana, Teagan, Teresa, Tessa, Theo, Tim, Tom, Tommaso, Tony, Tracy, Vanna, Vicki, Vinnie, Wayne, Yancey, and Yvonne, 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 people of Turkey and Syria and the aid workers there to help them.

We extend **sympathy** to Marvin & Mike Quinn and their family on the Feb. 11 death of their wife and mother, Betty Quinn.

Today's hymn texts are provided for those worshipping at home.

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we, like Peter, find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to info@umtrinity.org



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday worship is on February 22 at 7 p.m.

Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tues., **Mar. 14** 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.

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: Feb. 27. All are welcome. For more information, contact Alesha Luxon at 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.

SHARE the LOVE Food Drive

Now through February 26
Drive Thru Drop off: Feb. 26, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Our youth are collecting items for SHARE of McLean during the Month of February. See the list of needed items at <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth>. There are drop off bins located in the Fellowship Lobby and in the Narthex.

Drive Thru Drop Off on February 26 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in the back parking lot. Drop donations directly to the youth and enjoy a hot cocoa and a sweet treat as a thanks for donating! Our youth collected more than 800 items for Share last year. This year we hope to donate more than 1000.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Unplugged Retreat Feb. 20. Details for this one-day awesome experience at <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth>
Share the Love, Feb. 26, 2 - 4 p.m. For more information about volunteering or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com. Youth registration QR code:



Coming Up

February

- 20 Office Closed / Youth Retreat
- 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 22 Ash Wednesday Worship
- 26 Celtic Service
- 26 Share the Love Drive-Thru
- 27 Crafts for a Cause
- 28 Lent Study begins

Easter Flowers

Scan the QR code to order Easter flowers by March 20.



To help with the Pancake Supper, contact Jim Wilson at jaswilson@slofit.com

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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. 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.