



*"I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."*

~ Jeremiah 31:34

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

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 (downstairs, room 105).  
Children's Worship (for elementary aged children) meets immediately following Children's Time  
upstairs in room 206. Please see an usher for more information.*

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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

*Voluntary on Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

J.G. Walther

INTROIT

*New Songs of Celebration Render*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Beth Buchholz

God, you search me and know me.  
Before I sit, you know when I will rise.  
**God, you search me and know me.**  
**Before I speak, you know what I will say.**  
God, you search me and know me,  
in my joy and despair,  
in my breathing in and breathing out.  
**God, you search me and know me.**  
**Your knowledge is too deep to reach,**  
**too vast to comprehend.**  
**God, you search me and know me.**  
**Search me, O God, and know my heart.**

\*HYMN

*All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

Hymnal no. 166

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Grace Han

**God of wisdom,**  
we confess the foolishness of our ways,  
and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships -  
with you and with others.  
**We have gone astray; we feel lost.**  
**We have upheld our own interests first,**  
to the detriment of others.  
**We have failed to be generous with the poor,**  
and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.  
**We feel the stains of our sins, God;**  
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.  
**Wash the sinfulness out of us,**  
and help us to live more faithfully as your servants.  
**We seek your unfailing Lordship**  
and ask for your guiding hand on our lives.  
**You are the immortal,**  
invisible One;  
to you be honor and glory forever  
*(All offer prayers of confession in silence)*

Merciful and loving God,  
we thank you for never losing hope for us.  
When we are lost, you are there on the look-out for us,  
bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are.  
Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us.  
May this joy flow into our lives each day,  
and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.  
Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd. **Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

*All exchange signs and words of peace and reconciliation.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Grace Han

*Immediately following Children's Time, elementary aged children are welcome to participate in Children's Worship upstairs in room 206. Children will return to worship during the last hymn.*

ANTHEM

*Grateful Hymn of Praise*

Choristers

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise our grateful hymn of praise. For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light... For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all, to thee we raise our grateful hymn of praise.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, OT, page no. 735

Mary Beth Buchholz

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

\*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, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu \_\_\_\_\_ ia.

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:31-37

Pew Bible, NT, Page no. 62

Pastor Grace Han

<sup>31</sup> He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. <sup>32</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. <sup>33</sup> In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup> "Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>35</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. <sup>36</sup> They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, "What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!" <sup>37</sup> And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## 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 Grace Han

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*A Rose Touched by the Sun’s Warm Rays*

Jean Berger

*A rose touched by the sun’s warm rays all its petals gently does unfold; so you, when touched by God’s great mercy, let joy and gladness win your soul.*

\*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

**All things come from you, O God**

**and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.**

**All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.**

**And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,**

**we offer you ourselves,**

**and all that we have, in union with Christ’s offering for us.**

**By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,**

**one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## \*HYMN

*How Can We Sinners Know*

Hymnal no. 372

## \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Grace Han

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## \*POSTLUDE

*Rondeau*

Jean Joseph Mouret

# SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY CHURCH

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## Those Assisting in Worship Today

**Acolyte:** Ayden Hoganson

**Crucifer:** Taylor Hoganson

**Liturgists:** Mary Beth Buchholz

**Greeters:** Paul Johnson and his mom, Janet Johnson

**Ushers:** Mia Benson and her father, Bryce Benson; Claire Kinnane and her mother, Maria Kinnane;

Head Ushers: Lucelle O'Flaherty and her mother, Resa O'Flaherty

**Today's anthem** is composition no. 3 of Devotional Songs by Jean Berger (1909-2002), a German-born pianist, composer, and music educator. After an extensive career touring throughout Europe and South America, he moved to the United States and, in 1943, became a US citizen. After serving in the army, he produced USO shows and then worked as an arranger for CBS and NBC and toured as a concert accompanist. In 1948, he moved into the academic world. He lectured widely throughout the world on various aspects of American music. Berger composed extensively for choral ensemble and solo voice. The Chancel Choir offers this brief but lovely anthem in English and then in German, as the composer intended.

**The flowers on the Altar** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jessica Ann Holliday from her sister, Alicia St. Jean.

**The flowers in the Narthex** are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation of our mothers and all those who make our world better by their nurturing, care, inspiration, and love.

**Nursery (9:45 AM - 12:15 PM):** For children birth-preK (Room 105, downstairs, around the corner to the left, first door on the right). Led by Luz Reyes and Helen Simms.

**Children's Worship:** During the 11 AM worship, elementary aged children (K-5) are invited to participate in an age appropriate time of worship. After Children's Time, join Carrie Pritts upstairs in room 206 for Children's Worship. Children will return to the Sanctuary at the end of service, during the last hymn.

## Sunday School (10-10:45 AM):

- ◆ Children (K-5) - Room 206
- ◆ Youth (6-12) - Chapel
- ◆ Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall

**Disciple's Path Class, a class for Newcomers:** Calling newcomers at Trinity! Pastor Grace invites you to join her for a 6 week class about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This class meets weekly until June 9<sup>th</sup>, on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45 AM. Childcare is available. Contact Pastor Grace at [pastor@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:pastor@trinityalexandria.org) with additional questions or concerns.

**Sermon Series: Unburdened** - Today we begin a new sermon series called Unburdened, a sermon series about forgiveness. Forgiveness can be challenging but the impact of not forgiving ourselves or others often hurts us more. While forgiveness is difficult, it is also the foundation of God's character and throughout the Bible we see God offer grace over and over again. Join us as we consider the role of forgiveness in our lives and faith.

- ❖ 5/5--Forgiving Others
- ❖ 5/12--Forgiving Ourselves
- ❖ 5/19--How Many Times?
- ❖ 5/26--God's Unfailing Grace

# TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

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**Trinity United Methodist Women** – All women are welcome, membership not required! This is a time to relax together, to enjoy, inspire and support one another on our faith journeys. Our current Mission Effort is to support the Alexandria Domestic Violence Shelter.

Trinity UMW is hosting Trinity's Table this week. We are having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Shelter. Please bring a donation for the shelter to dinner. A list of on going needs for the shelter can be found on the flyer in the Narthex, on the announcement slides and by contacting the Church Office. If you aren't able to make dinner but want to donate, items can be dropped off in the Church Office during the week. For details about Trinity's UMW President, Linda Pitts at [ihpitts@aol.com](mailto:ihpitts@aol.com) or to RSVP for dinner contact our UMW Secretary, Jenessa Stokes at [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org).

**Reconciling Congregation Anniversary:** On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Trinity will celebrate the fourth anniversary of its decision to become a reconciling congregation that welcomes and affirms all people, including our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. Please join us in the courtyard after the worship for ice cream and fellowship as we commemorate this important milestone in the life of our church.

**2019 Lenten-Easter Offering** – To date Trinity Church has surpassed its Lenten-Easter giving goal of \$5,000! We have raised over \$5,387. Please consider donating a bit more through the end of May. We will donate more to Community Lodgings, ALIVE!, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Disaster Relief Fund, and Rising Hope's Capital Campaign. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC and note "2019 Lenten-Easter Offering" on the memo line. Or give online through Trinity's Online Giving. Visit us at [www.trinityalexandria.org](http://www.trinityalexandria.org) and click the "♥ Giving" button in the top right hand corner. Locate the Missions Fund line and specify an amount and indicate "2019 Lenten-Easter Offering" in the memo box.

**Church Clean-up:** Ever see something broken or dirty in our church and think: "I should fix that?" Well now is your chance! On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we are planning to clean out the winter cobwebs during our spring spruce up. We are asking individuals and families to commit to a few hours of healthy manual labor at our church. We will be cleaning the kitchen, sprucing up the grounds and mending some of the wear and tear. Next week there will be a sign up sheet for projects. We ask that you take a look at what we hope to accomplish and then dedicate a few hours out of your weekend. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Jon Hoganson at [jonhoganson@gmail.com](mailto:jonhoganson@gmail.com).

**Calling all High School and College Graduates!** We are recognizing graduates on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> during worship. If you are a graduate or know of a graduate, please provide the following information to the Church Office: Graduate's name, where they are graduating from, plans for after graduation, and contact information. Please also indicate if the grad is able to be present for worship on June 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Jenessa in the Church Office at [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org).

**Coming up on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>,** we are celebrating the day of Pentecost. Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. We also celebrate the birthday of the Church. Red is the color associated with Pentecost, which is symbolic of "tongues of the fire" described in the second chapter of Acts. In honor of Pentecost Sunday, we invite you to wear red.

**Annual Conference information now available:** Preparations for the 2019 session of the Virginia Annual Conference held June 20-22 at the Berglund Center, Roanoke, VA are underway. This year's theme is "Moving Forward in God's Mission." For more information visit the Virginia Annual Conference website [www.vaumc.org/AC2019](http://www.vaumc.org/AC2019).

# TRINITY CHURCH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Trinity's UMW Spaghetti Fundraiser at Trinity's Table.

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Reconciling Congregation Anniversary Celebration after worship in the Courtyard

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ UMC Next Gathering, Kansas City, MO

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Trinity's Table - Taco Bar

Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Youth Summer Project - Jeremiah Project Pizza Fundraiser at Trinity's Table.

Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Lenten-Easter Offering Due

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Children & Youth Sunday

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> ~ New Member Sunday

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Church Clean up Day

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Ride Event: Event in partnership with Washington Street UMC. Stay tuned for details.

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Graduation Sunday/Father's Day

Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Annual Conference, Roanoke, VA

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## **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.*



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