



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2018
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 preschool aged children (birth-PreK) is available in our nursery upstairs in room 210. Please see an usher for more information.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Grace Han

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

Fugue in C major, BWV 870

JS Bach

INTROIT

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty; arr. Paul Taylor

Stephen Blood, bass; Paul Taylor, baritone; Sharon Taylor, piano

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Logan Williams

Come before the Lord with joyful songs,
because he is good and generous
because we lack nothing.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

Serve the Lord with gladness,
because of his greatness and justice,
because he puts an end to war,
and to all forms of violence.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

Come before the Lord with joy
because he is faithful to his promises,
because his Word is eternal.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

Know that the Lord is God,
and we are his people,
his community, his family.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

It is he who has made us to the praise of his name,
and therefore today, in the same spirit,
we have a festival to celebrate his peace.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

✠HYMN

God is Here

Hymnal no. 660

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Grace Han

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,**

we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please exchange signs and words of reconciliation and love.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tom Tyler

We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (birth-preK) and younger may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 210. Worship bags for elementary age children can be obtained from an usher.

ANTHEM

"Old Favorites" Hymn Medley No. 5

arr. Paul Taylor

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1: 17-27

Pew Bible, NT, Page 229

Logan Williams

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

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

by Paul Taylor

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

✠GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 21-23

Pew Bible, NT, Page 42

Pastor Grace Han

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

SERMON

"Every Perfect Gift is from Above"

Pastor Grace Han

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Grace Han

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Traditional arr. Don Gillis
Adapted by Paul Taylor

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal no. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Grace Han

O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people.
Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples,
and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting B

Leader: Paul Taylor

Hymnal no. 18

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite all persons to the Lord's Table. This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love Him and for those who want to love Him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the Communion station nearest you. The center station is for those who require gluten-free bread. We serve Holy Communion by intinction. Please extend your hands to receive the bread and then dip the bread into the cup as it is offered to you. After you partake, you also may kneel at the rail for prayer and meditation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Grace Han

Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠HYMN

Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me

Hymnal no. 336

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Grace Han

✠CHORAL RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Fawcett, Nägeli, & Mason
arr. Paul Taylor

✠POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Justin Boyer

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

Pastor's Helping Fund: Just a friendly reminder that your communion offering goes to the Pastor's Helping Fund, which helps provide emergency assistance to local families in need. To provide this special offering, simply write "communion" on the memo line of your check or indicate so on your offering envelope.

Those Assisting with Worship Today:

Acolyte: Ayden Hoganson

Communion Stewards: Ellan Moore, Kay Stewart

Communion Servers: Carol Bobby, Susan Collins, Greg Saunders

Crucifer: Taylor Hoganson

Greeters: Janet Johnson, Jenessa Stokes

Guest Organist: Justin Boyer

Liturgist & Gluten Free Communion Server: Logan Williams

Ushers: Josh Hone, Rachel King, Claire Kinnane, Maria Kinnane, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher)

Today's Special Music is offered by Steve Blood, bass; Paul Taylor, baritone and Sharon Taylor, accompanist.

Today's anthem, "Old Favorites" Hymn Medley No. 5, was arranged by Paul Taylor for a 2009 performance at Trinity by Stephen Blood, Paul, and Sharon Taylor. This is one of ten such medleys, created as part of a tradition of annual performances by the trio (usually on the Labor Day weekend) dating back to 2004. These medleys, all of which have been created from hymns selected by Stephen Blood from those that he loves best, let us to hear again favorite old hymns of the Methodist church and help preserve them in our memory. **Today's offertory anthem, *Just a Closer Walk with Thee,*** is based loosely on an arrangement by Don Gillis for the Canadian Brass. It is in the style of a New Orleans jazz funeral (or "funeral with music"). In this style, the band leading the funeral procession plays in a slow, solemn style on the way to the cemetery. On the way back from the cemetery, however, the band breaks into a faster Dixieland style, in a joyful, uninhibited celebration of the deceased's life.

TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity's Table: Join us on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for Mark Sakuta's culinary creativity.

Wednesday's Menu (09/05): *Spaghetti Night* - Spaghetti with Meatballs, Calamari with assorted dips, Minestrone Soup, Chopped Salad, Garlic Bread, Tiramisu

Children's Menu: Buttered Noodles, Garlic Bread

Vegan: Veggie Pasta, Salad, Soup, Vegan Garlic Bread

Next Wednesday's Menu (09/12): *End of Summer BBQ Smokehouse Feast* - Pulled Hickory Smoked Pork, Mesquite Smoked Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Baked Beans, Collard Greens, Yukon Gold Potato Salad, Slaw, Cornbread, Buns, Heath Bar Bread Pudding, BBQ Sauce (North Carolina, K.C.,)

Children's Menu: Mini-Burgers (sliders)

Vegan: BBQ Eggplant Sandwich, Baked Beans, Slaw

Cost: \$8 per adult/\$5 per child (12 and younger)/\$25 for family of 4 (2 adults and children, 12 and younger). Please RSVP on the Connection card and place in the offering plate during today's service or contact the church office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Nursery Room Change! Starting next Sunday, September 9, our nursery is moving downstairs to Room 105 (down the stairs, around the corner to the left, first door on your right)! Ms. Luz Reyes and Ms. Helen Simms continue to be our faithful nursery workers. Not sure where to go? Ask one of our ushers! Nursery is available for preschool age children (birth-preK) from 9:45-12:15 PM.

Fall Kick-off Sunday and Picnic: Next, Sunday, September 9 is our Fall Kick-off Sunday! We gather for Sunday School at **10 AM** (please note the new time) and worship at 11 AM. After worship, there is a Picnic Lunch in the Courtyard with Popeye's Chicken. We invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Invite your friends and neighbors! All are welcome, hope to see you there. For questions and to RSVP, contact the Jenessa in the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Blessing of the Backpacks: As school starts up again this fall, we invite all students (Preschool through Grad School) to bring their backpacks on next Sunday, September 9 for a special blessing. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and classmates to come too! A special tag will be provided for all backpacks. For more information, contact Carrie Pritts at christianformation@trinityalexandria.org.

TRINITY UMC'S SAVE THE DATES

Monday, September 3: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day.

Thursday, September 6: Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:45 PM in the Music Suite

Sunday, September 9: Fall Kick-off - Worship at 11 AM and Picnic at Noon.
Blessing of the Backpacks. Youth Kick-off at 5 PM.

Wednesday, September 12: Trinity's Table in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM.
Trebles and Choristers registration, orientation and rehearsal 6:00 PM in the Music Suite

Thursday, September 13: Trinity Ringers rehearse at 6:15 PM in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 22: Nationals Faith Day at Nationals Park

Sunday, September 23: Worship at 11 AM - Teacher Recognition

Saturday, September 29: Blessing of the Animals at 9 AM in the Courtyard.

Sunday, November 4: All Saints Day - Worship at 11 AM with special music; Daylight Saving Time ends

Tuesday, November 20: Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 PM, Rev. Grace Han preaching.



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 UMC

Sunday	09/02/18	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:30 AM	Nursery Opens (Nursery-Room 210)
	9:45 AM	Rise & Shine Youth and Adult Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 AM	Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday	09/03/18	Labor Day
		Church Office Closed
Wednesday	09/05/18	
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
	5:30 PM	Trinity's Table ~ Spaghetti Night (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	09/06/18	
	6:00 PM	OAR Meeting (Parlor)
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Sunday	09/09/18	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Fall Kick-off Celebration
	9:45 AM	Nursery Opens (Nursery- Room 105)
	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (Room 205)
	10:00 AM	Youth Sunday School (Chapel)
	10:00 AM	Rise & Shine Adult Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	12:00 PM	Fall Kick-off Picnic (Courtyard)
	5:30 PM	Youth Group Kick-off (Beverly Hills UMC)



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