



*Sheltered Bird in Mustard Tree, Lynne Beard*

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 30, 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.*



### 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

#### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Margaret Barton

Give thanks to the Lord  
and call upon God's name;  
**make known the deeds of God  
among the peoples!**

Sing to the Lord, sing praises!  
Tell of all God's wonderful works!

**Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those  
who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Search for the strength of the Lord;  
continually seek God's face.

**Remember the marvels God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth.**

#### ✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, O God, fountain of all wisdom,  
for in Christ you have revealed your reign to us,  
a treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price.  
Grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,  
that we may learn to distinguish aright  
between the passing wealth of this present world  
and the enduring value of your reign.  
Then make us swift to renounce all else  
to acquire the treasure you alone can bestow;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

#### ✠ HYMN

*O Worship the King*

Hymnal no. 73

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence  
we confess our sins and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land, pollute the seas, and ruin the air.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor**

set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts  
of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.  
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(Silence for reflection and confession)*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
but that very Spirit intercedes for us  
with sighs too deep for words. *(Rm. 8:26)*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Tom Tyler

*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 29:15-28

Pew Bible, NT, Page 26

Margaret Barton

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

ANTHEM

*Dona Nobis Pacem with I've Got Peace Like a River*  
Williams Family

arranged by Frances T. Sinclair

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

Pew Bible, NT, Page 158

Margaret Barton

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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 13:31-33, 44-52

Pew Bible, NT, Page 14

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“Against Expectations”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

*O God of Every Nation*

Hymnal no. 435

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John Van De Laar

**In defiance of corruption and falsehood,  
we commit to truth and integrity  
and we pray for honesty and uprightness  
to increase in our world.**

**In defiance of apathy and hatred,  
we choose to be proactive in love  
and we pray for understanding and peace**

to increase in our world.

In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,  
we embrace the mystery of faith  
and we pray for humility and wonder  
to increase in our world.

In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance,  
we celebrate God's salvation  
and we pray for compassion and faith  
to increase in our world.

In defiance of all  
that would oppose God's purpose among us,  
we choose again to follow Christ,  
and we continue to pray,  
now just now, but at all times. Amen.

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

✠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, O God, giver of all good gifts:  
for you help us to bear witness to your reign  
as we make our offering with generosity and joy;  
and you lead us to participate in that great mystery  
by which you make your reign to be among us  
in a world waiting to be remade;  
through Christ Jesus our Savior **Amen.**

✠HYMN

*O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

Hymnal no. 730

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠POSTLUDE

# TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

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**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Linda Cancellieri, Trinity's Director of Music, Trinity's Music Program and our many musicians.

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

## **Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Worship: 90 Offering: \$2,797.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$3,581.84

## **Those Serving at Worship Today:**

**Acolyte:** Dylan Hoganson

**Counters:** Ginny Carl, Marshall Cook, Renèe Ruppel

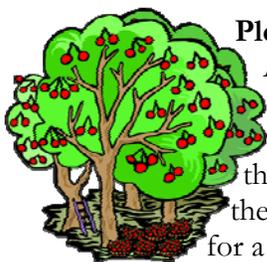
**Greeters:** Jake and Jen Bemisderfer with Ben and Will

**Liturgist:** Margaret Barton

**Pew Duty:** John Ploch

**Sound:** Harley Hopkins

**Ushers:** John Wesley Collins, Ellan Moore, Pat Moore, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), George Pinn



## **Please join Trinity 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 a program for all ages from 6:30-7:30 PM. Our last Summer Supper is on August 9th and the 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](mailto:christianformation@trinityalexandria.org). Please sign up on the Connection Card or RSVP with Jenessa in the Church Office at [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:christianformation@trinityalexandria.org) or Mary Beth Buchholz at [marybeth@freespiritfloral.com](mailto: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 Service 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.



# TRINITY'S SAVE THE DATES

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**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Abundance Orchard Summer Suppers - Potluck Dinner at 6 PM and activities begin at 6:30 PM.

**September 4<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day.

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

**October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Columbus Day.

**November 5<sup>th</sup>:** Daylight Saving Time ends

**November 17<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Veterans Day.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>:** 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

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>07/30/17</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>08/02/17</b>	
	2:30 PM	Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>08/06/17</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:30 AM	Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 AM	Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)



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