



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

Eleven o'clock in the morning



CONNECTING
GROWING
SERVING
CELEBRATING

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠ *Please stand in body and/or spirit.*

Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.

Childcare for children age 3 and younger is available in our nursery (room 210). Please see an usher for more information.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Davis

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God. Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Psalm

Douglas Wagner

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Marianne Vannatta

God Most High searches us out and knows us.

The Eternal discerns our thoughts from afar.

God traces our journeys and our resting places.

The Most High is acquainted with all our ways.

There is no place we can go to flee from God's presence.

The Most High is beside us, behind us, and before us.

Let us praise the One whose right hand holds us fast.

We worship the God who leads us in the ways of life.

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, O God, creator of the cosmos,
for you are sovereign in strength and forbearing in judgment,
giving us time and letting us grow, weeds and wheat together,
thus teaching us that those who are righteous also are to be merciful.
Let your church, then, be as small as a mustard seed
and as hidden as yeast in dough,
quietly growing, passing no judgment,
slowly becoming a sign of your reign,
a tree in whose braches all can find room to nest,
a table whose bread satisfies the heart's most profound hunger;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Hymnal no. 694

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

Gracious God, of mercy, you plant us together like seeds in the same field.

**You nourish us and nurture us, and bless us with the knowledge
that you want us to grow towards who you want us to be.**

We confess that we often deny others this same opportunity.

We seek to uproot those whom we consider unworthy of your care.

**We regard others as good or bad, and are reluctant to acknowledge
that we ourselves are a mixture of wheat and weeds.**

We are afraid to examine our lives to see what is growing there.

Forgive us our self-righteousness and pride, we pray.

**Nurture us by your Spirit, and root us in the way of Christ,
in whom we grow into a life of righteousness and peace. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and confession)

God, who is faithful and just, forgives those who truly confess their sins.
We worship the God of forgiveness and life, not condemnation and death.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Jill Robinson

We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (those not yet in kindergarten) and younger may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 210. Worship bags for elementary age children can be obtained from an usher.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

Pew Bible, NT, Page 25

Marianne Vannatta

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

traditional spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan

Sharon Taylor, alto; Paul Taylor, baritone

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:12-25

Pew Bible, NT, Page 158

Marianne Vannatta

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✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please sing before and after the Gospel Lesson.*)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

✠GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-34

Pew Bible, NT, Page 14

Pastor Bill Davis

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Good News for Bad Seed”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal no. 121

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Hymnal no. 885

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bill Davis

A pause follows each prayer, which ends with: *Leader: Lord, in your mercy... People: **Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Siciliane

Maria Theresa von Paradis

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal no. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of boundless generosity,
for in your mercy you accompany us
in our mission of faith and love in the world.
Bless the tithes and gifts that we offer
to help our brothers and sisters in their need;
and make us to be a sign of your faithfulness
as we seek to live in your ways revealed in Christ Jesus,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Hymnal no. 528

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠POSTLUDE

A Festive Trumpet Tune

Douglas Wagner

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Today's Anthem, Give Me Jesus, is a traditional African-American spiritual,
arranged by Moses Hogan and adapted for alto, baritone, and piano by Paul Taylor.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Clarence Beecham and
George Kourea, and to all those professors and teachers who have impacted each of our lives.

Please join us in the Narthex for refreshments and fellowship with our church family.

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, July 9th

Worship: 113 Offering: \$6,480.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$1,544.04

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Eliza Costle-Tyler

Counters: Ginny Carl, Marshall Cook, Renèe Ruppel

Greeters: Mary Beth Buchholz, Jeff, Julianne, and Elizabeth Lane

Guest Organist: Virginia Sircy

Liturgist: Marianne Vannatta

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

Ushers: Kristine Gager, Lisa Nathan, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), George Pinn, Alva Smircina

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS



Please join Trinity UMC and Beverley Hills UMC for our next Abundance Orchard!

There will be food, fellowship, and fun for all as we learn more about how we can use the resources God has given us and pass them along to others. We will join together for a meal from 6 PM-6:30 PM then programs for all ages from 6:30-7:30 PM. July 26th's theme is "Lunch." Bring your favorite lunch items (chips, salad or dessert) to share and a non-perishable lunch item to donate to ALIVE's food pantry. The church has lunch meat and bread to make sandwiches. August 9th's theme is "Dinner." We are having pizza! Bring a side or dessert and roll up your sleeves to make trail mix for Martha's Table mobile food truck program. For more information or to volunteer, contact our Director of Christian Formation, Carrie Pritts at christianformation@trinityalexandria.org. Please sign up on the Connection Card or RSVP with Jenessa in the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org. Hope to see you there!

Chancel Choir Sabbatical Begins! We invite you to join us as we continue our season of special music. While the Chancel Choir enjoys their sabbatical, we look to you in the congregation to share your talents with us. Solos, duets, ensembles, instrumentalists - all are welcome! If you wish some private coaching or an accompanist, that is also available. And if you are interested in handbells but have never rung with us, we will plan a workshop for interested ringers of all ages.) Questions? Contact our Director of Music, Linda Cancellieri at music@trinityalexandria.org.

We need ideas! Is there a person you'd like to have speak at Trinity UMC or a topic you'd love to hear about during Sunday School? We have a few weeks open in August during our intergenerational forum and we want to know what you want to hear about. Contact Carrie Pritts, Director of Christian Formation at christianformation@trinityalexandria.org or Mary Beth Buchholz at marybeth@freespiritfloral.com with your ideas.

Financial Stewardship in Action – World Service Fund: According to The Book of Discipline 2016 (paragraph 812), "The World Service Fund is basic in the financial program of The United Methodist Church. World Service on apportionment represents the minimum needs of the general agencies of the Church. Payment in full of these apportionments by local churches and annual conferences is the first benevolent responsibility of the Church."

Not only does this fund provide for the administrative structure of our General Church, but the major thrust in mission giving in our Church begins here. The World Ser-

vice Fund enables The United Methodist Church to be in mission and ministry in 167 countries throughout the world. Every dollar that is contributed for the support of approximately 1,070 mission personnel goes directly to them because overhead expenses are funded through our contributions to World Service. When there are not enough funds available to provide salary support for these missionaries through advance special giving, World Service funds are used to make up the shortfall.

In truth, the World Service Fund is about the people in Trinity Church and other local congregations throughout the Virginia Conference who live, work, and do ministry where they are – and have enough love and resources to reach out to the world beyond their doors.

Drug Take Back - Del Ray: On Saturday, July 29th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, dispose of your old medicine bottles safely at the "Drug Take-Back" event to prevent pill abuse and theft.

Deputies from the Alexandria Sheriff's Office will be collecting unwanted medications outside The Neighborhood Pharmacy at 2204 Mount Vernon Avenue. The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria will also be there to share information about safe disposal of medication.

Drop off potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs and other medications for safe disposal and destruction. These drugs can be a source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

This program also supports the goals of the Eco-City Alexandria initiative to promote a place where people can live healthier and economically productive lives while reducing their impact on the environment. The service is free and anonymous; no questions asked. For more information you can contact, Deputy Valarie Wright at 703.746.5017.

TRINITY'S SAVE THE DATES

July 26th: Abundance Orchard Summer Suppers - Potluck Dinner at 6 PM and activities begin at 6:30 PM.

August 9th: Abundance Orchard Summer Suppers - Potluck Dinner at 6 PM and activities begin at 6:30 PM.

September 4th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day.

September 17th: Fall Kick-Off ~ Worship with us in Ft. Ward Park and stay and enjoy lunch with us.

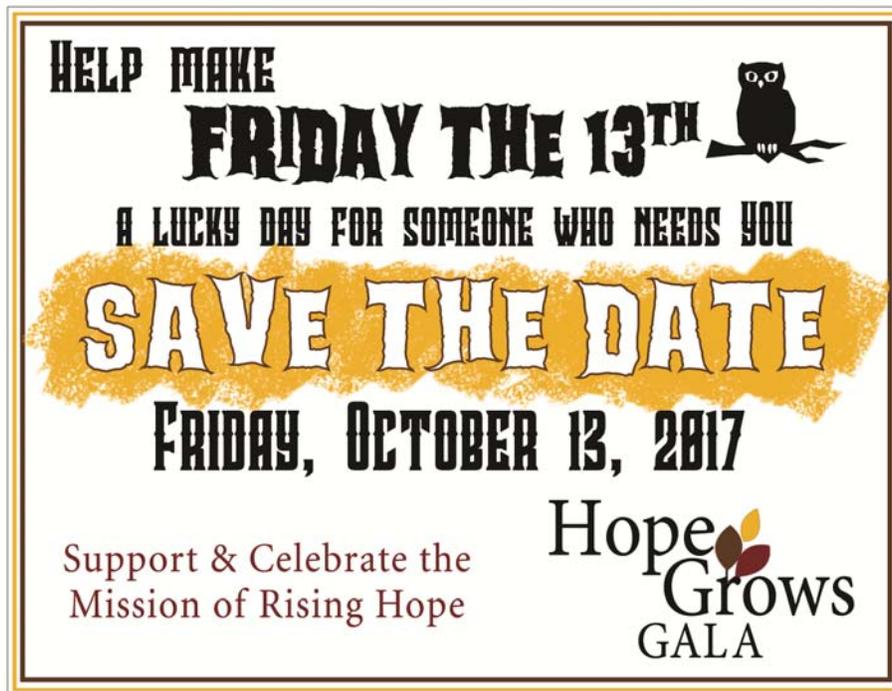
October 9th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Columbus Day.

November 5th: Daylight Saving Time ends

November 17th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Veterans Day.

November 23rd & 24th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

December 25th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Christmas Day.



The Welcome Statement of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40

Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to be a congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God's love extends to all, we welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience. We recognize that we are all different, and those differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

Building a strong Christian community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors and our world.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday	07/23/17	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
	9:30 AM	Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 AM	Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall) <i>"Painting for God/Painting as Prayer"</i>
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	07/25/17	
	7:30 PM	Trustee Meeting (Parlor)
Wednesday	07/26/17	
	2:30 PM	Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	6:00 PM	Abundance Orchard Summer Suppers (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)
Sunday	07/30/17	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:30 AM	Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 AM	Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall) <i>"What's That All About ? Worship Rituals and the Christian Calendar"</i>
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)



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