



*Pharaoh and the Midwives, c. 1896-1902, by James Jacques Joseph Tissot
(French, 1836-1902), at the Jewish Museum, New York*

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 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

Duo

L-N. Clérambault

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 138)*

Paul Taylor

Let us give thanks to the Most High with our whole heart.

**We will bow down toward God's dwelling place
and praise the name of the Eternal One.**

All the rulers of the Earth will praise the Lord
when they have heard the words of God's mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of God Most High.**

Although above and beyond us, God cares for the lowly,
but perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though we walk in the midst of trouble,
God preserves our life and delivers us.**

Come, worship the One whose love endures forever.

**In love and faithfulness, the Most High
will make good God's purpose for us.**

✠OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of steadfast love,
for you are the rock and foundation of our life
and you bestow upon us the blessings of salvation.

Pour out your Spirit in abundance
and move us to share in your work of mercy,
serving as agents of your saving grace
toward the humble and the haughty alike;
in the name of the one who is the Messiah,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymnal no. 117

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

**God of eternal life and endless peace,
from the beginning you have taught us what goodness is
and how you desire that we live together with integrity and justice,
each of us serving as a refuge for others of your children.**

**We confess that we lack a holy imagination
and have hardened our hearts against your teaching.**

**We often refuse to regard the value of others
and to encourage the best in everyone we meet.**

In our self-righteousness and lust for power, we unleash chaos,
destroy community, and rob life of the joy you intend.
Forgive us, deliver us, and remake our hearts, we pray.
Teach us humility, enliven our hope, and inspire our love for all peoples,
until all conflict is ended and we stand together in the peace of your presence;
embodied and declared through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

The God of compassion rescues us from trouble
and brings us to new life through Jesus Christ our Savior.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

✠THE PEACE

All exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Carrie Pritts

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

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Pew Bible, NT, Page 48

Paul Taylor

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

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Richard Walters

Hannah Stone, soprano; Tucker Stone, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Pew Bible, NT, Page 161

Paul Taylor

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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 16:13-20

Pew Bible, NT, Page 18

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“Midwives of Salvation”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

Hymnal no. 141

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

Hymnal 882

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

Pastor Bill Davis

OFFERTORY

Récit de Nazard

L-N. Clérambault

✠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 life and love,
for you demonstrate steadfast love and faithfulness
toward all you have created.
Through these our tithes and gifts,
strengthen our ministries of compassion and care
and move us to assist others to embrace the new life
that you provide through Christ Jesus our risen Lord. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

Trust and Obey

Hymnal no. 467

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠POSTLUDE

Dialogue Sur Les Grands Jeux

L-N. Clérambault

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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

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

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, August 20th

Worship: 75 Offering: \$3,338.00
Weekly Electronic Offering: \$3,560.04

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Dylan Hoganson
Counters: Laurel Moran, Jenny Palazio
Greeters: Nancy Hill
Liturgist: Paul Taylor
Pew Duty: John Ploch
Sound: Harley Hopkins

Ushers: John Wesley Collins, Nancy Hunt, Richard Hunt, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), George Pinn

TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, September 3rd.

Kick off the School year right! We encourage all students and educators to bring your school bags to worship with you to have them blessed!

Thank you, thank you to the Johnson family, Erik, Diane, Kristen and Bryan for volunteering to prepare and serve dinner at Christ House this month. If you are curious about this service opportunity, please ask them to share their experience! Trinity covers the second Sunday of every month, so please let Susan Willis know if you are available to volunteer next month on September 10th from 3:30 PM to 6 PM. Contact her at shwillis76@gmail.com and she can give you all the details.

The **Della Somerville Circle** meets on Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:00 PM at Tempo Restaurant, 4231 Duke Street in Alexandria. Mark your calendar and join the United Methodist Women for an evening of Christian fellowship. RSVP to Linda Pitts: ibcpitts@aol.com.

The end of summer (and the beginning of school) is just around the corner! That means it is time for Trinity's Fall Kick-Off on September 17th. This year worship and our fall picnic is at Ft. Ward Park - Amphitheater (4301 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA). The Connecting Team is providing fried chicken and we ask that you bring a side or dessert to share. The more the merrier, so invite a friend, neighbor, teacher, or colleague!

On Sunday, September 24th at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, parents of all youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to meet to go over information for the upcoming school year. Stay tuned for details.

Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, September 30th at 9 AM in the Courtyard on Cameron Mills Road side of the church: ALL Creatures Great and Small are to be individually blessed by Pastor Bill. Each pet receives a certificate with its name on it, signed by Pastor Bill. Bring a picture of pets unable to attend. Dog treats and water are provided. No retractable leashes, please. If you have questions, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Lucelle O'Flaherty at 703.408.4008.

Thanks to the people who donated food and time to the Rising Hope dinner a few weeks ago. Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church is our district mission project and we have been supporting their Sunday dinners for the last 5 years. The following people shared in this very special hospitality: Nancy Hunt, Sharyn Abbott, Connie Blood, Mary Gillman, Jill Robinson, Carol Bowers, Linda Pitts, Laurel Moran, Em Rusch, Verna Lomax, and Cheryl Dichter. The compliments from Rising Hope members are always "the best meal ever."

Need to announce something in the Sunday Bulletin or the weekly eTrumpeter? To allow our staff ample time to edit and finish the bulletin, we kindly request that all submissions be received by Noon on Wednesday for the following Sunday's bulletin. Please also note that weekly eTrumpeter articles are due Monday each week. If you need a hard copy of the eTrumpeter, have questions or comments, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Jenessa, in the church office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

The Trinity Flower Committee encourages congregants to reserve altar flowers for the special people in their lives. Following the Sunday service, the flowers are yours to enjoy for the rest of the week! Openings exist from now through the end of the year. Reservations can be made on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board located adjacent to Pastor Bill's study. A \$65 donation to the Committee is requested. Questions can be directed to Mary Beth Buchholz at marybeth@FreeSpiritFloral.com.

Volunteers needed! Are you looking for a place where you can be a tremendous support to the overall operations of Trinity UMC, with little time commitment and not much physical demand? Then look no further! The Trinity Counters need you!! The commitment is coming to the church office after the sermon and working with two other congregational members to add up all the contributions that have come in since the previous Sunday's count. It generally takes less than 30 minutes. Using your fingers and toes to count is acceptable, but may not be preferred. We do provide an adding machine, circa 1975, to aid you (at least it's not a slide rule). You have your choice of which Sundays you can serve Trinity in this capacity. We are using the on-line website, Sign Up Genius, and when you receive the e-mail request to sign up, you simply go to the link and pick which Sundays you can count over that next few months. A couple days prior to the days you selected, you'll get a reminder e-mail. It really is that simple. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Rich McKinney at cbrm@mac.com.



TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Special Invitation to Join Trinity's Music Program

If you sing or ring, there is a place for you in our program. If you wish to contribute to our worship by playing an instrument, we welcome you. We offer many opportunities to share your talents here at Trinity UMC. As we begin the fall season, this is the perfect time to add music to your calendar!

Children's Choirs:

Trebles Grades K-5 Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 PM
Choristers Grades 6-12 Rehearsal After Worship

Chancel Choir: (adult) Thursday 7:45-9:45 PM

Trinity Ringers: (all ages) Thursday 6:15-7:30 PM

Please join us for music-making, fellowship and spiritual enrichment. We look forward to welcoming you to our music program! Contact Linda Cancellieri, Director of Music with interest/questions at music@trinityalexandria.org.

September is National Hunger Action Month. Challenge and deepen your spiritual life as you read, reflect, and take action to end hunger in our community and across the country. Pick up a copy of the Society of St. Andrew's 2017 Calendar for Prayer and Action in the Narthex after worship today. The calendar includes Scripture readings and related reflections or activities suitable for the entire family for each day of September. To make a donation to the Hunger Action Month offering, make your check payable to Trinity UMC and note "hunger" on the memo line.

Ready, Set, Run for Shelter! Carpenter's Shelter is proud to host our 7th annual Run for Shelter, featuring a 5K, 10K and Fun Run on Saturday, November 18th at 8 AM. Run starts at USPTO Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Proceeds from this signature community event fund Carpenter's Shelter's mission to assist the homeless to achieve sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy. For more information and to register visit www.carpentersshelter.org/run-for-shelter/.

The Rev. Susan Henry-Crowe, top executive of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, wrote an open letter to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions in the wake of the Charlottesville violence. "*From one southern United Methodist to another, I implore you to prayerfully and actively work to protect the civil rights of all people,*" she wrote. To read her full letter, visit: www.vaumc.org/e-Advocate

Bishop Lewis shared further reflection on the events from Charlottesville. Lewis wrote that "*Hatred of any kind, including racism, is intolerable*" and that as Christians and United Methodists "*We must eliminate racism and not stop until it is fully and irrevocably gone.*"

Lewis also shared steps to moving forward which included: prayer, witnessing, preaching and combating racism. One of the ways that the conference and local churches can join together is through the Convocation on Race and Reconciliation to be held April 14, 2018. Preparations have been underway for the event and more information will be shared soon. For more information and to read the full statement visit www.vaumc.org/ncfilepository/BishopLewis/ReflectiononCharlottesville.pdf.

On August 14, 2017, Sierra Leone experienced torrential rain, triggering a series of heavy floods and mudslides in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. To date the death toll has reached nearly 500; however, there are still 600 people missing. Rescue workers continue to recover bodies from the muddy rubble. Sierra Leone's Office of National Security (ONS) estimates more than 3,000 people have lost their homes. There is grave concern that another mudslide or flood is likely to occur, as more rain is predicted in Sierra Leone's forecast. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in contact with our United Methodist partners in Sierra Leone and dispersed a \$10,000 emergency grant. UMCOR cannot do the work it does without the care and support of its donors. You can share in UMCOR's mission by giving to UMCOR Advance #982450 to support its response to international disasters. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC, noting "Sierra Leone."

HELP MAKE

FRIDAY THE 13TH 

A LUCKY DAY FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS YOU

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

Support & Celebrate the
Mission of Rising Hope

Hope
Grows
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TRINITY UMC'S SAVE THE DATES

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

September 7th: Chancel Choir rehearsals begin

September 14th: Trinity's Ringers rehearsals begin

September 17th: Fall Kick-Off ~ Worship and Picnic lunch in Ft. Ward Park. Bring a friend!

September 20th: Trebles rehearsals and Trinity's Table begins

September 24th: Youth Parent Meeting

September 30th: Blessing of the Animals @ 9 AM in the Courtyard.

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

October 21st: Charge Conference @ 9 AM

November 5th: All Saint's Sunday with Special Music Offering during worship. Daylight Saving Time ends

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

November 21st: Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship service at Westminster Presbyterian

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

December 3rd: Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 10th: Annual Christmas Music Program during worship.

December 24th: Christmas Eve

~ Family Service and Children's Pageant

~ Service of Holy Communion and Candlelight

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

December 31st: New Year's Eve

January 1st: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of New Year's 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.

COMING UP AT TRINITY UMC

Sunday	08/27/17	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 9:45 AM Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	08/30/17	2:30 PM Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting (Parlor)
Sunday	09/03/17	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday	09/04/17	Labor Day Church Office Closed
Tuesday	09/05/17	7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	09/06/17	2:30 PM Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)
Thursday	09/07/17	7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Friday	09/08/17	10:00 AM Cardinal Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	09/10/17	Fourteenth Sunday Pentecost 9:30 AM Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 9:45 AM Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary) 3:00 PM Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)



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